

Final

Brevard County Marine Advisory Council (BMAC)  
July 15, 2010  
Space Coast Room, Building C, Government Center, Viera, Florida

**Members Present:**

Jerry Butz  
Mike Cunningham, Chairman  
Gary Hanlin  
Rick McCrary  
John Mongioi

**Members Absent:**

Doug Jaren (excused)  
Jim Mazza (excused)  
Joe Penovich (excused)  
Bill Powell (excused)

**Staff Present:**

Matt Culver, Boating & Waterways Coordinator, NRMO  
Holly Abeels, Marine Extension Agent, UF/IFAS Extension Office  
Jeanette Scott, Administrative Assistant, NRMO

**Public Present:**

Captain Steve Wayne, FWC  
Bill Giers, USCG Auxiliary  
Dr. John Windsor, Florida Institute of Technology (FIT)

**Handouts and Presentations**

(Go to <http://natres.brevardcounty.us/bmac-minutes.cfm> to view the handouts and presentation)

- June 24, 2010 Multi-Agency Plane Crash Exercise PowerPoint
- CM3P Goal Drafts prepared by the first four Working Groups with comments
- Fishing Regulations
- Red Snapper Closure Information
- UF/IFAS Program Flyers – Seafood Class, Coastal Wildlife Conservation Initiative, Southwest FL Boating and Waterways Workshop

I. Call to Order

Chairman Mike Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:14 PM and noted that a quorum had not been established. The meeting would proceed as informational in content and no formal actions would take place. At 6:17 PM, Jerry Butz arrived to establish a quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved after the PowerPoint Presentation on the June 24, 2010 Multi-Agency Plane Crash Exercise. Mr. Butz moved to approve the June 17, 2010 minutes. Mr. Hanlin seconded the motion and the 6/17/2010 minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Agenda Items

1. New Business

a. *Letter of Support Titusville Municipal Marina Mooring Field*

Chairman Cunningham signed the Letter of Support for the Titusville Municipal Marina's application to the Florida Boating Improvement Program for Phase II of the mooring field.

b. *Oil Spill Response Update - Captain Steve Wayne, FWC*

Captain Wayne reported the local resources of the FWC have been tasked with the oil spill response efforts in the Gulf. Currently, there are 54 officers (22 who regularly patrol Brevard County) and 48 vessels assigned to the Gulf. The FWC officers work from sunup to sundown overseeing the “vessels of opportunity” in the cleanup. Captain Wayne anticipates these operations to continue through September 2010.

Mr. Mongioi asked about the effects of oil exposure to the officers. Captain Wayne stated during calm conditions, the exposure can be irritating. Mr. Hanlin inquired if the cleanup efforts include oil suspended in the water column. Captain Wayne replied that the cleanup has been mostly on the surface waters.

c. *Presentation on the June 24, 2010 Multi-Agency Plane Crash Exercise*

Captain Wayne gave a PowerPoint presentation on the multi-agency plane crash exercise conducted on June 24, 2010 in the Indian River Lagoon. The event was funded by a grant through the Urban Area Security Initiative Exercise. A mock terrorist plane crash with 140 “victims” set the stage. Local response efforts included the US Coast Guard, FWC, Brevard County Sheriff’s Office, and the Melbourne Police and Fire Departments. After the “victims” were rescued from the water, they were taken to Ballard Park to be triaged and transported to local hospitals. The Incident Command Center was stationed at the Intracoastal Marina and was manned by representatives from the US Coast Guard, FBI and Delta Airlines. Delta Airlines used this incident for their national training exercise. Captain Wayne stated a “lesson learned” is to improve communication between the agencies. Bill Giers, USCG Auxiliary PA, noted there was no connectivity to the internet in the Incident Command Center and additional training on the use of radios is needed. Captain Wayne stated it was encouraging to see Brevard County’s response on the water.

Mr. Hanlin asked if the exercise would be conducted annually. Captain Wayne replied not likely due to funding issues. He stated the exercise was very costly even with grant funds. Additionally, an outside company was contracted to conduct the exercise. The June 24, 2010 plane crash was the first time the company ran an exercise on the water. Captain Wayne added the company evaluators provided great feedback to our local agency representatives. Chairman Cunningham expressed appreciation on behalf of the BMAC to Captain Wayne and his colleagues for continued service to Brevard County.

2. Unfinished Business

a. CM3P – Matt Culver, Boating & Waterways Coordinator NRMO

Mr. Culver stated the CM3P drafts for Goals IB, IIA, IIB, IID, IIIA and VA have been prepared and will now be presented for BMAC’s consideration. Mr. Culver explained the first four working groups conducted sessions to prepare the Goal drafts. The CM3P Steering Committee then provided its suggestions on the Goal drafts during their June 17, 2010 meeting. The BMAC will now determine the final priority ranking of each task and approve the Goal drafts. With the formal recommendation of the BMAC, the CM3P Goals will be presented to the Brevard

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County Board of County Commissioners for their approval in September 2010. Mr. Culver introduced Dr. John Windsor, Florida Institute of Technology, as the primary facilitator of the CM3P working groups. Dr. Windsor reviewed the priority ranking process. He stated the working groups assigned a high priority ranking to the tasks that were highly achievable or short-term to complete. Mr. Hanlin noted the Goal drafts do not contain language explaining the BMAC's role in the CM3P. Mr. Culver stated an introduction would be added to the Goal drafts outlining the development of the CM3P.

### *Goal IIB – Increase Ramp, Marina, Dry Stack, and Managed Mooring Field Options*

Comment 1 – Add TMDL language to Goal 1B final draft.

Comment 2 – Add the user ramp fee options to the Task IIB1-b Notes.

Mr. Hanlin inquired of the fees collected from boat registrations and the marine fuel tax. Chairman Cunningham stated the fees are used for derelict vessel removal, markers and boating infrastructure.

Comment 3 - Suggestions for use of these monies:

The Steering Committee suggested adding the terms Restoration and Monitoring to the list as items number 4 and 5. BMAC chose to add the terms to the end of number 3 as: Construction of additional ramps including restoration and monitoring.

Comment 5 – Add GIS comment to the Task IIB1-a Notes with language on analysis of current versus historical need and as GIS data is mined efforts should identify type of information needed for dissemination.

Comment 6 – New Boating Study comment not to be included in the final draft.

Comment 7 – St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) will remain on the list.

Comment 8 – SJRWMD will remain on the list.

Comment 9 – SJRWMD will remain on the list.

Comment 10- Add 4. Monitoring to the list of Measure of Progress: in Task IIB2-a

Mr. Butz moved to accept the BMAC's recommended changes and priority ranking of each task in Goal IIB. Mr. Hanlin seconded the motion and Goal IIB passed unanimously.

### *Goal IID Retain Working Waterfronts, including Commercial Fishing Outlets, Boatyards, and Marinas*

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Comment 1 – Working Waterfront Designation to include waterfront restaurants with dockage. BMAC members were also concerned that establishments without dockage could take advantage of the working waterfront designation. BMAC members stated it should be clearly noted that working waterfront designation includes waterfront restaurants with dockage. Dr. Windsor suggested marking the first four sentences in Notes under Task IID1-d as strike-through and then moving the text to a footnote on the final to depict the Task’s development and final outcome. BMAC agreed with Dr. Windsor’s suggestion.

Mr. Butz moved to accept the BMAC’s recommended changes and priority ranking of each task in Goal IID. Mr. Hanlin seconded the motion and Goal IID passed unanimously.

### *Goal IIIA Promote Safe Navigation and Goal VA Coordinate Planning Efforts with Local, Regional, and State Governments*

Comment 1- Add Brevard County specific statistics to Priority Problem section.

Comment 2 – Include coordination with the Brevard County Emergency Management Office.

Comment 3 – “Dredging includes muck removal” will not be included in the final draft.

Comment 4 – Add text to the sentence: Information regarding navigation could be made widely available at multiple boat ramps, marinas, rental facilities and stores.

Comment 5 – Add Boat Sales and Equipment Locations and Educational Institutions to the Who list in Task IIIA2-c. Also add to Notes that the County could partner with educational institutions in the development of educational materials. Add to Notes the development of electronic charts.

Chairman Cunningham added radio and internet to the third item for Measure of Progress in Task IIIA2-c.

Comment 6 – Add text on web-based technology and electronic distribution of navigational aids to the Notes in Task IIIA2-a.

Comment 7 – The Recreational Boating Characterization of Brevard County will be utilized to determine additional locations for the distribution of educational materials.

Comment 8 – Add Permitting Flow Chart to the Notes in Tasks VA1-a, b, c and d

Mr. Butz moved to accept the BMAC’s recommended changes and priority ranking of each task in Goals IIIA and VA. Mr. Hanlin seconded the motion and Goals IIIA and VA passed unanimously.

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Additionally, Mr. Hanlin moved to allow staff to make minor changes to the CM3P Goals, including spelling, grammar and punctuation corrections. Mr. Butz seconded and the motion passed unanimously to allow the minor changes and grammatical corrections.

### *Goal 1B Manage Waterways to Safeguard Their Ecosystems and Goal IIA Engage All Relevant Planning and Regulatory Agencies to Find Solutions to Access Issues in a Regional Perspective*

Comment 1- Add TMDL language from the Steering Committee suggestion from Goal IIB to Goal IB.

Comment 2 – Define benthic, TMDLs and NPDES.  
Mr. Culver stated the terms would be added to the CM3P Glossary.

Comment 3 – Add the state-approved fertilizer ordinance text to the Notes in Task IB1-c.

Comment 4- Rename Task IB1-e by replacing “standards” with the term baseline.  
Add Some baseline studies exist through Smithsonian and other institutions.  
See IRLNEP for existing data.

Comment 5- Make a temporary note in final draft.

Comment 6- BMAC accepts the additions of the species names as shown.

Comment 7 – Add NPDES sentence to the end of the Background and Expected Benefits paragraph in Task 1B1-h: All County and municipal projects operate under federal NPDES guidelines and expanded upland control of runoff sources will help Brevard meet these requirements.

Comment 8 – Move Municipalities from the secondary to the primary list under Who in Task 1B1-h.

Mr. Butz moved to accept the BMAC’s recommended changes and priority ranking of each task in Goals IB and IIA. Mr. Hanlin seconded the motion and Goals IB and IIA passed unanimously.

Chairman Cunningham gave an immense thank you to Dr. John Windsor for his guidance and support on the CM3P.

#### IV. Staff Report

##### 1. Matt Culver, Boating & Waterways Coordinator, NRMO

Mr. Culver read an email from Mr. Bob Musser, Canaveral Port Authority. Mr. Culver read from Mr. Musser’s email that he will be “relocating to Port Everglades and that it has been my pleasure to have represented the port at the meetings and updated them on our projects and events.”

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### 2. Holly Abeels – UF/IFAS Marine Extension Agent

Ms. Abeels shared the UF/IFAS will be conducting a local seafood class on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon. Ms. Abeels also noted the Coastal Wildlife Conservation Initiative will be hosted by UF/IFAS on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Abeels announced the Southwest Florida Regional Boating and Waterways Workshop will be held September 9-10, 2010 in Punta Gorda, Florida. Mr. Culver is scheduled to give a presentation on Brevard County's CM3P at the Workshop. Finally, Ms. Abeels agreed to postpone her staff report on fishing regulations to the next BMAC meeting on August 19, 2010.

V. Public Input - Chairman Cunningham gave an immense thank you to Dr. John Windsor for his guidance and support on the CM3P.

VI. Attendance Review – Chairman Cunningham conducted the attendance review.

### VII. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Butz. Mr. McCrary seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.