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**March 22, 2002**

**The Honorable Doug Coward,  
Chairman  
St. Lucie County Board of  
County Commissioners  
2300 Virginia Avenue  
Fort Pierce, FL 34982**

**RE: St. Lucie County Manatee  
Protection Plan**

**Dear Chairman Coward:**

**On behalf of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations on the submittal of the St. Lucie County Manatee Protection Plan dated March 1, 2002. This letter is our formal notification of the Commission's approval of the St. Lucie County Manatee Protection Plan, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on February 26, 2002. We appreciate the proactive measures that the Board of County Commissioners and county staff have undertaken to protect manatees within St. Lucie County.**

**Enacting a long-range plan to ensure the viability of the manatee required a long-time, cooperative partnership between the state and the county. We especially acknowledge the roles and work of your staff. Mr. Don McLam served as the local liaison on manatee issues with our agency since 1991. He initiated planning efforts and participated in various studies over the years. Ms. Jody Bonet served as the contract manager for the Boat Facility Siting Plan contract. Ms. Anna Smith managed the contract for the Manatee Protection Plan and incorporated the work from the Boat Facility Siting Plan. We have appreciated the professionalism of your staff and their willingness to work on the various tasks that produced a quality countywide Manatee Protection Plan.**

**The Honorable Doug Coward**

**March 22, 2002**

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**We look forward to working with you on the implementation of the plan and to continuing our partnership to protect manatees within St. Lucie County.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allan L. Egbert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Allan L. Egbert, Ph.D.  
Executive Director**

**ALE/MRM**

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**cc: Ms. Colleen Castille, Office of the Governor  
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