

HB 0633

2004

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to manatee recovery; amending s. 370.12,
 3 F.S.; providing for use of measurable biological goals for
 4 manatee recovery; providing an effective date.

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 6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 8 Section 1. Paragraph (u) is added to subsection (2) of
 9 section 370.12, Florida Statutes, to read:

10 370.12 Marine animals; regulation.--

11 (2) PROTECTION OF MANATEES OR SEA COWS.--

12 (u) The measurable biological goals for manatee recovery
 13 adopted pursuant to s. 372.072(6) shall be used by the
 14 commission in evaluating existing and proposed manatee
 15 protection rules. Existing manatee protection rules shall be
 16 presumed to be adequate and additional rules unnecessary in a
 17 region when the measurable biological goals are being achieved
 18 in that region. However, such presumption shall not prevent the
 19 commission from addressing issues unique to a particular region.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.