

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
 3 Commission; amending s. 370.025, F.S.; including fish and
 4 wildlife in the declared management and preservation
 5 policy of the state; conforming provisions relating to the
 6 rulemaking powers of the commission; providing an
 7 effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 370.025,
 12 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13 370.025 Commission ~~Marine fisheries~~, policy and
 14 standards.--

15 (1) The Legislature hereby declares the policy of the
 16 state to be management and preservation of its renewable fish
 17 and wildlife ~~marine fishery~~ resources, based upon the best
 18 available information, emphasizing protection and enhancement of
 19 the ~~marine and estuarine~~ environment in such a manner as to
 20 provide for optimum sustained benefits and use to all the people
 21 of this state for present and future generations.

22 (3) All rules relating to fish and wildlife ~~saltwater~~
 23 ~~fisheries~~ adopted by the commission shall be consistent with the
 24 following standards:

25 (a) The paramount concern of conservation and management
 26 measures shall be the continuing health and abundance of the
 27 fish and wildlife ~~marine fisheries~~ resources of this state.

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28 (b) Conservation and management measures shall be based
29 upon the best information available, including biological,
30 sociological, economic, and other information deemed relevant by
31 the commission.

32 (c) Conservation and management measures shall permit
33 reasonable means and quantities of annual harvest, consistent
34 with maximum practicable sustainable stock abundance on a
35 continuing basis.

36 (d) When possible and practicable, fish and wildlife
37 ~~stocks of fish~~ shall be managed as a biological unit.

38 (e) Conservation and management measures shall assure
39 proper quality control of fish and wildlife ~~marine~~ resources
40 that enter commerce.

41 (f) State fish and wildlife ~~marine fishery~~ management
42 plans shall be developed to implement management of important
43 fish and wildlife ~~marine fishery~~ resources.

44 (g) Conservation and management decisions shall be fair
45 and equitable to all the people of this state and carried out in
46 such a manner that no individual, corporation, or entity
47 acquires an excessive share of such privileges.

48 (h) Federal fish and wildlife ~~fishery~~ management plans and
49 fish and wildlife ~~fishery~~ management plans of other states or
50 interstate commissions should be considered when developing
51 state fish and wildlife ~~marine fishery~~ management plans.
52 Inconsistencies should be avoided unless it is determined that
53 it is in the best interest of the fish and wildlife ~~fisheries~~ or
54 residents of this state to be inconsistent.

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.