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Please prevent people from being injured at Ft. De Soto	For the past few months I've watched as people drive their boats super fast though an area between the northern part of Ft. De Soto	Beth Irby	145 12th Ave NE	Saint Petersburg	33701		lee@leeirby.com	2020-05-27 22:57:14
buncess pass closure	Please keep the pass open, I'm at 20 year uscg licensed captain this is one if the very few places open to boaters. The next closest place boaters will go is much farther away. You have done no research & rushed to your decision . If you vote yes I will vote to get you replaced.	thomas craig	1110 freemont street south	gulfport	33707	7272513500	captaintomc@live.com	2020-05-27 22:47:04
closing lagoon at Ft EDesoto	My name is margaret santangelo my husband and I are at the park almost every day visitors to north beach at ft desotowe have witnessed how dangerous this lagoon has become...sea planes,,sea doos .all coming together while children and adults are swimming in that area ...we hold our breath wondering when the accident will happen ...please do not change your decision about closing this very dangerous areayours truly Margaret and Steve Santangelo	margaret santangelo	1515 pinallas bayway south, unit A	tierra verde	33715	8455687717	msantangelo3112@gmail.com	2020-05-27 20:10:58
Boating Restriction at Ft. De Soto	Good evening, I saw that due to the vote on boating restrictions that several boaters have reached out and it's now being reconsidered. It is not safe out there, the police and FWC are too overwhelmed and too few of them to be able to manage the area with the sheer number of boats that are on Outback Key every single weekend. It's a public safety issue, paying park goers and their children are at risk of getting hurt from the hundreds of motorized vehicles on the water around Outback Key. Please do not reconsider the restrictions, now is the time to take a stand and not allow this to continue!			Hillsborough			klcc42@gmail.com	2020-05-27 20:07:49
Outback Key	I urge you to NOT reconsider last week's decision to limit boating in part of Fort DeSoto Park. Residents pay to use Fort DeSoto. Boaters do not. Trash is everywhere, boaters are drinking and not responsible. There are weekends where you have so many boaters, looks like you need valet parking. The County relies on FWC, and other law enforcement officers to patrol Outback Key. Now other areas cannot be patrolled and protected. have others Dogs run off the leash. There is dog poop and it's not cleaned up. This is not a dog park. Have you been out there on a busy sunny day. It's not safe! This past Memorial Day Weekend was atypical with the showers. With Outback Key getting closer and closer, wading or walking in water up to your ankle is easy so others to do. Families are waking across or wading in the lagoon. People are walking from North Beach's northern point to Outback Key's northern point on the inside. People wade and float out there and I have seen boats and kayaks miss people. County needs to protect paying users? By the way, are the boaters social distancing?	Rob	4904 38th Way S	St. Petersburg	33711		rob@fifthworldart.com	2020-05-27 19:15:58
KEEP BUNCE PASS SAND BAR OPEN	Please keep Bunce Pass sand bar open to boats. We have a big boating community in Pinellas County that love Bunce Pass sand bar. Please revisit closing it.	Dawn Jelinski	7710 Justin Ct N	St. Petersburg	33709	727-546-8061	wtp13000@gmail.com	2020-05-27 17:40:34
Bunches Pass	Please reconsider your decision to limit access to Bunces Pass. If you won't reverse the decision at least put it on an agenda and allow public comment prior to a vote.	Scott Williams	7493 Pescador Place	Seminole	33772	7273488082	swilliams9840@gmail.com	2020-05-27 17:01:52
Bunces pass	If you're going to do anything with that pass it should be a no wake zone!!!! Way more beneficial than closing it down.. Ignorant unresearched decision.	K HAd	2546 Wood Pointe Dr.	Largo	33773	7277097970	kdhftn@aol.com	2020-05-27 16:59:37
Bunch pass	to whom it may concern This is one of the only areas we have been able to enjoy for many years We have a small boat and it is hard to find areas close enough to land for us to be able To share in anchoring and having family time. This area has always been safe For people to hang out with their boat and enjoy the own space. There is a need for the canal to be mimum wake as the jet ski seem to Attract to the wake of boats which cause lots of close calls. Thanks for you attention to this matter			Pinellas park	33782		dylankylee04@gmail.com	2020-05-27 16:46:50
Bunces Pass Vote	I have sent you multiple messages via messenger on why you voted the way you did. We are an area of boaters that enjoy the outdoors. This is the quickest way to get voted out. I also find it interesting that the commissioners are laughing that people are in an uproar....funny cant find the funny part yet. Still waiting on a reason why the vote to close it down. On don't give me the excuse its going into Fort Desoto. That's a cop out.	Clive Burton	14554 90th Ave	Seminole	33776	7274524748	burton.clive50@gmail.com	2020-05-27 15:00:29
support vessel exclusionary zone at Ft Desoto	Please continue to support the vessel exclusionary zone at Ft Desoto. There's plenty of places for boaters to congregate in the waters around Pinellas Co even though they shouldn't be because of covid. What we saw a few weeks ago with boaters swamping Shell Key and the lagoon near North Beach was ridiculous. That entire area is a crucial nesting area for terns and other birds and should be off limits to boaters full stop.	Bob Croslin	811 23rd Ave. N.	St. Petersburg	33704		croslin@mac.com	2020-05-27 12:30:24

A message from PYCC Cruising Fleet Commodore Jeffrey Plummer	<p>Good day. I wanted to send a brief note in support of Pinellas County Commissioners reconsidering the recent boating restrictions for Bunces pass in tomorrows meeting. I have been boating in south Pinellas since the mid 80's and do understand the necessary balance between nature, safety, wildlife and the freedom for residents to enjoy the paradise we all call home. The majority of Fort Desoto and Shell Key are already protected, heavily regulated and policed and the south side of Bunces and Egmont Key have become some of the few places where the county's 50,000 registered boaters can pull up to a sandbar and enjoy the lifestyle.</p> <p>Limiting access to Bunces will simply mean twice the crowds at Egmont, which is not helping anyone. For anyone who thinks anchoring 100 yards off shore and swimming in is a good idea, I would welcome you to try it but it is extremely dangerous in those areas with terrific currents. There will most assuredly be increased drownings and boating related accidents.</p> <p>Please take the time to truly understand the issues... and if necessary, police those who are not acting safely (for CV-19 , drinking, or otherwise) littering, or not respecting wildlife or anything else...but let those of us responsible citizens enjoy one of the best parts of Florida living.</p> <p>I represent 150 members of the PYCC Cruising Fleet based here in Boca Ciega bay and many of us visit this part of Bunces pass responsibly several times per month.</p> <p>Many thanks to you Kathleen and Mr. Eggers for voting against this. I would respectfully request that other members of the council look at the entire picture and hopefully reverse this decision tomorrow.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Jeffrey Plummer</p>	Jeffrey Plummer	2836 Skimmer Point Dr S	Gulfport	33707	727 251 6137	jplummer@madico.com	2020-05-27 12:05:58
Bunces Pass/ Outback Key	<p>Commissioner Eggers, Just a quick heads up on the restrictions for Fort DeSoto/ Bunces Pass, The main problem is wet bikes/jet skies. Regular boats love the sand bar to anchor out, beach the boat or just relax. The Fort De Soto Dir. is embellishing the so called issues at the sand bar, he just wants his beach extended. No one is going to walk 1/2 to 1 mile on sand carrying sand chairs and a cooler. The hurricane made the sandbar and a hurricane will take it away. The State of Florida lists it as submerged land and it is outside the limits of Fort De Soto unless they are leasing the sandbar. We the Boaters of the Tampa Bay area believe a a simple NO Wake Zone would solve the whole issue. Thank You for your leadership.</p>	Douglas Sernka - Boater	2409 Burlwood Dr	Lutz	33549	813 220 6388	drsernka@msn.com	2020-05-27 09:36:59
VESSEL EXCLUSION ZONE AT BUNCES PASS	<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>My name is Sean with Tampa Bay Yacht Management.</p> <p>My self along with the other members of our company are highly involved in the boating industry and members of several clubs, associations, and non-profit organizations focusing on the water and the boating community.</p> <p>We have been receiving a lot of feedback from the boating community about the new ordinance for the Vessel Exclusion Zone at Bunces Pass.</p> <p>I speak for the boating community requesting that a motion to reconsider is in order.</p> <p>Bunces pass is one of the last places for boaters to safely congregate at a sandbar with family and friends.</p> <p>I believe if you look at the records boating accidents to swimmers in this area would not be at a frequency to mandate this ordinance.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read this and I look forward to hearing your reply.</p> <p>Thanks, Sean</p>	Sean McClash		St. Petersburg	33705	941.284.1194	sean@tbyacht.com	2020-05-27 07:56:30
Bunces Pass	<p>It has been brought to my attention that a 5-2 vote in early May will close Bunces Pass sand bars and islands to boaters. For 70 years I have experienced as a child, parent and now grandparent the thrill of anchoring, beaching, bobbing in the waves in waste-deep waters in and around Mullet Key. The warm water, accessibility and safety of the barrier bars make the area uniquely special. As our population has grown, the available recreational boating destinations have been reduced and limited by manatee and no-wake zones. To take an off-shore area and restrict it only makes worse the available safe destinations for local boating. Please rethink and revote and join Commissioners Peters and Eggers in their effort to keep open our gulf waters.</p>	William Stover	2152 Coffee Pot Blvd NE	St Petersburg	33704	727-898-1941	bill@billstover.com	2020-05-26 10:21:49