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TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members AGENDA ITEM 6

From: Staff

Date: October 19, 2007 Council Meeting

Subject: Proactive Approach to Wildlife Conservation through Land Use Planning Activities – Presentation by Dr. Joseph Walsh, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Introduction

This presentation will highlight programs the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is developing to better influence land-use planning and development activities. The long-term sustainability of Florida's wildlife resources has been a cause of mounting concern for at least the last three decades. The escalating rate of land conversion to built environments has contributed to this concern in large part. The FWC has felt mounting pressure to find innovative approaches to address this concern and recently it shifted some priorities to do so. FWC has been particularly concerned with improving the effectiveness of its participation in the realm of environmental regulatory activity and land use planning. In response, the agency has begun the development of several new tools and services intended to provide more comprehensive wildlife resource-pertinent information to concerned parties including local governments, landowners and developers, early in the land use planning process.

Recommendation

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