



PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Office of Commissioner Janet C. Long

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TO: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
CC: Barry Burton, Pinellas County Administrator
Jewel White, Pinellas County Attorney
Paul Cozzie, Pinellas County Parks & Conservation Resources Director
Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff

FROM: Commissioner Janet C. Long
District 1, Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

SUBJECT: May 19, 2020 Public Hearing Item 20-845-A relating to Vessel Exclusion Zone

DATE: May 25, 2020

On Saturday, we were on the water all day long and in particular spent quite a bit of time in the Bunce's Pass area. Based on my personal observations, I am requesting that the above-mentioned item be brought back for re-consideration at our next BCC meeting or as soon as our staff, including Sheriff Gualtieri and his team, have an opportunity to study the issue more thoroughly. It is my opinion that the Board did not fully understand the totality of the issues and the potential liabilities that currently exist at Bunce's Pass involved with establishing a Vessel Exclusion Zone.

There is so much more that we need to discuss based on my personal observations of the activity as well as the patrol boats that were in the area making an effort to keep some semblance of order out there. I will be more than happy to share my observations with you at our upcoming meeting and I am requesting that we reassess our actions as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for your attention. I look forward to a more robust and thorough conversation surrounding the issue in the near future.