

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee
2 Representative Massullo offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

6 Section 1. Section 258.3991 Florida Statutes, is created
7 to read:

8 258.3991 Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve.-

9 (1) DESIGNATION.-The area described in subsection (2)
10 which lies within Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus Counties, is
11 designated by the Legislature for inclusion in the aquatic
12 preserve system under the Florida Aquatic Preserve Act of 1975
13 and an Outstanding Florida Water pursuant to s. 403.061(27) and
14 shall be known as the "Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve." It is the
15 intent of the Legislature that the Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve
16 be preserved in an essentially natural condition so that its

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17 biological and aesthetic values may endure for the enjoyment of
18 future generations. Nothing in this act shall be construed to
19 impose additional permitting requirements for county or state
20 RESTORE Act projects funded pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1321(t)(3).

21 (2) BOUNDARIES.—For the purposes of this section, the
22 Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve consists of the state-owned
23 submerged lands lying west of a meandering line following the
24 westernmost shorelines of Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco Counties
25 excluding artificial waterways, canals, inland rivers, and
26 tributaries. For the purposes of this section, state-owned
27 submerged lands include all those seaward of the mean high water
28 line and tidally connected to the Gulf of Mexico, lying south of
29 a line extending westerly approximately 4.5 miles along Latitude
30 28.910000, Florida West Zone (NAD83) from the mean high water
31 line of the corresponding shoreline at Fort Island Gulf Beach
32 Park, Latitude 28.910000, Longitude -82.690000, and lying
33 westward of a line extending north approximately 1.8 miles from
34 Latitude 28.909402, Longitude -82.764 to Latitude 28.9355,
35 Longitude -82.764, lying southward of a line extending westerly
36 approximately 2.0 miles to Latitude 28.9355, Longitude -
37 82.798214, lying westward of a line extending north
38 approximately 4.5 miles to the easternmost point of the southern
39 boundary of the Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve at point
40 Latitude 29.001614, Longitude -82.798921, and will be continuous
41 with the eastern shoreline of the northern boundary of the

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42 Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve, respectively. The boundary of
43 the preserve designated as the shoreline shall mean the line of
44 mean high water along such shoreline unless otherwise stated and
45 will not supersede the boundaries of currently designated
46 Outstanding Florida Waters, State Parks, National Wildlife
47 Refuges, and Aquatic Preserves.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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An act relating to aquatic preserves; creating s. 258.3991,

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F.S.; creating the Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve;

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designating the preserve for inclusion in the aquatic

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preserve system and an Outstanding Florida Water;

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describing the boundaries of the preserve; providing an

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effective date.