

**Background Report**  
**Rule 68D-24.143, Florida Administrative Code, Martin County Boating Restricted Areas**  
**Notice of Proposed Rule**  
**Consent Agenda Item 3**  
**December 5, 2012**

The proposed rule is needed to make a minor change to the Commission's Rule 68D-24.143, Florida Administrative Code regulating boat speeds in the Intracoastal Waterway in Martin County. The change is needed to correct an error contained in the geographic description for the NE Ocean Boulevard Boating Safety Zone. The current geographic description in the rule incorrectly states that the zone is bounded on the north by the NE Ocean Boulevard Bridge. The intent of the Commission, when it approved the creation of the boating safety zone in 2008, was to start the zone 300 feet northwest of the bridge. The proposed rule would correct the geographic description to state that the zone is bounded on the north by a line drawn 300 feet northwest of the bridge. The proposed rule would not result in any changes for boaters since the markers for this zone are currently located 300 feet northwest of the bridge.

Staff requests permission to file a Notice of Proposed Rule to correct the error in the geographic description. Additionally, due to minor nature of this proposed rule, staff requests permission to file the rule for adoption, as allowed by law, provided there are no timely requests for a hearing on the rule.