

By the Committees on Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Senator Bennett

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Myakka River; amending
s. 258.501, F.S.; requiring the Myakka River
Management Coordinating Council to prepare a
report; providing report requirements;
requiring public hearings; requiring the
council to submit the report to the Governor
and the Legislature; providing an effective
date.

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (7) of
section 258.501, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
paragraphs (d) and (e), respectively, and a new paragraph (c)
is added to that subsection, to read:

258.501 Myakka River; wild and scenic segment.--
(7) MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL.--

(c) The Myakka River Management Coordinating Council shall prepare a report concerning the potential expansion of the Florida Wild and Scenic River designation to include the entire Myakka River. At a minimum, the report shall include a description of the extent of the Myakka River area that may be covered under the expanded designation and any recommendations or concerns of affected parties or other interests. During the development of the report, at least one public hearing shall be held in each of the affected areas of Manatee, Sarasota, and Charlotte counties. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2008.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
CS for Senate Bill 2346

The committee substitute clarifies that the report prepared by the Myakka River Management Coordinating Council is to be limited to the issue of the potential expansion of the Florida Wild and Scenic River designation to include the entire Myakka River, and to require that at least one public hearing be held in Manatee, Sarasota, and Charlotte counties during development of the report.