

Subject	Message	Your Name	Your Street Address	City/Unincorporated County	Zip Code	Your Phone Number	Your Email Address	Date
new Bunce's Pass boating restrictions	Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,	Tanja Cisliek	7031 Bayou West Ave N	Pinellas Park	33782	7274804155	reachtanja@gmail.com	2020-05-25 10:22:35
Bunces legislation.	You just lost my vote. Sneaky way of getting your way without trying to listen, just legislate.	Gerson Rodriguez-Fazzi	8487 Tallahassee Dr Ne	Saint Petersburg	33702	7277428782	grodzfazz@aol.com	2020-05-25 09:01:16
Protection of Outback Key at Ft Desoto County Park	Thank you for enacting protective measures for Outback Key. Since Outback Key has essentially "merged" with the North Beach area of Ft Desoto, these protections will make the area safer for beach-goers as well as the wonderful birdlife that inhabits this area. THANK YOU.	Tom and Lindsay Bell	1621 Brightwaters Blvd NE	St Petersburg	33704	727-823-4953	tandl1621@gmail.com	2020-05-25 14:20:46
Bunces Pass	After reviewing the video of the meeting approving the Bunces Vessel Exclusion Zone, I am very disappointed with the presentation of Paul Cozzie.  1. The question was asked if public notice was given. Yes, the legal notice was given, but there is no evidence of any attempt to get input from boaters. Are you aware that an online petition has gathered almost 6,000 "signatures" this holiday weekend in protest to your action? 2. The sheriff was not aware of any ongoing problem. 3. The boundary where boats will be allowed to anchor is not noted in any of the attachments. This will create misunderstanding and confusion with boaters. If I had not listened to the online meeting, I would not have understood where boats are allowed to continue to anchor. 4. Establishing swim boundary buoys will be a constant maintenance issue as evidenced by the way the sand bar has increased and changed in recent years. After ever storm it is amazing to see the way the sand bar shifts. The sand bar that has been created is used mostly for walking not swimming. The proposed swim beach being created on this shifting sand bar has dangerous currents and is not readily accessible by lifeguards. 5. As commissioner Peters discussed, closing the lagoon created by the sand bar to boaters was a much more logical solution. Closing access to the lagoon area maintains the existing beach for swimmers and blocks boat traffic from that area. 7. As Mr. Cozzie admitted, he is not a boater. His presentation did a very poor job of identifying the problem and an even worse job of recommending a solution.	Jerry Williams	3800 42nd Ave S	St Petersburg	33711	865-207-3669	jwknxtn@gmail.com	2020-05-24 16:27:09
Outback Key	Thank you for limiting access to this home for birds to nest and rest.	Dave Howard	4915 Pamplona Ct.	Wimauma	33598	8132967249	D_HOWARD2001@YAHOO.COM	2020-05-24 14:54:18
Restricting access to Out Back Key, Fort Desoto	We thank the comission for taking action to protect nesting and fledging birds at Outback Key. Human interaction was resulting problems for the nesting and nurturing of recently hatched fledglings on the island. A number of the species that use this island are in population declines, hence it is importantant to provide protection during nesting. We hope that the county will monitor the status and tends and follow up to be sure the public is respecting the restricted access. Thank you, Sincerely, Walt Jaap, Coffeepot Bayou Watershed Alliance	Walt Jaap	273 Catalan Blvd NE	Saint Petersburg	33704	7278960521	wjaap@tampabay.rr.com	2020-05-24 14:26:39
Outback Key	Thank you for voting to limit access to Outback Key! I speak for the nesting birds who cannot speak for themselves and for those who would unsafely congregate there who don't know better.	Sandi L Johnson	2717 Seville Blvd # 1108	Clearwater	33764	4072348761	slj710@gmail.com	2020-05-24 13:23:40
Fort de Soto - Outback Key	THANK YOU for addressing the boating overcrowding problem at Outback Key in Fort de Soto. I appreciate you making North Beach safer for swimmers, and also helping to protect the nesting birds on Outback Key.	Patrick Mundus	1900 Mound Place South	St. Petersburg	33712	7209663660	mundus.p@gmail.com	2020-05-24 13:04:44
Raymond Bourque here	Dear coffee buddy... Ken,  I'm extremely disappointed with you being the no fun police/politician.  I've watched the council close more and more places.  What are you going to do next? Go after motorcycle riders. Maybe a little hyperbolic but this is getting ridiculous.  Regards.  Raymond Bourque	Raymond Bourque	2829 46th Ave S	St Petersburg	33712	7275048337	Blades1_99@yahoo.com	2020-05-23 23:03:49
Bunces Pass	Can you provide any background on Bunces Pass Vessel Exclusion Zone and who initiated this action? Obviously the intent is not to protect swimmers, or swimming would be prohibited through an inlet with strong current. Our family has enjoyed Bunces on less crowded weekdays and are very disappointed with the action.	Jerry Williams	3800 42nd Ave S	St Petersburg	33711	865-207-3669	jwknxtn@gmail.com	2020-05-23 16:02:23
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Bunces pass	Please don't close Bunces pass. Don't close it to boaters. There's no reason to do this.	Tim Brundage MD	Redington Beach Florida	Redington Beach Flori	33708		drbrundage@gmail.com	2020-05-22 05:43:40
Boaters ate Pissed off	Nice attempt to covertly give notice that affects thousands of rec boat owners and tax payers to shutdown OUR INLET PASS. You should have noticed this hearing/meeting in an appropriate boating venue such as Facebook Boating and fishing pages. Or even in the News WELL IN ADVANCE of the hearing. Tbis is bullies shutting down the INLET to vessel traffic. You just started a shit storm	Nancy Stevens	4381 14 st NE	St.Petersburg	33703	727 577v3992	designatedede@gmail.com	2020-05-22 08:53:40
Bunces Pass	Why was the notice ONLY place in some no descript publication that totally misses the mark of notifying boaters of the pending HUGE mistake? We the boaters of Pinellas county petition you to reverse your awful choice of shutting boats out of a main transit pass.	Captain Ken Wahl	8440 4th STREET N	St. Petersburg	33702	7275804576	capt.wahl@gmail.com	2020-05-22 08:46:54

Closure of Outback Key / Buncess Pass Sandbar	<p>Dear Elected Commissioners,</p> <p>I was recently made aware of the vote to close the majority of "Outback Key" to boaters. Upon hearing of this, I quickly went and watched the meeting to understand how this vote could come to pass. When the initial statement was Pinellas County was made aware of this vote and you received zero feedback, every single Commissioner should have stopped right there and questioned this. To learn later this was posted in a newspaper (who even reads a newspaper in this day and age?) and voted on the same day is an obvious tactic of trying to sneak this vote through. In light of this deception alone, this vote needs to be reversed immediately before further action is taken by FWC to pay for and install signage and buoys. This needs to be made public and allow the voice of the voters to be heard. I know you will quickly see that the boaters far out number the people who frequent the North Ft. Desoto Beach. Please reverse this vote now to allow adequate time to receive public feedback and feedback from local waterway enforcement.</p> <p>I also beg of you to obtain the feedback of the Egmont park Rangers who will see more than double boat traffic due to this decision.</p> <p>Respectfully Wes Snapp</p>	Wes Snapp	1935 Montana Ave NE	St. Petersburg	33703	8133102564	wes.snapp@gmail.com	2020-05-22 07:35:55
Closing of Bunces Pass	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>Please reconsider your decision to close Bunces Pass. Pinellas County is a HUGE boating community and we as a whole are very unhappy that the commission has decided to close an area we all enjoy with our family and friends frequently. There has to be other ways to control area. My #1 recommendation would be to consider making the pass a "no wake" zone to slow the boats and mainly wave runners down to make it even safer and punish those who don't follow the rules. Please consider hearing from the boaters and people who frequent that area. We love this area and our beaches and strongly request you don't take this away from us. Kind Regards, Christine Shelton</p>	Christine Shelton	4357 - 14th Way NE	St. Petersburg	FL	727-417-6020	chris@sheltonhi.com	2020-05-22 15:13:04
ICW Boating Safety	<p>Commissioners,</p> <p>Please consider a change to enhance safety on the intercoastal waterway adjacent to Indian Shores. The area just South of the Narrows (bounded roughly by Caddy's Pub and The Salt Rock Grill) is currently marked for minimum wake outside the channel (and unrestricted operations within the channel). In the past few months, I've seen multiple near-misses where large, fast moving boats have attempted to overtake other boats in this crowded, narrow stretch. As well, I have witnessed both dolphins and manatees narrowly avoid strikes in this area.</p> <p>If there is another government body more appropriate for this request, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Respectfully, Christopher Noth</p>	Christopher A Noth	14875 Seminole Trail	Seminole (Unincorporated)	33776	8596309353	christopher.noth@gmail.com	2020-05-22 12:47:50
Bunces Pass Restrictions	<p>I am a USCG Licensed Master Captain also a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, on the local waters most every day. I know the Bunces Pass area intimately. Regarding your decision to add restrictions to this area please consider the following points.</p> <p>1. The inner lagoon restrictions of all vessels including paddle craft will create a serious safety issue forcing kayaks and paddle boards into open waters were motorized vessels operate. Suggestion is to make this area a No Combustion Motor zone same as around Tarpon Key.</p> <p>2. The South side restriction marked in yellow no boats swim zone. This will encourage swimming in an area that periodically is subject to strong currents. Suggestion is to make this a minimum wake zone for vessels.</p> <p>I hope you will consider my comments helpful and constructive.</p> <p>Respectively Captain Jack Satterfield St. Pete Beach</p>	Captain Jack Satterfield	1360 Boca Ciega Isle Dr	St Pete Beach	33706	727 403 5471	captjack@satterfield.org	2020-05-22 20:41:09
Bunces Pass SandBar	Bunces Pass Sandbar should remain accessible to boaters!	Charlene Hooker	300 90TH AVE NE Address 2	St Petersburg	33702	7274929700	chkrtravels@gmail.com	2020-05-22 18:58:17
BUNCE'S PASS	Absolutely disgusted by your back room vote to close sections of Bunce's Pass. You did not give the community an ample opportunity to discuss this with the commission due to the covid restrictions, this area serves as a place for families to visit by boat and enjoy recreational time. Your closure of certain areas is not only government overreach and a trampling of citizens rights, it is also extremely dangerous due to the powerful tides in the areas where boaters are now only allowed to anchor. Good luck at re election. You are going to need it!	Matt		St. Petersburg			m_c2188@yahoo.com	2020-05-21 10:57:36
Bunces Pass	I would like to thank Dave Eggers and Kathleen Peters for your strength in standing up for the residents of Pinellas county with your votes against the closing of bunces pass. I am making it my mission to spread this work and will work diligently to assist in getting the remainder of you out of office. You are a disgrace and clearly lack connection with your constituents.	Robert Cramer	3600 Shore Acres Blvd NE	St Petersburg	33703	7274203541	rcramer77@gmail.com	2020-05-21 10:24:45

Bunce's closure	<p>Pinellas County Commissioners,</p> <p>I am certain you have gotten flooded with comments and complaints regarding the vote to restrict boaters, etc. to the usage of the islands near Bunce's pass. This is appears to be nothing less than an abuse of power and the shut down in order to conduct this meeting and vote when citizens are not able to attend.</p> <p>Clearly I am not in favor of this and will continue to express my discontent until something is done to give us, the voters and citizens of Pinellas county the opportunity to have input in the form of a FAIR hearing.</p> <p>Please consider pulling this back and giving those impacted an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns.</p> <p>Matthew McNulty</p>	Matthew McNulty	1901 Iowa Avenue Northeast	Saint Petersburg	33703	7274151201	mcnultymc@yahoo.com	2020-05-21 12:24:36
Bunces Pass Boating Area Closure	<p>I was made aware of a vote that was briefly debated at the last commission meeting that lead to the 5-2 vote to ban vessels to the lagoon area of the beach that is not connected to Ft Desoto. The reason the lagoon area is heavily used is it provides protection from wave and tides for people to enjoy the water. the area that you have reserved for boaters has heavy wave action and very swift tides. I am HIGHLY disappointed that this was not publicized and you didn't receive any public input from the user groups that frequent the area. 80-90% of the swimmers in that area arrived VIA boats. if the public safety issue of vessels traveling at speed combined with swimmers you should have considered a no wake zone area and it would have accomplished your desired goal. This action will only exacerbate the overcrowding at Johns Pass Sand Bar, Egmont Key and passage Key. The reason this area is so popular is that the user groups that used to use the Sand Key area were pushed somewhere else and that was to Bunces pass.</p> <p>I implore you to reconsider your vote and hope you will have a workshop to really understand the user groups and what the problems are(Jetskis in particular 18.00 minute mark of the meeting ). This area is safely used by lots of boaters and to further restrict boating access in Pinellas county due to a few bad actors is an overreaction and overstep.</p> <p>Signed Respectfully Tee Grizzard</p>	Tee Grizzard	1677 Connecticut Ave Ne	St Petersburg	33703	3522501094	fishon0513@yahoo.com	2020-05-21 11:15:45
Aqutic Regulatory Zones/Boaters have right	<p>Commissioners</p> <p>I watched the meeting on 05/19/20.</p> <p>Was Paul Cozzie presentation paid with tax dollars?</p> <p>I did not see a rebuttal from any other organization.</p> <p>Does the county offer to pay for a rebuttal presentation?</p> <p>The commissioners must highly respect this one person without any other feedback.</p> <p>The lead speaker Paul Cozzie purely not a fan of boating.</p> <p>The boating world needs a place to go.</p> <p>A protected lagoon is ideal to get away from the Gulf.</p> <p>Pinellas has many miles of beaches that bathers can attend.</p> <p>Boats not so much.</p> <p>Repeal this law!!!!</p>	Jeffrey Wood	5914 Dunfries Street N	Saint Petersburg	33709	7275455056	cokeman0228@hotmail.com	2020-05-21 18:07:05

Ordinance 20-845A Vessel Exclusion Zone Ft Desoto, Misleading statements by Paul Cozzie, swimmer safety risk caused by your action	<p>I listened to the meeting you had when you passed the ordinance to further increase vessel restriction areas on the North Beach of Ft Desoto.</p> <p>As Paul Cozzie tried to justify the need for the change he clearly mislead you a number of times. At about 7:50 into the meeting Mr. Cozzie states "In order to get to the open water of the gulf you have to cross the lagoon and the lagoon is currently being used by all types of vessels which posses a safety hazard to swimmers and bathers at Ft. Desoto Park North Beach." That statement, which is the kingpin for making the change, is absolutely not true. You can even agree it is a lie. If you visit the site or look at aerial pictures, you will note that there is a point on the south side of the shoal (Outback Key) that nearly connects to the mainland. That spot is the easiest and safest way for swimmers and bathers to move from the mainland to the gulf side of Outback Key. It is the closest point to the north parking lot too. They do NOT have to cross through the lagoon where Mr. Cozzie wishes to exclude boats. If fact, that point of egress onto Outback Key falls within the previously established No Vessel Zone. You didn't need to take any action to protect the safety of beachgoers. It was already in place!!</p> <p>Furthermore, I'm offended by Mr. Cozzie's statement that the "shoal have created an attractive nuisance". Mr. Cozzie must not like the idea of people having fun with their boats. He didn't sight one situation where conduct of boaters within the lagoon or on the outside edges of Outback Key posed a risk other than jet skis traveling at high speeds. That area could easily have been made a no wake zone to solve that concern, rather than closing the whole lagoon.</p> <p>Also, before playing the video of the boaters in the lagoon, Mr. Cozzie prefaced with the statement " a picture is worth a thousand words" stating is was a "good example of conflicts". Frankly, I saw nothing in that video that posed a risk other than perhaps the light aircraft which is irrelevant to the ordinance. What I saw were boaters standing next to their boats like they do up and down the beaches of Florida. I didn't see any swimmer trying to get out of way of boats, or any other "conflicts", did you??</p> <p>And on a final note, I'd like to address the safety risk you have introduced by extending the swim zone on the outside edge of Outback Key, north of the Shorebird Protection Area. If you've ever visited Bunces Pass by foot or particularly by boat you know that the water currents in and around the Pass are very strong and sometimes extremely dangerous to swimmers and bathers. You are now going to be encouraging swimmers and bathers to put themselves at greater risk by swimming on the outside of Outback Key right up to the Pass. Just wait for the first kid to get swept away from that designated swim zone.</p>	Patrick Murphy	8013 BOCA CIEGA DRIVE	St. Petersburg	33706		pmmurphy1@gmail.com	2020-05-21 17:56:00
Ordinance 20-845A : Vessel Exclusion Zone	<p>After reviewing the posted documentation and watching the May 19th commission meeting, I'm concerned that the presentation by Paul Cozzie was deliberately vague in regard to the vessel exclusion zone / swim area west of Outback Key. The text provided on the website, and ostensibly provided for public review, only referenced a vessel exclusion in the Outback Key lagoon. It made no reference to prohibiting boaters from approaching the west exterior side of Outback Key. I believe this to be an intentional omission by the Director of Parks and Conservation Resources. I'm concerned that this Ordinance was strategically worded and quietly published during a period of national distraction and without fair public consideration. Frankly, I find it suspicious that this received no media attention for public notification. Additionally, it appears that the west side of Outback Key falls outside the borders of the Fort De Soto Park and so I question the rights of the Parks Department to designate it off-limits to boaters.</p> <p>Within 48 hours of this issue being noticed, a change.org petition is rapidly approaching 5000 signatures. This issue is ripe for appeal and so I hope that, before barriers are posted and enforcement begins, the public will be given a fair chance to debate the merits of these new restrictions so the Commission can truly make an informed decision.</p>	James Falkingham	800 Beach Drive NE	St. Petersburg	33701	727-560-5946	james.falkingham@gmail.com	2020-05-21 17:39:11
No boating zones	<p>Thank you Kathleen Peters and Dave Eggers for voting to allow boats to have access to the Bunces area and the lagoon. The rest of you should feel terrible voting to take even more boating privileges away. There is nearly 588 miles of coastline in Pinellas County. Boaters have been kicked out of Shell Key. A lot of small boats can't make it all the way to Egmont. People take their kids and dogs to these areas. Ft. Desoto has plenty of beach access. People that go to the beach by car have many options. There should have been signs posted that this was an issue and a possible closure was being voted on. This was extremely underhanded. I bet you commissioners aren't boaters. How else were boaters supposed to know about this insanity and protect it?</p>	Heather Secor	7040 S Shore Dr S	South Pasadena	33707	728-365-9700	heather3secor@gmail.com	2020-05-21 17:10:15
Bunce's Pass	<p>Commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing as a long standing St Pete citizen, taxpayer, parent and boater.</p> <p>For the life of me I cannot understand how a sweeping decision can be made on such a highly utilized public area without public input. This is an extreme example of county over reach without proper due diligence. First thank you to Commissioners Peters and Eggers for standing up for recreational boaters and the hundreds of families who properly utilize Bunce's Pass daily. For the other commissioners please help me and the hundreds of others you are sure to hear from what you could possibly be thinking. There was clearly very little discovery done on your part when making this decision. So what drove this decision? Please explain. I can tell you this is one we the taxpayers will not let go quietly. There are already lawyers looking at this and you are bound to be inundated with hundreds of complaints. When you were voted into office we thought due diligence would be conducted on something like this that is such a big deal to us boaters? Has the process changed? Why the secretive shortcuts? This came completely out of the blue and is ridiculous.</p> <p>Please respond with next steps.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>SF</p>	Stephen Farmer	1347 39th Ave NE	St Petersburg	33703	727-424-5247	sjfarmer23@gmail.com	2020-05-21 15:39:59
Bunces Pass	<p>when the board voted they overstepped, there was no reason to close off the lagoon, the some 2000 people that was referenced come by boat. the area in question could have been closed without closing off the entire area. wish sometimes the board would do their homework before voting on someting they know nothing about.</p>	Mike Garner	201 6th Street South, #202	Saint Petersburg	33701		mikeg001@gmail.com	2020-05-21 15:03:48
Don't shut down Bunces Pass beach	<p>Please do not prohibit boats at the beach on the south side of Bunces Pass. Most decent places for boaters to boat have been eliminated over the years and this had become a great place for good, clean fun. There are plenty of places in the area for birds and bathers---not so much for boaters. Please leave us alone!</p>	Bob Musselman	1989 Iowa Ave NE	St. Petersburg	33703	9138339366	bobmuss1@gmail.com	2020-05-21 14:32:21