

**PROPOSAL FOR THREE FEDERAL MANATEE
PROTECTION AREAS (REFUGES)
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**TOTAL COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE APRIL 5, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 3, 2003
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 5,688**

1.) SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS (150)

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>
AGENCIES, GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS:	41
INDIVIDUALS:	109

2.) IN FAVOR OF EMAILS (3,889)

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>
I STRONGLY SUPPORT – DH	811
I CARE ABOUT MANATEES – DH	234
I URGE/STRONGLY URGE YOU TO IMPLEMENT – DH	596
2002 DEADLIEST YEAR FOR MANATEES – PB	43
PASS PROPOSAL AS IS/ NO CHANGES – PB	234
DIRE – NO RECOVERY IN NEXT 100 YEARS – PB	112
LAST YEAR RECORD NUMBER DIED – PB (SET 1/3)	516
LAST YEAR RECORD NUMBER DIED – PB (SET 2/3)	595
LAST YEAR RECORD NUMBER DIED – PB (SET 3/3)	580
GENERALLY IN FAVOR – NON SPECIFIC	168

3.) OPPOSED EMAILS (418)

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>
DOCKS/PERMITS	20
FPL/WARM WATER	26
SPEED ZONES	62
GENERALLY OPPOSED – NON SPECIFIC	179
GENERALLY OPPOSED - JACKSONVILLE RESIDENTS	73
GENERALLY OPPOSED - SOUTHWEST FL RESIDENTS	58

4.) IN FAVOR OF LETTERS (343)

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>
I STRONGLY SUPPORT – DH	242
PASS PROPOSAL AS IS/ NO CHANGES – PB	40
LAST YEAR RECORD NUMBER DIED – PB	11
GENERALLY IN FAVOR – NON SPECIFIC	50

5.) OPPOSED LETTERS (588)

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>
GENERALLY OPPOSED - DR LAKE RESIDENTS	257
GENERALLY OPPOSED - FT MYERS RESIDENTS	180
GALE NORTON POSTCARDS - DOCK MORATORIUM	26
OPPOSED TO SPEED ZONES	19
GENERALLY OPPOSED – NON SPECIFIC	106

6.) SCHOOL PROJECTS (300)

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>SUB-TOTAL</u>
I STRONGLY SUPPORT – DH	193
SUPPORT SPEED ZONES AND SIGNS	107

Key:

DH – Dave Hankla, Field Supervisor, North Florida Ecological Service Field Office (ESFO)

PB – Pete Benjamin, Assistant Field Supervisor for Regulatory Matters, North Florida ESFO