



Final manatee protection rule for Collier County 68C-22.023, FAC

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Division of Habitat and Species Conservation

Background Information

- County-wide rule last revised 1997
- Manatee Management Plan calls for review of rules
- Commission approved publication of proposed rule
- Proposed rule published January 10, 2017
- Public hearing held in Collier County January 31, 2017



Public Comments

Public Hearing – January 31, 2017

- 89 attendees
- 32 speakers

Other written comments

- 41 people have submitted written comments



Proposed Rule Summary

- Overall public support for the County-wide Rule Changes
- Incorporated most recommendations of LRRC
- Reduced regulation in many areas
- Added protection in a few areas of high risk



Clam Bay



- Staff held meetings with the residents living in communities on or near Outer Clam Bay
- Residents in Pelican Bay Community requested a Slow Speed zone in Outer Clam Bay
- Residents who live in Seagate oppose a zone



Data

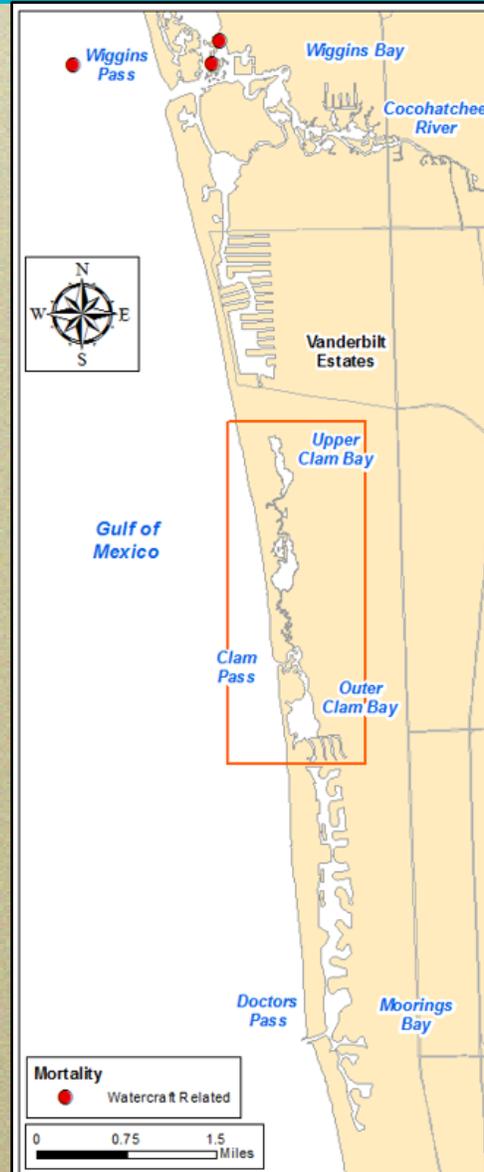
North Collier

Boat Aerial Survey: 16 surveys, 2006-2007

Manatee Aerial Survey: 42 surveys, 2006-2008

Location	Observed Boats*	Observed Manatees
Wiggins Pass	77	16
Vanderbelt Estates	56	4
Clam Bay	3	5
Moorings Bay	40	12

*Observed Boats does not include barges or paddlers



Manatee Watercraft Mortality (1974 - 2016)
 Manatee Aerial Survey (2006 - 2008)
 Boat Aerial Survey (2006 - 2007)

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Clam Bay - Summary

- There are residents and water users on both sides of this issue
- We have been unable to identify a compromise proposal that will be widely supported
- The data are not supportive of slow speed in Clam Bay



Recommended Final Action

- Approve the proposed rule as advertised
- Authorize staff to publish a Notice of Change to correct a technical error in a different part of the rule that was not affected by this rule review process



Additional Information

Collier County:

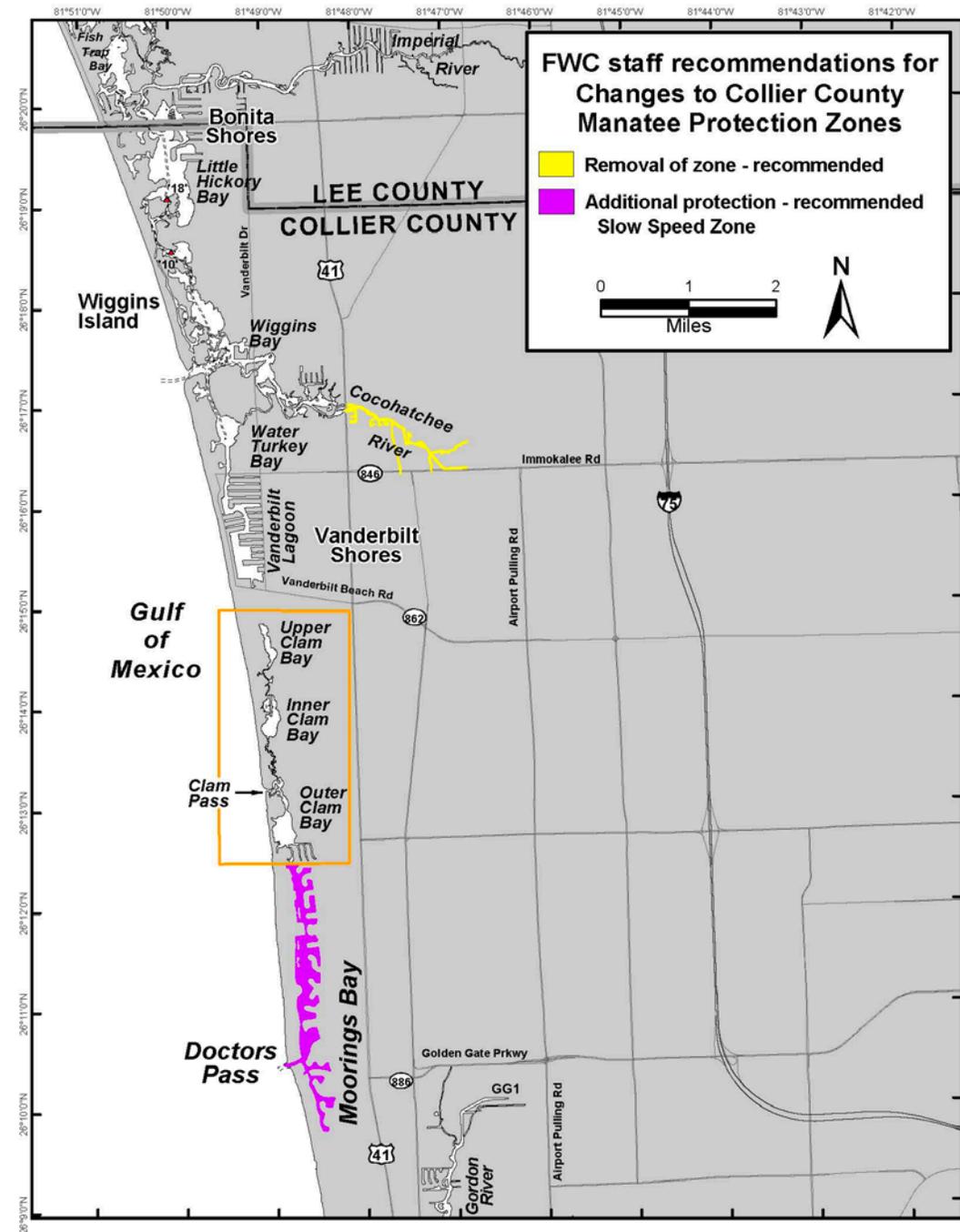
<http://www.colliergov.net/your-government/divisions-a-e/environmental-services/manatee-protection/local-rule-review-manatee-protection-committee>

FWC manatee protection rule information:

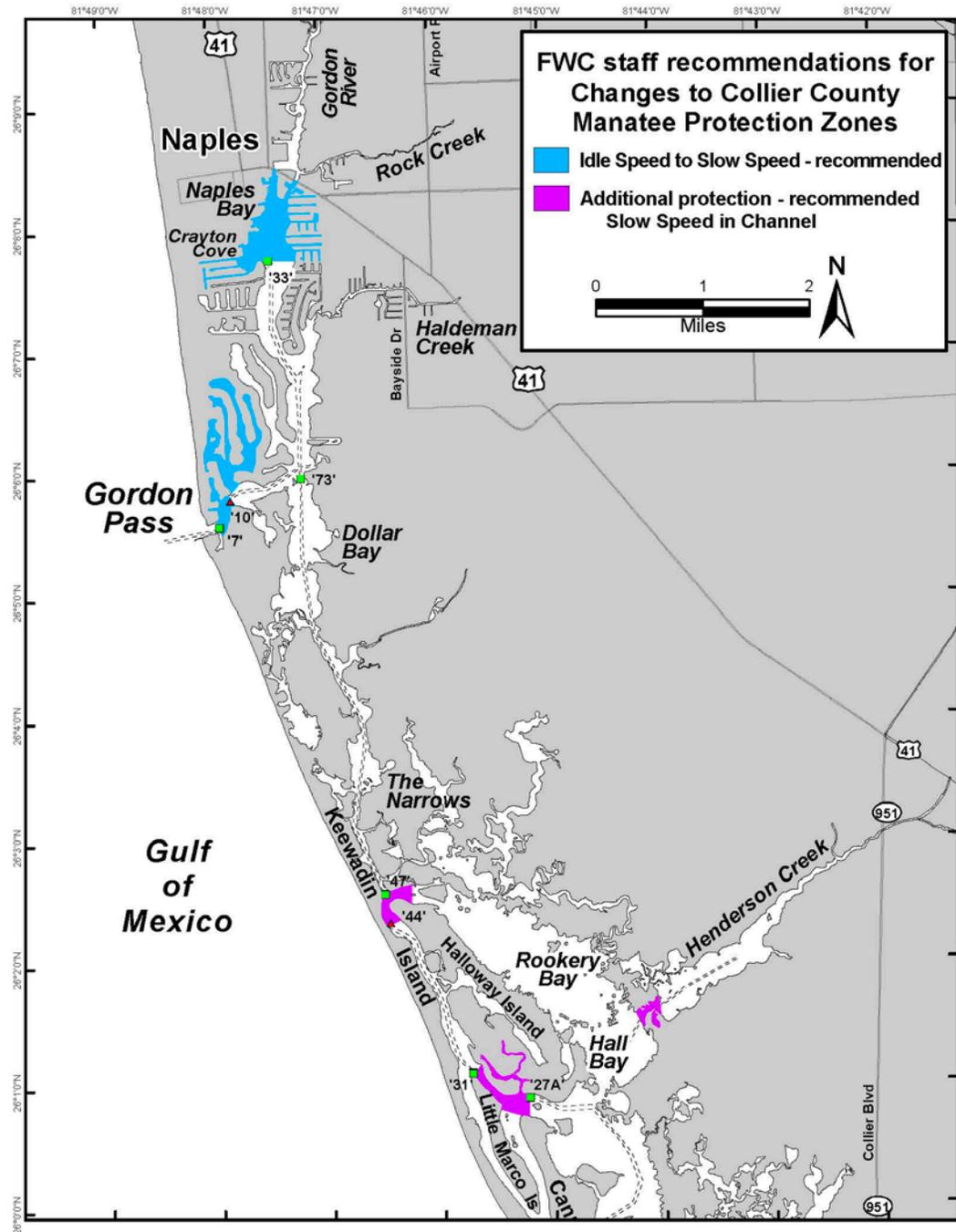
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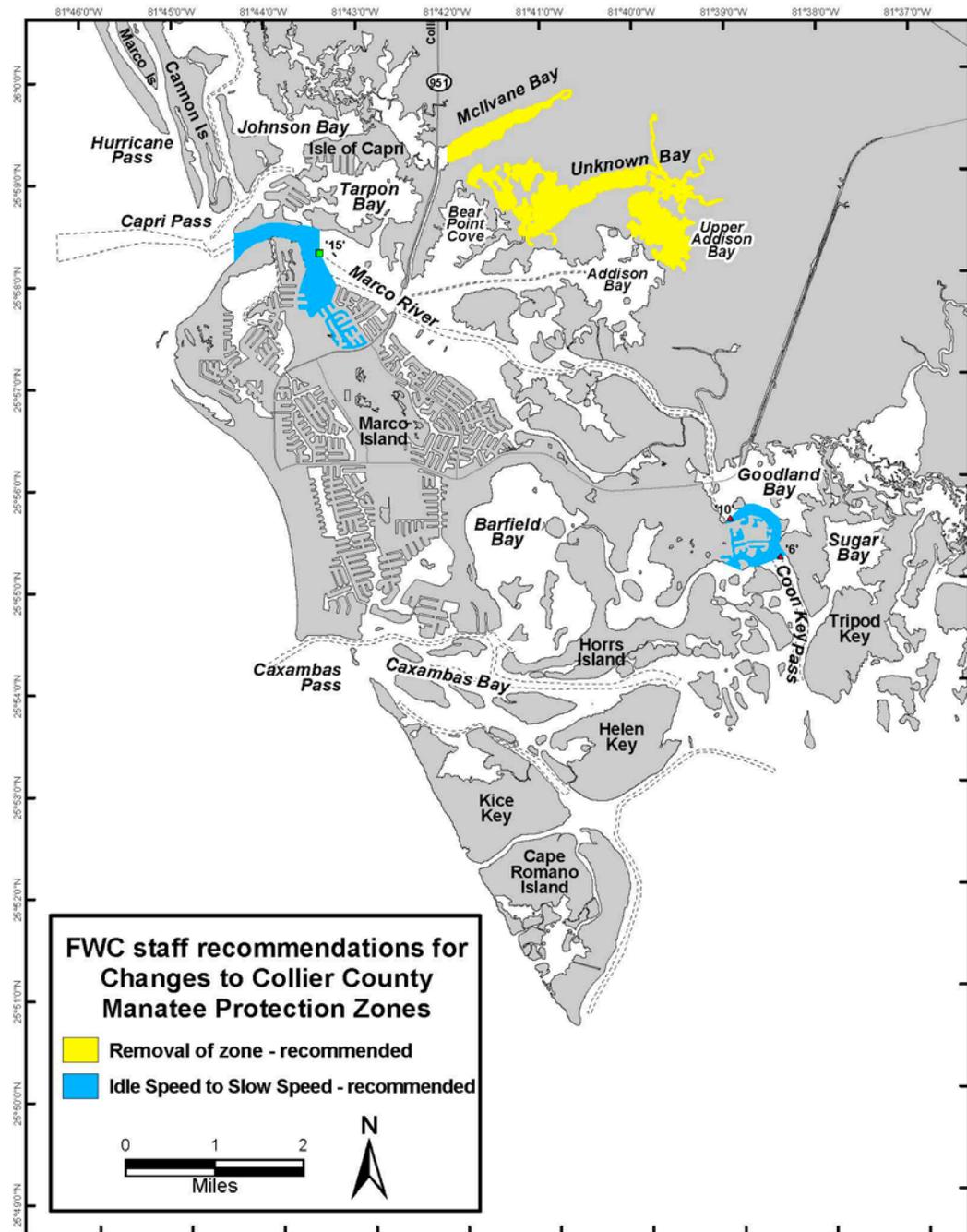
Proposed Changes North



Proposed Changes Central



Proposed Changes South



Proposed Changes 10,000 Islands

