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Topic Bunces Pass boating regulations

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• No access to lagoon will force boats to anchor along the outside of the beach along the channel. During tidal moves, the current here is strong. This will endanger swimmers by being swept out to sea. Boats attempting to anchor will collide with other boats causing property damage and bodily harm. • The strong current in the channel makes anchoring your boat very difficult even for the most experienced boaters, and trust me they aren't all experienced. This will force captains to make

dangerous maneuvers while other people are in the water nearby. Your decision puts swimmer in more risk than they were. • The new regulations will force the same number of boats and people into a smaller area of Bunces

pass. This causes more congestion. More boats, more people in a smaller space means more potential for accident. Not to mention in today's Covid 19 world, more people on top of each other is not what we want. • Bunces pass is one of the few areas that can be reached without venturing into the gulf or bay. Other beaches, Eggmont Key for example, are not as easily accessible for smaller boats or less experienced captains. This decision may force them to do something they shouldn't and put themselves and their passengers in a dangerous situation. • The lagoon provides a place for people to anchor their boats, swim, and enjoy the beach without dangerous currents and waves.

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Topic Closing Beach Access to Boaters

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Hello Commissioners, We have been routinely taking our boat to the north shore of Fort DeSoto for the past 3 years. We have not seen any swimmer / boat interactions of any sort. No one should be swimming between Shell Key and Fort DeSoto - the currents are very strong. We pick up the occasional piece of trash, but do not any piles left behind. We do not see anyone going into marked bird

left behind. We do not see anyone going into marked bird

or turtle areas. Everyone is overall respectful of the environment, they go to enjoy a day on the water and leave it as they found it. There needs to be a balance of recreation and wildlife protection, but using swimmer safety as a need to exclude boats from the area is

unfounded. Thank You!!

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Topic Vessel exclusion ordinance, Bunce's Pass

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I would respectfully ask that this vessel exclusion ordinance at Bunce's Pass be no longer considered. As a long time boater, I can tell you that safety is always the #1 priority. I can also tell you that the elimination of places that boaters can anchor and congregate actually decreases the safety in being able to do so. When an ever

decreases the safety in being able to do so. When an ever increasing amount of boaters are faced with an ever decreasing amount of shoreline, the result is more density among the remaining available shoreline, which in turn creates an environment that is less safe than what

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watercraft. There is certainly a need for idle speed/nowake on the inside part of the newly formed island. There should be no need to ban paddle sports. The idea of a SUP or kayak putting a swimmer in danger is

I am writing to oppose the closure of Bunce's Pass to all

far fetched at best. Idle speed and no wake will probably take care of the biggest offenders, jet skis and the ultralight aircraft (Backdoor the aircraft issue). Having the gulf side boats tie up 100+ vards will just be more

the gulf side boats tie up 100+ yards will just be more dangerous with people swimming long distances to the island. The northern area that will still be open has massive currents through the pass and is very dangerous

to swim. Parents that have small children this is a big risk. At minimum have half the inside open to no wake and the southern half be non combustion engines to allow paddle boards to be in. Very soon people can walk across the southern end anyway. Make the new gulf designated swimming area half way down the island so boats and swimmers have space. Bunces is not always busy, just big weekends and major holidays. Many days I've been the only boat out there. The other area similar is Passage

as a parent. The places to tie up is water that flushes well with tides and is safe to swim is getting less and less. Place some regulations, just don't hastily close it.

Key and with it being clothing optional, it's...interesting

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Topic Restrictions on Bounces Pass

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We must voice our opposition to the proposal the commission is considering regarding excluding boater's use of areas of Desoto Park. We are totally against any legislation which adds more restrictions to the boating community without real merit. We have the largest

boating community in the state of Florida. This epidemic will be over soon, we don't need emotional restrictions that are easier to pass than repeal. This proposal is total non-sense. Obviously the commission doesn't understand the needs of one of our largest recreational opportunities,

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> We need to think about where the boaters will move to if the protected lagoon anchorage at Bunce's Pass is closed to boats. Likely spot where they will move to is to the

north behind Shell Key in the much more ecologically sensitive area. Not a good idea! Please reverse the

closing.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Zone ordinance

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The fact that the commission could pass an ordinance without visiting the location or talking to the people who use the item they are restricting, is disgusting. It should make everyone want to look at every single decision your

"group" is making, including the Bayfront situation.

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Keep not understanding/ underestimating your

constitutes & you will not have the right to make rules for the people. Ed Montanari is my representative on the council & he represents a community full of Boaters.

Please oppose this ordinance tomorrow.

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Topic BOUNCES PASS

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> I THINK BOATERS HAVE A RELATIVELY SAFE AND EASY AREA TO BOAT TO AND A GREAT

AREA TO RELAX AND ENJOY THE

ENVIRONMENT AT BOUNCES PASS. IT IS A VERY EASY AREA TO CONTROL AND PATROL. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE COUNTY HAS SUCH BIG PROBLEM WITH THIS AREA. IF YOU

DENY BOATERS THIS AREA YOU ARE ONLY PUSHING THAT MANY MORE PEOPLE TO GO OUT TO EGMONT WHICH IS MUCH MORE OF A DANGEROUS BOATING AREA AND WAY MORE

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE THEN

BOUNCES PASS!!! WAKE UP WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TRYING TO DO, IT MAKES NO SENSE.

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Topic Vessel exclusions to Passage Key

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> Taking away this area from boaters with NO data to back up your decision is just wrong! Where are the accidents? What exactly is the problem? It is a blatant attempt at a

land grab and it is unacceptable. Government overreach

has to stop. The voters are paying attention.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Zone at Bunces Pass

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Pinellas County is a recreational boating destination with

one of the highest (if not the highest) numbers of registered recreational boats in the state. Because an overwhelming majority of Pinellas Counties beaches restrict boats from beaching, it is important that we do not continue to increase these restrictions that prevent

boating families the ability to beach their vessels and enjoy the sand and shallow water. Remaining a top

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Topic Vessel exclusion area of Outback Key or Bunce's Pass

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The Bunce's Pass area has been one of our favorite family boating spots since it's formation. This spot is ideal for boaters to anchor and enjoy time with family and friends. The lagoon is by far the best spot for kids. We have allowed our kids to go out on their own

adventures with their friends without worry. Small boats, kayaks, and paddle boards have never been an issue or concern for safety around our kids in the lagoon. My greatest concern is with sea planes, jet skis and similar

vessels where the operator is extremely careless in the lagoon. Boaters typically walk their boats in and out of this area until they are far enough out and can safely start their motor. The imposed restrictions will only increase boater traffic to other protected areas that are of more

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Topic Fort Desoto Bunces Pass Vessel Exclusion

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> I am very concerned about the ordinance passed last week regarding expanded vessel exclusion zones at Bunces Pass. The boating industry and the boating public have a considerable financial impact on Pinellas County. I hope that you are in regular communication with

industry groups as well as boating clubs to discuss these topics prior to your votes. These groups are made up of

individuals who vote and it is your responsibility to consider them in your recommendations and decisions. I ask that you reconsider your decision and take into account the boating public and the hundreds of companies that will be effected by closing another

boating destination.

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Topic Bunses Pass Closure

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The area we live in relies heavily on enjoyment, tourism and local spending. In this area we have over 50 million dollars in recreational boats and this area is one of the nice places to visit via boating which is paid for by tax payer dollars. If you remove that it not only hurts the area

but the county needs to pay for upkeep without tax payer

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Many people move to the Tampa Bay area because of the beaches and waterways, and many are boaters. With Shell Key off limits, there are only a few places where a boater can safely anchor in sandy, shallow water and wade to a beach, and Bunce's Pass is the best one. I could

agree that no motorized vessels be allowed within the lagoon, but there is no logical reason to deny access to

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Topic Bunces Pass Proposed Restrictions

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Please collect more data before considering these

restrictions. The county last published vessel registration numbers from 2005. Though likely increased since, these 56,695 owners and their passengers are a significant population in our county. Most of us are responsible. Let

us help with a tip line. Don't let a weekend or holiday data point take yet another activity during these uncertain times. Let us continue to enjoy Bunces pass. Thank you

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Topic Bunces pass restrictions

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Ask yourself what the ultimate goal is base your decisions on a spread of factors, IE public opinion, compromise, data of injuries /incidents, human to Wildlife impact vs. High tide and weather impact on wildlife and so on. I would personally vote for bunce's pass as a whole having a slow Speed Zone near raft up and Beach areas and Fort Desoto Bridge and ramp areas as this causes more potential for a dangerous accident or crash...limit pet access at certain parts of the island that

as this causes more potential for a dangerous accident or crash...limit pet access at certain parts of the island that are conducive to bird nesting and rope off sections you do not want trampled. PS I'll let you in on a secret hardly anyone swims in the middle, the water is nowhere near as clean, more for the smaller boats that get beat up on the outside when rough and pay \$6 just to launch at Fort Desoto every weekend also jet skis are the biggest threat out there for safety some operator's are safe, some not.

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PLEASE KEEP BUNCES PASS OPEN FOR

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Topic Outback key vessel exclusion

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I believe you can reach your desired outcome of increasing public safety by implementing a no wake zone. The vast majority of swimmers in that area arrived via boats. If you displace boats from the lagoon area families will be forced to have their children play in SWIFT CURRENTS AND HEAVY WAVE ACTION

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outside of the lagoon area increasing the the chance of someone drowning. It will also exacerbate crowning issues at Johns pass egmaont key and passage key. Please reverse your previous decision and implement a no wake

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Topic Bunces Pass Vessel Exclusion

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Pinellas Commisioners, I along with so many others strongly oppose your decision to prohibit vessels as normally allowed in Bunces Pass. Your decision in my opinion was baseless on any problems that have not occurred in the area. The area is important to boaters to be able to have an area to pull our boats directly up upon for leisure lounging and fishing. Not only recreational boaters will be affected by your decision, but also a large number of charter boat captains. I know several captains

boaters will be affected by your decision, but also a large number of charter boat captains. I know several captains that frequent the inside lagoon for summer snook fishing. Not only does the area provide all of us a purposeful use, but the inside lagoon is a safe spot out of wind and boat wake influence. For years we've been able to enjoy Bunces Pass without interference and there has never been an issue, your sheriff has also admitted to that. To close this area off effects more people than you could

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Topic Proposed ordinance to amend the Pinellas County Code

relating to Vessel Exclusion Zones

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I am concerned that at the last meeting (on May 19th), some of the commissioners voted based upon the data presented which wasn't accurate and some would say biased. There are 4 areas I would like to address today as well make a recommendation. 1. In the meeting, Paul (at 5:59) says "In order to get to the open water on the gulf, you have to cross the lagoon. This is basis of his entire recommendation. I will come back to this in a bit. 2. During the meeting Paul states that "he isn't a boater" and goes on at 6:21 to say "it has created an attractive nuisance" My comment/question would be "by who's standard?" a. Maybe he should review some of the FT Desoto/Egmont park and other Florida

advertising....boating is a big part of Florida, even if you aren't as Paul admits "a boater". i. Regardless, it's a very leading statement and one could argue doesn't even have a place in his recommendations. 3. A video is played at 6:51. Paul's comment "A picture is worth a thousand words... the video is a good example of the conflicts and conditions that are occurring in the lagoon area...we got bathers we got boats" The video shows no conflicts. It shows boaters, swimmers, paddle boarders, walkers all enjoying the space together and respecting each other. What if Paul's dialog was "look how everyone is enjoying themselves, getting along without incident; boaters, swimmers, paddle boarders, jet skis, and beach walkers." ... I would ask, how would that type of dialog

have influenced the commissioners decisions? 4. My last point, and again thanks for the time today. At 9:19 Paul says "This plan eliminates existing vessel exclusion area... is no longer necessary as it become created with sands...there is no waterway to deal with in that area. ". If you don't know the area, Paul just points out that the only way to get to the beach isn't the lagoon, rather they can just walk directly across from the north parking lot. This is exactly where people access the beach today. It's the closest point to the northern most parking lot....so

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people aren't walking ½ mile out of their way only to swim/cross 200' of lagoon to get to the beach....doesn't even make sense if you know the area. My suggestion/request. Don't rely on a single voice...a voice who admits "I am not a boater". Establish a non-biased team to review and provide the appropriate recommendations. I would be happy to participate in part of that team.

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Stop trying to impose so many restrictions on Florida Boaters. Boating is such a huge economic driver in

Comments Florida and to penalize all Florida Boaters for isolated

incidents is over reaching and uncalled for and counter

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Topic Vessel exclusion ordinance

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This ordinance went from concept to action during a global pandemic. Not only is the area a great place for locals and our tourists (and the revenue they generate), but there has been nothing legitimate put forth to support it. This was done as a surreptitious assertion of power by

the commission, in the stylings of many county and municipal governments across the country during the pandemic. We must oppose not only this ordinance, but

this type of power grab by county officials.

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My husband and I are avid boaters and have raised our children on Outback Key. We are extremely saddened about this recent ordinance. I am urging you to please rescind this ordinace and consider making the areas in and around Outback Key a no-wake zone instead of complete exclusion. This solution is a fair compromise that will address the swimmer safety as well as allow boaters to continue enjoying the only beach completely

permissable without extensive restrictions. Swimmers have access to 588 miles of coastline and 35 miles of beaches. Boaters have such a small fraction of that

available to use. This is a huge boating community -- one that is already so limited on the beaches that we can use - and we deserve to be able to enjoy the beautiful lands that we live among just as much as the swimmers. Thank

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Topic Vessel Restrictions at Fort Desoto

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Not in support of the proposed vessel restrictions

Comments approved at the previous commissioners meeting. Would be ok with implementation of a "no wake" zone to ensure

jet skis aren't speeding around in the lagoon area.

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Topic 8

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

We are opposing the Vessel Exclusion Ordinance, and

Comments instead of excluding vessels, we are suggesting a no-

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Topic Vessel restriction in Bunces Pass

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

I oppose the new restrictions on boaters at Bunces Pass. The evidence given at the previous meeting was unusual because of Covid-19 and area beach closures. The

following link will also prove that the area's beach traffic has been unusually impacted due to the current situation. https://www.fox13news.com/news/beaches-reach-

unprecedented-levels-of-closures-pinellas-sheriffs-officesays I have been boating and using the beach at Bunces for several years and as a tax paying citizen would like to continue in the same capacity. I watched the video of the

previous meeting and feel that the commissioners were solely influenced by Paul Cozzie who wants to extend Ft De Soto Park into the Pass. Please take into account the other side, the one of your tax paying constituents. We want Bunces to stay open. As a boater there are not many beaches to boat up to due to conservation, swim zones and access. Additionally, the map showing the restriction is confusing based on the blue line which indicates

closure. Paul Cozzie stated that only the lagoon was to be closed and not the beach along the access.

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Topic Overreaching Swim Zone and Exclusion Zone

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I am firmly against the overreaching and terribly and too long extended swim zone north to bunces pass Sandbar. I'm also firmly against the restrictions put in place over the lagoons on the north end of fort desoto bunces pass sandbar. The swim Zone should be much further south, closer to the public beach access at fort desoto. 99% of beachgoers will not walk anywhere near the north end to swim. And if they do there are already others there from

boaters and their guests. The lagoons should be open access for all vessels at a no-wake speed. The lagoons are too far north for any public beachgoers but are a perfect

place for Pinellas residents to enjoy calm water

anchoring and family time. Please don't forget that voters are simply Pinellas residents getting out and enjoying what makes us the most beautiful and largest boating

community in Florida.

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Topic Bunce's Pass/ Outback Key

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I am a registered voter and avid boater of Pinellas

County. I signed the petition in Pinellas County to oppose the ordinances placed on Bunce's Pass without voter participation. We frequent this island weekly & have never had an issue. We keep the island clean from garbage and respect one another. I propose a no wake

zone in lieu of the ordinance. This would keep the

swimmers, boaters, kayak/paddle boards, jet skis, and the island itself free from harm. We have 7200+ signatures and counting in favor of this proposal. We will not relinquish our rights to a vote that had no voter insight.

#BoatersAreVoters

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Topic Agenda #8
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Over the last few years Bunces Pass has been a safe haven for relaxation. A place to go and see friends and make new ones while enjoying nature at its best. There aren't many islands where we can go and relax with our pets and this has been our go to. I have never seen trash on this island. I have never had an issue with people disturbing nature. All patrons who go there respect nature and each other. I have personally seen snook, manatees, sting rays, horse shoe crabs of all sizes, sand dollars and many more wonderful sea creatures in their own habitat undisturbed. I do not agree that it is being "trashed." The patrons and boaters were wrongly represented in the news article and many other articles that were posted over various types of media. Let's ask the people who visit their daily like our fishing charters and those who visit weekly such as the day boat cruises and the

community what really happens there. This is a place of comfort, joy, and relaxation. Do not take this away from

our community.

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Topic Vessel exclusion area of Bunces Pass

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

We are very upset with the recent decision to close the northern sand bar of Bunces pass and strongly disagree with the decision. We regular make family trips to the sand bar by boat to relax and enjoy the boat, beach, and living in St Pete. This closure will also impact other near

by areas as boaters will begin to congregate in areas that may have grass flats which will be detrimental to local wildlife. All we ask is to keep Bunces pass open and give

boaters a place to enjoy.

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Topic VESSEL EXCLUSION ORDINANCE

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

PLEASE KEEP BUNCES PASS OPEN AS IS!!! As an avid boater and life long resident I am so disappointed to see an effort to make changes to Bunces pass. There are no problems or safety concerns and the area is already

heavily patrolled to make sure it is being used

responsibly and safe so please keep it as is! Thank you,

Jimmy Gomes

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Topic Robert Hill BCC Agenda Date 5-27-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

As a County resident and boat owner I oppose the new arbitrary boat restriction. The vehicle traffic is minimal, and just recently became even possible. The responsible

boat owners are keeping 10' between boats and this new

rule is highly restrictive and seems completely

unnecessary

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Topic Bunces Pass Vessel Exclusion

BCC Agenda Date 5-26-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

There has never been an issue here and I have been

boating here all my life. Sounds like an agenda by some

disgruntled environmentalists or something. Where is the

data to support these "issues"?

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Topic Bunces Pass boat exclusion

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

> There are very few places my family goes in the summer by boat. Bunces pass is one of them. Specifically, we anchor on the west shoreline of the sandbar and have made beautiful memories there. It is a place our visitors have gotten to experience St Pete in its' natural state and

be away from the crowds. It would be extremely disappointing to lose boating access to that stretch of beach. There are very few beaches to anchor off of as it

is. I ask that you please reconsider your decision.

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Topic Bunces Pass
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As a boater and marine industry professional, closing

these proposed areas of Bunce's Pass will have a

Comments detrimental impact on the local marine community and

businesses that earn income through boat sales, service,

fuel, etc.

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responsible boaters who have been enjoying Bunces Pass for 5 years now since we moved to Florida, and would be very upset if the commissioners make any changes to our

ability to continue safely enjoying this.

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Topic Bunces pass vessel exclusion zone

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

The decision to exclude vessels at the western end of Bunces Pass was inadequately considered and failed to solicit the most affected group (boat owners) for their input. Pinellas County is home to a large population of boat owners. Many of these boat owners see this recent action as indifferent to their community and poorly executed by ignoring these stakeholders. Being elected officials, the wise next step would be to rescind the decision to exclude vessels in this zone. If warranted, the process to re-examine if such a zone is truly

zone. If warranted, the process to re-examine if such a zone is truly needed can restart and include the boating community in this process. This episode has generated a lot of bad will and will require a much more open process with significantly increased communications to explain why such action is being considered.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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Actually what the area needs is a no wake zone for all the boaters coming out of the Fort de Soto ramp into the Gulf. I oppose the exclusion of boaters to the sandbar at Bunces pass. We have been kick out of Shell key just for the good of the Condos that were built. The lagoon was almost dead until Irma decided to open it, a win. Elected

Commissioners that represent citizens need to know what their opinion is before a decision is made. Boaters are tax payers. We are being marginalized and obligated to CONCENTRATE and in this new era we need social

distancing for now on.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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The population that you represent has achieved something very important. Passing ordinances without the input of the community is a big no no. We elected

you, you represent us. WE need to be involved. Encroachment of vessels only bring people closely

together and these NEW times, new era of socialization space is needed. Slowly but surely boating areas have been taken away in the same manner, the population that ordinances affect are not part of the decision. You are just moving the boaters to overpopulate another area. (Not many remain) We really need a no wake zone

coming out of Fort De Soto ramp into the Gulf

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Topic Bunces Pass Vessel Exclusion Zones

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> I was born and raised here in St Petersburg where our family has been boating and fishing for four generations. Over time, we have seen increased restrictions place on boaters and fishermen in the area, some for the benefit of the environment and some for public safety. I'm all for balancing the needs of the public with what is best for the environment and public safety, but this overstepped the bounds beyond what is necessary. I understand that this is often a difficult task, but the notion that motorized boating by families is prohibited on bunces pass is absurd. When Shell Island was restricted years ago, we found Bunces to be a great alternative destination for family and friends to anchor up and sink our toes in the sand. Now we risk losing that as well. Especially now, Pinellas boaters are looking for destination options which have been diminished due to social distancing, closure or limitations at waterfront venues and there have been more boats on the water as people are looking to get away. For years, Bunces has afforded us a place to spread out with friends and family and make memories in a safe environment. For much of the year, Bunces affords a peaceful place to stop. Admittedly holiday weekends can become over-crowded, but observations from a holiday weekend should not become the impetus for increased exclusion zones. Holiday weekends require greater oversight from law enforcement but should not be a reason to close the area forever. The fact that the commission placed this on the agenda with short notice, insufficient public notice and were "surprised" when there was negative backlash from the public, indicates that this commission is out-of-touch with constituents. Where are the facts related to injuries or input from people who visit this area on a regular basis? We the taxpaying, voting boaters who work hard to enjoy the beauty of our waterways have not been taken seriously or even considered. In a largely waterfront county, I encourage the Pinellas County Commissioners to listen and reconsider their position.

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Topic Vessel exclusion Ordanance

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We ask that you reconsider the partial vessel closing of Bunce's Pass. If there are perceived safety issues please address them in another way, such as a no wake zone.

Comments Living in Pinellas County and boating locally is

something we love and do not wish for access to this beautiful island to be limited and disturbed by the

city/county.

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Zoning/Land Use Case Number	United States
Your stand on the issue:	Oppose
Comments	I know you have been inundated with opposition to the proposed closures for Bunces pass, but as a native Floridian, born and raised in Clearwater and frequent boater I feel like I need to express my opinion as well. My understanding is a revision to create a "No wake" zone may be considered and I would support that motion. The irresponsibility and potential danger lies almost solely on jet skiers and this would make them to slow down. Thanks to Commissioners Eggers and Peters for seeing this proposal rationally and taking all POV's into consideration. Let's be real, a swimmer doesn't get run over by a kayak, that does not justify this motion. Outback Key will eventually, unite with the North end of Ft. D and we will have wasted those tax dollars on swim buoys, signage and enforcement for nothing.
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Topic Vessel exclusion Bunces Pass

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

I strongly feel that Bunces should be left as it is as a destination for

Comments boaters. I do agree that making it a minimum wake area would

make it more peaceful and easier for those anchored of or on the

beach/channel.

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Topic Boaters ordinance

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I recommend a no wake zone. This is one of the few

Comments areas that boaters have left. A no wake zone will keep

swimmers safe and minimize damage to the area.

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Topic Bunce's Pass Closure File #20-374A

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> I have been boating here for 30 years. I have seen spot after spot be taken away from boaters in the name of conservation. The last island to be taken was Shell Island

and the restrictions there are not related to the

conservation effort. I see no relation to having pets or alcohol in my boat or in the water as harming the birds or wildlife on the land. Bunce's Pass is a sand bar that has turned into an island over the last few years and is the only place left in South Pinellas where boaters can enjoy

an unregulated anchorage. This is a huge boating County.

There are plenty of beaches for swimmers and no unrestricted island left for boaters. I do believe the area should be designated as a no wake zone, but boaters should have full access otherwise. Closing the center lagoon will limit the space available thereby creating more crowding on the outside. The only potential danger I have seen on a crowded day is jet skiers going too fast.

A no wake zone would fix that.

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Topic Bunce's Pass

BCC Agenda Date

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

The area proposed to be controlled is not part of the parks system but rather is a sandbar along the intracoastal. If there are repeated, documented patterns of safety issues due to boats in that area, the proper solution is to greate a no walks zone. There needs to be studied

is to create a no-wake zone. There needs to be studies done that show that a safety issue truly exists, not just

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a no-wake zone, that can keep swimmers safe and still allow for our boating community to coexist. Exclusion is not the solution.

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The closing of Bunce's Pass is a hardship for boaters that will likely result in additional pressure at other islands and sandbars (Passage Key, Egmont Key, etc.). The

closure itself sets a poor precedent and only invites litigation of perceived overreach. I suggest a less

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Topic extensive Vessel Exclusion Zones around Bunces Pass

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> As a life long Pinellas county resident I am shocked that the county took this action to limit boating with out being made aware of this issue. There seems to be no data to support their position and as far as we have been able to

determine, there is no record of serious or frequent injuries to swimmers or serious boating accidents.

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Topic Bunces Pass
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I would like to see all of Bunces Pass, including the

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Comments

Topic Bunce's pass boating

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The closing of Bunce's Pass is a hardship for boaters that will likely result in additional pressure at other islands and sandbars (Passage Key, Egmont Key, etc.). The

closure itself sets a poor precedent and only invites litigation of perceived overreach. I suggest a less

draconian approach.

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Topic extensive Vessel Exclusion Zones around Bunces Pass

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> As a life long Pinellas county resident I am shocked that the county took this action to limit boating with out being made aware of this issue. There seems to be no data to support their position and as far as we have been able to

determine, there is no record of serious or frequent injuries to swimmers or serious boating accidents.

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Topic Bunsess pass exclusion zones

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Placing restriction to boaters in the red zone I am

opposed to. Placing swim bouys 100 yds off shore along

the beach I am opposed to.. the current constantly

changes the landscape in this area. Swimmers in this west facing front would be sucked out. Restriction to boats in the area signifies red is the safest calmest area of the

pass.. and is only 2-3 ft deep. I am against any

restrictions in this area. I am against any restriction to pets or alcohol at this destination. We have enough bird

pets or alcohol at this destination. We have enough bird sanctuaries. We are a boating community. Tourism and land values depend on having boating destinations. The board has restricted egmont key.. passage key.. and shell island. If anything.. make the area a no wake zone to the

mouth of the gulf to improve safety

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Topic Bunses pass exclusion zones

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There should be no exclusion zones for boats. Closing

Comments the inside lagoon will just create more outside crowding.

I have not seen any safety issues.

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Topic #20-374A BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

I am in full support of designating this area as a "Slow

Comments No Wake" area. Totally NOT in favor of closing it off to

boats.

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Topic Boating at Bunces Pass

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Please reconsider banning powerboats from the sandbar at. Bunces pass. I have been enjoying that Sandbar with my power boat for five years now. I have never seen a problem with boats and swimmers from Fort Desoto

coming in contact. Boats anchoring to use the beach move slowly and carefully and once on anchor they do

not move until the day is over.

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Topic Bunces Pass is for Boaters

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The locations that are available to boaters and their families are limited. This location a safe place for

families to enjoy the waters of our area while out on the boat. Restricting boats from enjoying Bunces Pass would

be a tragedy and could put people in danger in other areas due to currents and crowding from other boats.

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Topic Bunce's Pass Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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Please do not overly restrict power boat usage in this

Comments area. It is the first place we boat to with out of town

guests.

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Topic Vessel Restrictions at Outback Key

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I have been a resident of St. Pete for 20 years and a boater for most of that. We enjoy spending time at Outback Key and Never anchor on the North End you are suggesting to leave open for boaters. The tide currents that run through Bunces Pass are sometime swift and dangerous for boaters and especially swimmers from those boats. The calm lagoon is much safer for boat passengers enjoying the water. There are miles and miles of beaches along Ft. De Soto for visitors to swim safely.

Why take away to only reasonable beach sand bar

Comments accessible to St Pete Boating residents? No one is trying

to regulate Passage Key, John's Pass, Weedon Island or Three Roker in this manner. Boaters need somewhere to gather too and if you close this sandbar down they will still gather somewhere. Possibly in large numbers and in more fragile and protected areas such as shell key or Weedon Preserve I would be in favor of a minimum wake zone through Bunces Pass between Shell and Outback Key to increase safety as well as a idle speed zone within Outback Key. No one needs to be running through either of those areas on plane due to the traffic.

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Comments Don't close boat access to sandbar near Bunches Pass

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Topic Bunces Pass
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

I am all for an idle zone thru the area to increase safety for boats and boaters. I am opposed to banning and

Comments anchoring in the area and return to how it was before.

Thank you very much for hearing the boaters and taking

action.8

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Topic Bunce Pass File#20-374A

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> Buncee is one of the only few places where family can go by boat, when my family comes in from out of town, that's where they want to relax, the boating industry is benefiting huge from having these places, the boat ramps

are collecting revenue.. alot of families are counting on

these kind of places..

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Topic Bunce's Pass is for Boaters

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Comments

I support Bunce's Pass is for Boaters. Boat is only way of

getting there. The beach line is for swimming.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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> I am a fellow boater and being out on the water think the real problem that needs to be addressed is making this a no wake zone instead of forcing boaters else where. The

real dangers that can arise are from people flying through

this area.

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Topic Restricting boating at outback key - bunces pass

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> I object to the closing to boaters both motorized and nonmotorized the part of Fort Desoto park known as outback key - bunces pass. This area has been historically a place

frequented by hundred of boaters both safely and ethically. The commission had previously discussed closing the majority of the area to boating due to safety concerns. The expert speaking could not point to any accidents only to concerns that families had to swim/

wade out to the other section of the key and that jet skis had been seen speeding through the pass. We should not close off a place that has historically been for boaters due to a few speeders. The area could be changed to a low speed zone and satisfy the safety concerns while allowing the area to be used by the greatest amount of Pinellas residents. Boaters bring in huge dollars for Pinellas businesses and this area has become a destination for

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Topic **Bunces Pass Vessel Exclussion**

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> The lagoon is a great, safe place for kids to enjoy paddling kayaks and paddle boards while families like mine are hanging out on the sand bar with other boaters. We regularly go there and have never witnessed a single

problem that would warrant this, and from the last meeting, it sounds like Bob Gualtieri has not heard of

any problems either. There is nowhere else in the area for large numbers of boats to park and enjoy a day together. Please do not take this away from our community.

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Topic File #20-374A
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

If you anchor your boat beyond the new proposed swim markers at 150 yrds from beach in 6ft of water there is now way to get your children and family safely to the beach, let alone some beach chairs, umbrella. There is almost no where along Pinellas County beach coastline that is not a swim area already. I see vessel exclusion buoys all along the beaches and there is always, paddle boards, kayaks, paddle boats inside the swim markers. I think restricting access to paddle boards and kayaks in the lagoon area is a joke, these are not vessels, the have

no motor and will not hurt anyone. Please show a slide on your presentation that shows where in Pinellas County boaters can anchor and safely access the beach without swimming in 6 ft of water 150 yrds? even on the northern end of Bird island where you can anchor right up to the beach, it has signs "beach closed only wadding in water

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Topic Bunce's pass
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

The Constitution was written to protect the people and their liberties from overzealous government. This attempted closure of bunce's pass is just another example of that overreach. Look to governor Whitmer and her Stalinist draconian control over Michigan as an example of where we are headed. If government had its way, every freedom that we have will be taken from free citizens in the name of protecting them, or in the name of

the new religion, the environment. Government keeps

repackaging the same lie over and over again to sell their failed policies. Pass this law, fund this tax, and we will solve all your problems. The problems never get solved but government continues to grow. Look to public school system and welfare as examples. Per the same logic, boat ramps should be free to use with no fee. Pinellas county government has made it where I have to pay them to access a God given right, the Gulf of Mexico. How long

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Topic Bunces Pass is for Boaters

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Support

> This is one of the few places for boaters to go and enjoy the beautiful island that God has put here. Many of us who live here in St. Petersburg do so for a multitude of

reasons, but a huge one being the ability to take

advantage our our beautiful weather and waterways. We own these boats for a host of things, including the ability to use our boys to access places the tourists can't. The beaches these days are crowded and buzzing with tourists. Great for the economy, but not us. Bunces is a place that we can get away and enjoy Florida's natural

beauty. File #20-374A

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Vessel exclusion ordinance Topic

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> Please keep Bunces open to vessels. In closing, you are forcing vessels into smaller bayous causing hazards to

communities and paddle boarders and kayakers. Bunces is the only location providing natural habitat and

coexistence of nature and humans.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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This exclusion is a blatant disrespect to boaters and locals participating in water activities. Not only is the passing of laws during a time when the voice of the

people cant be heard bordering on the line of

Comments unconstitutional, passing laws on something you have no

business regulating in the first place goes to show your lack of commitment and respect to your constituents (which I'm sure are plummeting) but the people of our

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Topic Bunces Pass Closure

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It's a beautiful area used by respectful boaters. Please

develop some sort of compromise that allows us to

continue to use the beauty of our area while also

protecting it.

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Topic Bunces Pass closure to boats

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> As a boater and frequent visitor to Bunces Pass, I oppose the pending closure to boat traffic. Virtually everyone on the north beach got there by boat. Very few people wade across the lagoon as your parks director would have you believe. Want to solve the problem, make the area a minimum wake zone so that there is no traffic moving at

high speeds. Boats don't go fast in the lagoon but wave runners do. It is the only place we can walk our dogs on the beach by boat. You've shut down Shell Key and

the beach by boat. You've shut down Shell Key and Bunces is the only remaining place. Let's try slowing everyone down before we close the sandbar to boaters.

Thanks you for your consideration

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Topic Bunches pass is for boaters

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Your Stand on the Issue

I have grown up in the St. Petersburg area and have been boating for the last 45 years. Pinellas county enjoys a beautiful coastline and is a boaters Mecca. Shell island has been shut down to boaters and given a bird sanctuary status around 10 years ago. We used to enjoy Walking in collecting shells there. Egmont key is still accessible to boaters but is not reachable by some of the smaller boats. Bunces Pass developed about five years ago as a result of the sand re-nourishment projects drifting southward southwards. As there are no restrictions to boaters in reference to access of the landmass, it has become one of the only destinations for both small and large boats. We

reference to access of the landmass, it has become one of the only destinations for both small and large boats. We boaters respectfully request that you continue to allow watercraft to enjoy this beautiful sandy island as it is the last spoil island on the west coast of Saint Petersburg that our families can enjoy. If there's any concern for the safety of swimmers on the inside of a bunces pass, consider a no wake zone in that area Instead of closing it

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Topic Bunces Pass Restriction

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Bunces Pass is a wonderful place for boaters to anchor, relax, paddle board, and kayak. The recent exclusion zones are oppressive overreach by a committee of non-boaters who don't understand the boating lifestyle. If your intent is to cut down on traffic and risky speeds in congested areas, make Bunces Pass a "Slow Speed"

congested areas, make Bunces Pass a "Slow Speed Minimum Wake" zone from the Gulf entrance to the Ft Desoto boat ramps. That's a smart solution. Complete restriction is the opposite of a smart solution. Keep the lagoon open to idle speeds so kayakers and paddle

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Topic Bunces Pass
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Bunces Pass is for Boaters! Please do not implement the

Comments swimming zone and boating restrictions as proposed.

Consider expanding no wake zones.

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Topic Bunces Pass
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Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

Bunces Pass needs to stay open to boaters and instead

create a no wake zone for this area.

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Topic Bounces Pass
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Oppose exclusion of boaters. Post no wake zone instead

of excluding boaters

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Topic #20-374A Bunces Pass

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Your Stand on the Issue

I oppose closing Bunces to boaters. Me and my family have been going there for years and always enjoy it. We have met great people there and have never had any issues with people being out of hand. A no wake zone would make the area safer due to jet skiers going up and

down the area. Please reverse your decision to close

down to boaters.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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I opposed the vessel exclusion new ordinance imposing restrictions to Ft. DeSoto North Beach and Laguna (Bunces Pass). There is not enough evidence to support beach goers are at risk. In fact, that section is rarely access by visitors coming by land due to water tide. It is

a shelter for local boaters and it keeps boaters well distributed throughout the many natural preserves. Closing the area to boaters will reduce the boating communicaty, which will result in reduced business for

local maritime and entertainment patrons.

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Topic Bunces
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Bunces Pass area should remain open for boaters. A no

wake zone is fine.

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Topic Bunches Pass
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Comments Please make no wake zone in lieu of exclusions

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Topic Bunces Pass
BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

My children have grown up spending their weekends on Shell Key and Bunces Pass sandbar. It's one of the last public sandbars that our children can play on and enjoy the best part of living in Pinellas county...the boat and water lifestyle! The inside of the sandbar is the safest place for families and children so I suggest making that a

no wake zone instead of full boater exclusion.

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Citizen Name

Topic No Boating at Bunces Pass

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The beach is already fully unaccessible to boaters. This little island does get busy but we still need somewhere for boaters to come meet up with friends that doesn't involve a 100-150 yard swim in from the boat. I would support limiting the speed between Ft. Desoto North Beach and Bunces has people are very reckless there. I

Beach and Bunces pass, people are very reckless there. I just ask that you dont punish all of us for those that can't use common since. Please just limit everyone's speed and have a marine officer patrol for unruly boaters for a few weekends and people will change their patterns.

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Bunces pass should continue to allow boats into the area. There are fewer and fewer spots to take boats as a result it is causing over crowding at certain locations because

so many areas are being changed to off limits. I am fine

with it being a no wake zone.

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Topic File #20-374A
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

There is no reason Outlook key should be a vessel

exclusion zone. Nobody swims there! I have been going

there for years and have never seen an issue. I am all for making it a No Wake Zone. That will keep the morons on

jet skis from ruining it for everyone! This is a very safe family environment we should all have access to by boat!

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Topic Bunces Pass Lagoon Boat Access

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020

Your Stand on the Issue

Please eliminate planned restrictions to boaters and minimize government restrictions. Allow for as much reasonable access to any area in pinellas county as can be reasonably managed. This will reduce overcrowding in fewer leastings. Worst again actablish a clay/po wake

fewer locations. Worst case, establish a slow/no wake zone. Support cooperation between our law enforcement

and community. Thank you

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Topic Bunces pass is FOR BOATERS

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Stop trying to take away boaters' fun in the false name of

Comments safety. Pinellas residents don't need the government

babysitting them.

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Vessel Exclusion Zones **Topic**

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> According to FLHSMV, there are over 50,000 vessels registered in Pinellas County. These boats carry far more

than just the captains. Your decisions are directly affecting hundreds of thousands of residents. As a boat owner; we all enjoy a day on the beach via boating. We

can bring our family, friends and often our friend's families. But, we are also not found of overcrowding. The logical move to reduce the crowds from boat

destinations would be to open more beaches, not increase restrictions. I propose that we open more of the shoreline for boats and reduce the existing restrictions to provide a

safer environment. I most certainly am not in favor of

increasing the restrictions at Bunces Pass.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion at Bunce's Pass/Outback Key

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I am a parent, boater, and 5th generation Pinellas County resident, and I oppose the exclusion of vessels at Bunce's Pass, also known as Outback Key, off of Fort Desoto. This is a great family experience. I have never felt unsafe or crowded, even on busy holiday weekends. I'm

comfortable with my 8 year old swimming in the waters

and my husband safely paddle boards the area. The inside of Bunce's Pass hosts warm water in the hot summer months that I assume is actually not ideal swimming

water due to possible bacteria. This area is actually better suited for kayaks and paddle boards. I appreciate the

efforts to protect the nesting birds but it's not necessary to cut off use by vessels/boats. Foot traffic will only increase to these areas from Fort Desoto beaches and traffic will increase greatly to areas like Eggmont and Sand Key. Boaters need a place to safely go. We are residents, not tourist. We live here for this lifestyle. This has been enjoyed for years without issues and your initial

decision was not well researched.

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Topic Outback Key Boat Exclusion Zone

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If the purpose of the boating exclusion is to keep the swimers from Ft. Desoto safe, my opinion is that a marked channel with a no wake zone will sufficiently keep everyone safe. Ft Desoto has a very large beach area, with plenty of room to swim. Boaters are slowly loosing all areas, this will push all of the boaters to other

loosing all areas, this will push all of the boaters to other already popular spots creating other problems. The bigger issue is non-leased dogs chasing the native bird population. Bunces Pass can be safe for all if it is a slow zone with a marked channel with no anchoring-allowing

boaters a direct navigable path.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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Comments I oppose closing Bunces Pass lagoon to boating, kayking,

paddle boarding and other recreational activities.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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Regarding File #20-374A: I oppose the Vessel Exclusion

Comments Ordinance, and instead of excluding vessels I would

favor the compromise of a no-wake zone.

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Vessel exclusion ordinance Topic

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I object to the ordinance preventing boaters to anchor at

Bunces Pass. The proposed area of anchoring is in a channel with too fast a current for boaters to safely

anchor and pedestrians to safety swim. Please reconsider.

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Topic Bunces pass
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Bunces pass is an area for family and good fun! This

would be a crime to take away from us locals.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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Comments

Bunces Pass is for Boaters! I strongly oppose this

ordinance.

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Topic The closing of Bunces Pass

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

I oppose the closing of Bunces Pass. If you are concerned about the traffic which is mainly on the weekend then regulate the speed. This is a great place for us to take friends from out of town to socialize and see the beauty of the Gulf Coast. I enjoy it during the week as well and the waters have some of the best fishing in the area.

the waters have some of the best fishing in the area. Please reconsider and listen to the residents/boaters that enjoy the waters of the Gulf Coast. Thank you for your service and representation of this beautiful County.

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Topic 20-374A Bunces Pass Vessel Exclusion

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> I don't believe a vessel exclusion area is necessary for bunces pass. A large number of boaters and paddlers use that area for recreation. If it were closed I'm not sure where displaced boaters will go. Most boats already treat

it as a low speed area. However signs posted that it is a low speed area could be beneficial for safety.

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Topic Pinellas County Commissioners will be readdressing the

Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Opposed to exclusion! Please consider a LOW WAKE

area.

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Topic Vessel exclusion ordinance

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Please do not close down a place for fishermen and boaters. On week days, that area is a great area to fish. On the weekends, it is a great place to gather with friends and family. On the business side, marinas in the area that sell find heit and ice will be affected by the closure. Also

sell fuel, bait and ice will be affected by the closure. Also charter captains that take clients there, have to deal with another area that's closed. Please keep our waterways

open.

Citizen Name Will Shook

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Topic Bunces Pass
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Bunces Pass is our home. Our son has spent his 16

months of life wandering Bunces with our closest friends and family. We are safe. We are happy. We love Bunces. We grew up on the water. Let us allow our son to make

the same memories. Don't take this away from us. Don't

take an innocent, family friendly activity from your

citizens.

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Topic Bunces Pass Boater Restrictions

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Keep it open without restrictions for boaters.

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Topic Bunces Pass is for boaters.

BCC Agenda Date 5-27-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Please reconsider opening all of Bumces Pass back up

and put a no wake zone up through the pass. Thank you.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance File #20-374A

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Comments I support including No Wake Zones in lieu of motor boat

exclusion.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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As a lifelong Pinellas resident and boater, I oppose the Vessel Exclusion Ordinance for Bunces Pass. Pinellas residents need more areas for boating, safe anchorage and recreational water activity, not fewer. The Vessel Exclusion Ordinance which was proposed, would only

cause additional congestion in other areas, which already have large volumes of boating traffic. I would favor any measure which presented a less aggressive approach, such as the addition of No Wake Zones inside the area.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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> There is no need for exclusions here as there has never been an issue. Making exclusions to existing accesses will force and create issues as more people crowd closer together as the state takes away more places for people to use. This was extremely underhanded and evil to try to

do while everyone is locked down. The land grabs need

to stop, and the commission needs to listen to its constituents and the will of the people. Stop trying to sneak land grabs by the general public, especially in the

face of a pandemic.

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Topic Bunces Pass
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

I do not support the boater restrictions on Bunces Pass. If

Comments a no wake zone is needed, so be it. However, the

restrictions previously passed were far to restrictive.

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I took pictures at Bunces Pass this weekend, and after reviewing the discussions of the prior meeting, want to mention that excluding the lagoon from boats creates the following issues: a) The North area is very shallow, with a new beach forming in front of it, so not viable to push boats to that area. Very nice for beach activities though. b) The West area is very wavy, and the suggestion last week that boats park 150 yards away will create a horrible hazard as people try to swim in open water. That's much worse than swimming and boating in the lagoon. c) The east shore is dense with boats. If we want

lagoon. c) The east shore is dense with boats. If we want to avoid being called covidiots, this is certainly not the time to force all the boats into a smaller beaching area. d) The southeast area dunes will just have more boats, which I don't believe you'd want. e) I took pictures of a Mother and young son kayaking in the lagoon and others having nice times while social distancing. The danger of being out in the West seems far worse than having swimming and no-wake boating in the nice protected lagoon. f) If you have a concern about airplanes landing,

that should be the focus.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

BCC Agenda Date 5-58-2020

Your Stand on the Issue

This is a unconstitutional changing of laws during a time when the voice of the people in this county cant be heard. This ordinance is not funny so stop laughing. Had this been a vote of the people, we would have suggested the

no wake zone. Its obvious you have no idea about the water, maritime rules and regulations or the ISLAND

you're trying to kick law abiding citizens off of.

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Topic Bunces Pass is for Boaters!

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I moved to Tierra Verde in 1992 because of Shell Island

and it's wonderful boating. I pay lots of taxes for my million dollar condo since, but I'm selling my boat and

condo due to this kind of gov't interference. Shell Island

went to developers, not boaters.

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Topic Bunces Pass Vessel Exclusion

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I would ask that you reconsider banning boats from

Bunces Pass. This has become a beloved spot for boaters

Comments and families. Excluding vessels from certain areas will

only increase the number of boats and people to squeeze

into smaller and more dangerous areas.

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Topic Bunches Pass vessel exclusion

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I am completely against the recent decision. There are not enough places that boaters can anchor on shore as it is. We are forced to swim for our lives to get to the beach! We need more places to anchor, not less. I think

the commission should share a map of where boaters are allowed to anchor and they will see the designated vessel areas are very minimal compared to the miles of beaches

boaters are excluded from.

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Topic Bunces Pass
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Boats should be allowed at Bunces Pass. I am not

opposed to making it a no wake zone, but there are

already very limited spots to take boats to the beach, so

we should leave it open to boaters.

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Topic Ft Desoto/Outback Key

BCC Agenda Date 5-27-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

I have been an avid boater in the St Pete area for 30

years. Do not Remove more places to anchor for boats in

Comments Pinellas County. I have 4 children we are out every

weekend. Yes it is busy there but Never a problem. Keep

Pinellas Great, don't down size boating spots!

Citizen Name Lisa Mills

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Topic Vessel Exclusion File 20-374A

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I have spent my entire life, 65 years, enjoying the water and beaches of south Pinellas County. As boat owners and grandparents my husband and I enjoy sharing the beautiful islands near Bunces Pass with our family and friends. During our lifetime, Pinellas County has

restricted or eliminated access to numerous areas of Shell

Island, Egmont Key and other islands that we once frequented. It is time to consider the impact of these restrictions on the responsible boaters of our county. Where can we go if every public water/beach access is

closed to boats? Please vote against excluding

recreational vessels from the Bunces Pass sand islands and make it a no wake zone to insure the safety you feel is necessary to protect swimmers and waders in the area.

Thank you.

Citizen Name Tina Rondolino Douglass

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Topic Bunces Pass initiative

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Close off the lagoon for swimmers, waders, etc. Leave the beachfront for the boats as we are running out of places to go to anchor off and enjoy. We all know this is about money and park revenue (not so much about safety) as you selfishly want admission fees and boat ramp fees, etc and you can't make any from boats just showing up from the gulf, don't disregard the amount of

showing up from the gulf, don't disregard the amount of money we boaters put into the community through fuel, repairs, purchases, and the like...just because the county doesn't make money through the park fees doesn't mean far more County businesses aren't benefitting from boaters in general. Dont forget commission, you are elected to represent us, not lead us. 7000 signatures can

turn in to a "boat" load of votes very quickly and easily.

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Please let us park safely at bunces pass. Taking away that

right will force everyone in the channel with high boat traffic and strong currents. We have been doing this for

years with no problem to the ecology

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Topic Bunces Pass
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Comments Do Not close Bunces Pass

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Topic Bunces Pass Exclusion Zone

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> Please do not eliminate the last remaining accessible beach where boaters can go to the beach. There is no

other beach that the average boater can get to

comfortably in most weather conditions. Egmont Key is already packed and not always easy to get to depending on the weather. Think about this single fact: There is NO accessible beach in south County where boaters can pull

up to the beach. Please do not eliminate our last option. Wade Cullis

Citizen Name Wade Cullis

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There is nothing wrong with the way it is. Obviously this was pushed under the radar of boaters and folks that

Comments enjoy the outdoors. Over reaches of government need to

stop. At least get the community involved instead of

doing this in the shadows.

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Topic Bunces Pass

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments No Wake Zone in lieu of exclusions!

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Topic Closing of Bunge Pass for boaters

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments We do believe that under rules for all public Bunge Pass

should remain open It is a very nice peace of beach

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Topic vessel exclusion zones

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Vessel exclusion zone is more dramatic action than is

Comments necessary to enhance safety. No wake zone should be

sufficient.

Citizen Name Gary Starr

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Topic Vessel Exclusion at Bunces Pass

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Thank you for reconsidering the closure to boat traffic. I was born and raised in St. Petersburg, and have been a boater all of my 56 year life. I boat to Bunces Pass many days per year and appreciate having a natural place to stop and visit with other boaters. On most days boat traffic is extremely light. If there are some bad actors once in awhile, I believe MINOR adjustments and enforcement of existing laws will help keep this a wonderful place for all to enjoy well into the future. We

don't permanently close a street or a venue just because a game or a concert draws a big crowd, right? A 100% all-

time closure seems quite drastic. I ask that the

commission please take time to consider input from law enforcement, and explore how to keep access open to most boaters, most of the time. We live in the land of liberty. Please help us keep our freedoms in place and give some tools to law enforcement for them to use when a unique situation calls for it. Thank you, K. Mark Bogue

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Topic Bunces Pass File #20-374A

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Comments Please consider making this area a No Wake Zone.

Thank you.

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Topic Bunce's pass closure

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> I strongly oppose the closure of bunce's pass to paddle craft. I understand that jet skis and boats are disruptive and dangerous to swimmers and wildlife in the area, but as an avid paddle boarder and kayaker, we do not go fast

enough to be a danger to either. Closing this is not

necessary.

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Topic vessel exclusion ordinance

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please do not take away the last place we can can take

Comments our family and just have fun on the beach with out some

one looking over our shoulder to see what we are doing

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Topic Vessel exclusion in lagoon

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> Sorry, in my last comment card I meant to say southern end of shell island not northern end of bird island. One more thing, it seemed to me that the video of the ultra

light seaplanes it what scared most of the board

members, why dont you look into enforcing the planes, not the boaters. I do agree that the lagoon could be a slow

no wake zone, I do not agree with the added swim

markers.

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Topic Bunches pass
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

I would like the bunces pass item to be revised to a no

wake zone. We live in Florida and in St Petersburg where

boating is a large part of our lifestyle please revise the

decision to a no wake zone.

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Topic VESSEL EXCLUSION BUNCES PASS

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my family and I have been going here by boat for years. There is plenty of closed areas up and down the coast for swim areas. Boaters need a area to come and enjoy the

beach. Boater shouldn't be excluded. We should have the same rights as someone who drove there car there. I

oppose this Ordinance.

Citizen Name Jeremy Griffith

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Topic Bunces pass
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Your Stand on the Issue Support

This is a great place for families and all boaters to relax

for the day.

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Topic Bunce's Pass Exclusion Zone

BCC Agenda Date

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

I believe the current changes to one of the last places left for boater to enjoy is outrageous. The ever shifting sand at Bunce's pass is not a permanent beach that needs extreme regulations. This shifting sand bar that is currently exposed form the water will change over time. It will eventually move and your regulations will have no

purpose at all. Please leave it alone. Does the board plan on regulating every shallow water sand bar in Pinellas

county? If not then leave this one alone. There is currently not problem with the way boater conduct themselves at Bunce's Pass. I see respect and courtesy displayed as boaters interact in the area. It's been this way for a very long time now without your help, so please let us enjoy the little bit of Florida that we have

left.

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Topic Vessel exclusion Ordinance

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As boaters we want freedom to choose where we go. We love Bunces Pass and watch out for each other. We do not like this Ordinance excluded many areas for vessels

at Bunce's Pass. We request you change this and enact

other safety measures. Do not limit our access.

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Topic Bunces Pass Boaters Restrictions

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Please change the NO Boats allowed to NO Wake for all

boats. Non-motorized included

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Topic Bonuses pass
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

You should not have jurisdiction to control this sandbar.

Comments

It was created from dredgings from deep in the channel next to it. And we as boaters use it. It serves no purpose

iext to it. And we as boaters use it. It serves if

to remove this from boaters use.

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Topic Bunces Pass is for Boaters!

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Support a no wake zone and better public understanding or reasons behind changing the areas in which boaters can anchor at the sandbar. There should be no exclusions outside of currently designated swimming area that kayaks & SUP's cannot go. This ordinance doesn't

Comments appear to be about saving wildlife refuses, or birds but restricting areas for boaters and their best friends (dogs).

Also vote there to be NO pet restrictions for Bunces Pass Sandbar. All other Sandbar's in the area currently have no Pet restrictions making it very difficult to bring our

furry friends boating.

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Topic Bunces Pass Agenda #8 File# 20-374A

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Your Stand on the Issue

Comments Oppose closing bunces pass

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Topic Bunce's pass vessel exclusion ordinance

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This island is a great place for people to get together and

enjoy our beautiful water and beaches. So much

Comments regulation is unneeded. It will only make the few places

allowed for boaters to become more crowded and

possibly unruly.

Citizen Name Kristina Carmichael

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Topic Outback Key Boating Restrictions

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

> Several items were misrepresented to the commission in Paul Cozzie's presentation last week. He claimed "thousands" of people are in this area. There are a few hundred people on the busiest of days. His video claimed to show "swimmers" in the water. Closer observation shows these people are actually boaters that are standing in the water socializing next to their boats. This is the very activity that attracts boaters to this area. VERY few swimmers swim out from land to the sandbar, the majority stay close to the beach. Injuries have been few if any in the 18 yrs. this bar has been forming. Mr. Cozzie did not present any injury data for this reason. Mr. Cozzie claims the outback key area is close to a parking lot, thereby attractive to swimmers. The proposed exclusion zone is over 1/3 of a mile away from the nearest parking lot. There are several vessel excluded swimming areas MUCH closer to parking lots at Ft. DeSoto. The seaplane shown in the video is a scare tactic on Mr. Cozzie's part. He knows the commission has no jurisdiction over this activity as noted by the Sheriff. Ft. Desoto already has over 1.5 miles of shore designated as swimming areas with vessel exclusions. Why would it be wise to take away the one area where boaters congregate on the shoreline just to add another .25 mile of swimming area? Forcing boaters out of this area will drive them to other, less desirable areas as pointed out by Kathleen Peters. If swimmer safety was truly his concern, why not propose a swimming area of 50yds off the mainland beach? This would allow swimmers and boaters to use the resource together without interaction. I'm afraid swimmer safety has nothing to do with Mr. Cozzie's proposal. Mr. Cozzie has long supported public restrictions in the name of environmentalism. The commission and the public deserve an honest conversation about his true motives. I urge you to consider Mr. Cozzie's response to the question as to why even kayakers should be excluded due to swimmer safety concerns. He claimed a kayaker not paying attention

Comments

could "run over a child" in the water. I ask you commissioners, is this a comment you take seriously? I think it says a lot about his intentions. The proposal put forth by Mr. Cozzie is a SIGNIFICANT taking of public access to public land with very little, if any, justification. Please don't do this.

Citizen Name

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United States

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance (Outback Key)

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> I am a Pinellas County resident and registered voter and oppose the proposed vessel exclusion zone at Outback Key. If there is a legitimate safety concern in terms of vessels potentially impacting swimmer from Fort DeSoto

there are other more narrowly tailored ways of

addressing such a concern. A vessel no wake zone, or a vessel exclusion only parallel to the Fort De Soto Beach

is more appropriate.

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Topic Vessel exclusion ordinance

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> My family has been going to Outback Key for at least 5 years with great enjoyment. We utilize the lagoon area as we have a smaller vessel. I have never seen swimmers in the lagoon area nor have I ever heard of any accidents around Outback Key that involved vessels, of any kind,

> vs swimmers. Pinellas County has miles of shore line that

is already protected for swimmers. This initial vote seems to have been done very hastily and with little, to no input from the boating community because we simply weren't aware. Thanks to social media we are now.

Please consider reversing the vote to oppose.

Citizen Name

Comments

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Topic Bunces Pass
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Do not change the ordinance

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Topic Agenda #8 BCC Agenda Date 5-27-2020

Your Stand on the Issue

As a boater there really not many places we can go and enjoy the water and let kids play after some time on the boat .Its nice having somewhere you can go with the

family after some time fishing Closing this part of island

will just make the remaining few more populated

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Topic Boat Exclusion Zone/Bunces Pass

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The Commissioners should vote to reconsider it action regarding Bunces Pass taken at the last meeting because: (1) There has been no evidence of conflict between Park users and boaters because Park attendees find the sand bar too far from their parking; (2) Pinellas boating families are already excluded from the overwhelming

majority of beach in Pinellas County by swim buoys; (3) boaters using the south side of the bar avoid the strong currents on the north side - better for children swimming, etc. (4)Pinellas is first in Florida in registered boats and the Commission should recognize and accommodate

these families appropriately.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordanance

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During this stressful time Bunce's Pass provides a family

place for people to enjoy nature on their boats. We

Comments request you don't take this away from us in part or in

whole. Please reconsider other safety controls other than

restricting vessel access.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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Comments I oppose this. There are less restrictive ways to address

safety and wildlife concerns. Thank you!

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Topic Bunces pass.
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Stop restricting recreational activities. This is a solution

seeking a problem.

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Topic Bunces Pass Closure File #20-374A

BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

As an avid boater for over 25 years, I strongly oppose the closing the lagoon at Bunces Pass to any type of vessel. The rational was based on safety reasons of swimmers. The only swimmers that I ever see in the lagoon are swimmers who own the boats who are anchored there. Most of the people who park at the north end, set up there beach chairs south of the lagoon or on the south end of the lagoon beach - all walking distance on a beach - no need to travel through water. Please review the map carefully to understand this, as the north part of the parking lot is still south of the lagoon and most people would just walk out to the beach. I would suggest a no wake zone for all of Bunces pass including the lagoon, to avoid any issues with jet skis. I would also suggest posting signs that motorized and non-motorized vessels share this area with swimmers - swim at your own risk. I have never seen a sea plane anywhere near the lagoon or boaters, and if I did, they would land away from anyone. There are plenty of places on Fort DeSoto for swimmers to swim. I would strongly consider the fact that most people who go to Fort DeSoto by car are non tax paying Pinellas County residents; whereas almost all of the boaters are within Pinellas County. Please support your constituents, as this important to us, this is what makes Pinellas the best County to live in - the water and beaches. I would ask the County Commissioners to consider not only allow all boats to use Bunces Pass, but

to consider opening up new areas to boaters. This will retain and attract new tax paying citizens to Pinellas county, as one of the premier boating communities in

Comments

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Topic Sand bar BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

I am opposed to closing this area off to boaters. My family loves to spend time out at the Sand bar and we have many great memories there. We need to stop taking away areas for boaters to enjoy our FL way if life. It was 10 years ago when boaters were quietly banished from

Shell Key under the guise of calling it a bird sanctuary. It's a huge island and boaters using 20 feet of beach on the weekends was hardly a hindrance. There are

the weekends was nardly a mindrance. There are

thousands of boats in the area which is a big part of our

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Topic Exclusion zones around Ft Desoto

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We urge you to find alternatives to the exclusion zones previously imposed around Bunces Pass and Ft Desoto to help promote safety for swimmers and waders but also share these waters with safely operated vessels. Please consider no wake zones and entirens that incurs safely

consider no wake zones and options that insure safely operated vessels share these waters. It is especially

critical that kayaks and paddleboards are not classified as

excluded "vessels". Thank you

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Topic Vessel exclusion zone bunces pssd

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> This is an area for boaters and families and taking away this sand bar that is clearly changing over time is ridiculous. I pay taxes and this is a place my family enjoys to frequent by boat and to make it a no anchor

zone is dangerous due to currents and is even

more.ridiculous. I agree with no wake zone on inside and

let skis overwhelmed the area.

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Topic outback key
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I have been boating at outback key since it appeared several years ago. It should not be banned by boaters, we have very few places to go with our dogs and enjoy the day. I am respectful, pick up after my dog and keep her away from all wildlife. There should be more policing of

boaters not following no wake rules under bridges and withing 100 yards of anchored boats instead. It's a federal rule to be at idle speed under all bridges but it is never

enforced here unless it is posted.

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Topic Bunces pass closure

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I am opposing closure of Bunces Pass to boaters and all watersports including sea planes. There also seems to be confusion whether sea planes are even allowed to land. Sea planes, under FAA regulation 14 CFR part 91 section

are to follow the same navigating rules as vessels described in USCG regulations M16672.2D whether

under power or not once in the waterways. - We are trained, certified pilots that have legal rights to be operate on same waterways as boaters -We are not making any unsafe maneuvers, hence a history of excellent safety -

We only stop there temporarily

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Topic Bunce's Pass
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

I oppose the restriction of boaters in Bunce's Pass. We need more boating destination spots not less. A no wake

Comments zone around Bunce's Pass is a good compromise. A

smaller area for boaters means higher density and

decreased safety.

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Topic Sand bar BCC Agenda Date 5-28-2020 Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Pinellas county spends millions of dollars every year telling the world how great our beaches are. Yet residents have no place to enjoy said beaches by boat as the city,

county or state has tried to restrict access to these beaches by boat any way they can. If the matter is

"safety" then find a way to make areas safer. But we all know you can't legislate your way to "safety". Find an area for boaters to anchor and enjoy the beaches we love.

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Topic Restrictions on Bunces Pass

BCC Agenda Date

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

I was born in FL, lived here for 42 years, and am always on the water as much as I can. It is outrageous that you voted on this while intentionally making sure you would not hear from your constituents, and as much so based on a single video. And you "didn't anticipate the backlash" when banning boats behind close doors in one of the most popular places in Pinellas County? Have you lost your minds? How about you han ultralight airplanes from

your minds? How about you ban ultralight airplanes from landing if you so concerned us water enthusiasts need the County Commission keep us safe. That is the only (potentially) dangerous thing in the video on which you based your decision. We will vote you out so quick if you

keep this behavior up. Your behavior is beyond

disgraceful!

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Topic Bunces Pass
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Comments Do not change the ordinance

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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> I am a St Petersburg native and have enjoyed boating for more than 50 years! I understand the need for safety! I also believe that boaters should have some places they can enjoy the weather peacefully. I've been to Bunces Pass and Ft Desoto many times and rarely see people

behaving badly or dangerously. Idle speed zones will make a more enjoyable area without shutting it down to

the great people of our area.

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I completely oppose the Vessel Exclusion Ordinance - not fair to responsible boaters and sad the council did not wait to make a decision until they saw the area in person. I do wish more of our council member were boaters of some sort and recognized how these sandbars do become a destination and attraction for our area and increase our

value and worth as a city to attract boaters moving to this pristine peninsula. I do agree with a No Wake Zone in lieu of exclusions to slow boaters down who do not having as much responsibility or experience as other

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Topic Bunces Pass Restrictions to Boaters

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Comments Please impose a no wake zone in the area instead of total

limit on boating.

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Limiting boaters to approximately only 25% of the island is dangerous and not feasible. This is one of the only places that boaters can go to and actually distance themselves both on the water and at the beach, as the beach as a whole is large. Small boats can not safely anchor 100 yards off the beach, nor can you even get to

the beach if you're anchored 100 yards off the beach. Paddle boards and kayaks can not safely enjoy the water in the channel due to the high volume of boaters in and out of Bunces Pass. Please leave the island completely

OPEN!!

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Bunces Pass is a nice area where boaters can anchor & enjoy the water and beaches. If there are problems with some boaters & their activities then they should police that and leave the rest of our families to enjoy the few

places where we can anchor at a beach. Severe

restrictions have already been placed on the north end of Shell Island (Key). Please do not take our resources away

from our boating families.

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Topic Bunces Pass Closure

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I stockholders strongly oppose the closing of the part of

Comments Bunces Pass to boaters. No need to overreact to an

isolated instance.

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there was an isolated incident with boats in this area NO reason for exclusion zones as a knee jerk reaction. Every Pinellas waterway has been overwhelmed with the covid 19 lock down and residents with boats just want to get

some fresh air and enjoy the water which is the reason

we live here!

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Topic Vessels Exclusion Ordinance

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> This is a very popular and convenient place for boaters to enjoy the water and beach areas. Have been there many many times and not once has there been disobedience of

any kind. I would like to see a No Wake sign posted,

however, to keep waves down to a minimum.

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Topic Bunces pass
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This beach has been a Pinellas county staple for

generations. To close it now is terrible.

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Topic Vessel Exclusion Ordinance

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The ultralight aircraft on floats are as safe as anything out there. These craft only weigh about 700 pounds, that is

less than a jet ski and the take off and land speed is at

about half speed of a jet ski. These craft can stop on a dime on water as well.

diffic off water as

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Topic Bunces Pass File #20-374A

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Comments Please make it a No Wake Zone

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There is too much government oversight today.

Continued restrictions for boaters will cause emanate danger to boaters due to forcing them to pack into

smaller areas. This will also cause property values to

decline as this is a very large recreation that is being over

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Topic ORD 20-09 Vessel Exclusion Zone

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> A total exclusion of boaters from an area that should be enjoyed by all is an extreme solution that penalizes one

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