

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Senator Bennett

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2             An act relating to the Myakka River; amending  
3             s. 258.501, F.S.; requiring that the Myakka  
4             River Management Coordinating Council provide a  
5             report recommending the expansion of the  
6             Florida Wild and Scenic River Designation for  
7             the entire Myakka River to the Governor, the  
8             President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
9             House of Representatives; providing an  
10            effective date.

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

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14            Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 258.501, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16            258.501 Myakka River; wild and scenic segment.--

17            (7) MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL.--

18            (a) Upon designation, the department shall create a  
19 permanent council to provide interagency and intergovernmental  
20 coordination in the management of the river. The coordinating  
21 council shall be composed of one representative appointed from  
22 each of the following: the department, the Department of  
23 Transportation, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,  
24 the Department of Community Affairs, the Division of Forestry  
25 of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the  
26 Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State,  
27 the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, the Southwest Florida  
28 Water Management District, the Southwest Florida Regional  
29 Planning Council, Manatee County, Sarasota County, Charlotte  
30 County, the City of Sarasota, the City of North Port,  
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1 agricultural interests, environmental organizations, and any  
2 others deemed advisable by the department.

3 (b) The coordinating council shall review and make  
4 recommendations on all proposals for amendments or  
5 modifications to this section and to the permanent management  
6 plan, as well as on other matters which may be brought before  
7 the council by the department, any local government, or any  
8 member of the council, and shall render its nonbinding  
9 advisory opinion to the Southwest Florida Water Management  
10 District, the department, and affected local governments.

11 (c) The Myakka River Management Coordinating Council  
12 shall provide a report, which includes recommendations  
13 concerning the potential expansion of the Florida Wild and  
14 Scenic River designation to the entire Myakka River. The  
15 report shall include, at a minimum, a description of the  
16 extent of the Myakka River area, which may be covered under  
17 the designation, and any recommendations or concerns of  
18 affected parties or other interests. During the development of  
19 the report, at least one public hearing shall be held in the  
20 affected area of Manatee County. The report shall be provided  
21 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker  
22 of the House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2008.

23 ~~(d)(e)~~ The council may adopt bylaws to provide for  
24 election of such officers as it deems necessary, removal of  
25 officers for just cause, meetings, quorum, procedures, and  
26 other such matters as its members may deem advisable in the  
27 conduct of its business. Such bylaws shall be approved by the  
28 department.

29 ~~(e)(d)~~ Such professional staff as the coordinating  
30 council may require shall be provided by the department.  
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1           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
2 law.

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4           STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
5    COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
6    senate bill 2346

7 Revises the Myakka River Wild and Scenic Designation and  
8 Preservation Act requiring the Myakka River Management  
9 Coordination Council to provide a report of recommendations  
10 for the potential expansion of the designation to encompass  
11 the entire Myakka River. The report shall be provided to the  
12 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
13 House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2008.

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