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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to oceans and coastal
resources; amending s. 161.74, F.S.; requiring
that the Florida Oceans and Coastal Council
maintain a resource assessment to assist in its
research plan; removing an obsolete date;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 161.74, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

161.74 Responsibilities.--

(3) RESOURCE ASSESSMENT.--~~By December 1, 2006,~~ The
council shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive oceans and
coastal resource assessment that shall serve as a baseline of
information to be used in assisting in its research plan. The
resource assessment must include:

(a) Patterns of use of oceans and coastal resources;

(b) Natural resource features, including, but not
limited to, habitat, bathymetry, surficial geology,
circulation, and tidal currents;

(c) The location of current and proposed oceans and
coastal research and monitoring infrastructure;

(d) Industrial, commercial, coastal observing system,
ships, subs, and recreational transit patterns; and

(e) Socioeconomic trends of the state's oceans and
coastal resources and oceans and coastal economy.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the Florida Oceans and Coastal Council to maintain a resource assessment to assist in its research plan.