

LOXAHATCHEE RIVER  
MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I  
NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Loxahatchee River Management Coordinating Council (hereinafter referred to as Council).

ARTICLE II  
LEGAL AUTHORITY

The legal authority for the Council is Chapter 83-358, Laws of Florida entitled "Loxahatchee River Wild and Scenic Designation and Preservation Act".

ARTICLE III  
POWERS AND DUTIES

The Council shall have the right to exercise all the express powers and duties existing under Chapter 83-358, Laws of Florida and the Loxahatchee River National Wild and Scenic River Management Plan, (Management Plan), including, to wit:

- (1) To review and make non-binding, advisory recommendations concerning applications for permits required by rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 83-358, Laws of Florida. The Council's review shall not impede the timely processing of such permits. The Council's review shall be limited to the determination of whether the proposed activity will have a substantial adverse impact on resource values in the River Area, as defined in Chapter 83-358, Laws of Florida.
- (2) To review and make non-binding, advisory recommendations concerning rules proposed to be adopted by the Department of Natural Resources (hereinafter referred to as

Department) or the South Florida Water Management District (hereinafter referred to as District) pursuant to Chapter 83-358, Laws of Florida.

- (3) To review and make non-binding, advisory recommendations concerning amendments or modifications to the Management Plan proposed to be adopted.
- (4) To propose amendments to the Management Plan.
- (5) To review and make non-binding, advisory recommendations concerning the report submitted to the Council as a result of each regular review of the Management Plan.
- (6) To advise the Department and the District on matters affecting the administration of the River Area.
- (7) To exercise any other powers and duties which may be lawfully delegated to it by the Department or the District pursuant to Chapter 83-358, Laws of Florida.

#### ARTICLE IV COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members of the Council shall be composed of one representative or alternate who shall serve in the absence of the representative from each of the following:

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Florida Department of Environmental Regulation  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission  
Florida Department of Community Affairs  
Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services  
Florida Department of State, Division of Archives, History and Records Management  
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council  
Martin County  
Palm Beach County

Town of Jupiter  
Village of Tequesta  
Jupiter Inlet District  
Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District  
South Indian River Water Control District  
Northern Palm Beach County Water Control District  
Palm Beach County Farm Bureau  
Two (2) Representatives from local environmental  
and conservation groups  
One (1) representative from local river user  
groups and organizations  
Two (2) Landowner Representatives  
One (1) At-Large Representative Appointed by the  
Florida Department of Natural Resources  
One (1) At-Large Representative Appointed by the  
South Florida Water Management District

Additional members of the Council may be appointed or removed by the Department or the District. Each alternate member may serve and vote in the absence of the respective member.

#### ARTICLE V

##### TERMS OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

Each member and alternate of the Council as identified in Article IV shall be appointed to the Council in writing by the appointing body and shall serve until duly replaced. Council members and alternates may serve consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointee(s) to serve out the unexpired term. All appointment records shall be retained as part of the Council records.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### OFFICIAL COUNCIL RECORDS

All Council minutes, records, correspondence, and other documents shall be retained in the offices of the District.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### OFFICERS

There shall be the following officers, all of whom shall be members of the Council: Chairperson, Vice



Chairperson and Secretary.

Section A. The Chairperson shall be the chief officer of the Council and shall:

- (1) Perform all duties set forth by these bylaws or incident to the office or prescribed from time to time by majority vote of those Council members in attendance at a duly-constituted meeting of the Council;
- (2) Preside at meetings of the Council; and
- (3) Appoint replacements of officers to serve out unexpired terms, chairpersons and membership of all special committees subject to majority vote of those Council members in attendance at a duly-constituted meeting of the Council.

Section B. The Vice Chairperson shall:

- (1) Perform all duties of the Chairperson during the absence or disability of the Chairperson or in the event of a vacancy in that office. When serving as Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall exercise all powers of that office; and
- (2) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by majority vote of those Council members in attendance at a duly-constituted meeting of the Council.

Section C. The Secretary shall:

- (1) Be the custodian of the records of the Council;
- (2) Prepare and maintain the official membership directory of the Council;
- (3) Prepare and disseminate the official minutes of all meetings of the Council; and
- (4) Perform such other duties as may be required by these bylaws or as may be assigned from time to time by majority vote of those

Council members in attendance at a duly-constituted meeting of the Council.

ARTICLE VIII  
ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICERS

Nominations shall be made and elections shall be held for the offices of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary at the Annual meeting. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those Council members in attendance at a duly-constituted Annual Meeting of the Council. Elected officers shall serve for a term of one year, shall assume office immediately upon their election, and may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. Officers may be removed from office for just cause by two-thirds vote of the entire Council membership in attendance at a duly-constituted meeting of the Council called for that purpose.

ARTICLE IX  
COMPENSATION

Officers and Council members shall serve without compensation.

ARTICLE X  
SUPPORT STAFF

Such professional staff as the Council may require shall be as provided in Section 5(3)(o) of Chapter 83-358, Laws of Florida.

ARTICLE XI  
VOTING

Each duly-appointed Council representative or alternate in the absence of the representative shall be entitled to one vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.

ARTICLE XII  
MEETINGS

Section A. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the

Council for the election of officers and such other business as may be properly brought before the Council. Such Annual Meeting shall be held on the last Monday in January of each year at a time and place as decided by the Council.

Section B. Regular meetings, including the annual meeting of the Council, shall be held on the last Monday of January, March, June and September of each year.

Section C. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Chairperson or by a majority vote of the Council members at a duly-constituted meeting. The time and location of the meeting shall be determined by the Chairperson.

Section D. Written notice of all Council meetings shall be given to all Council Members at least fourteen (14) days in advance as to date, time and place of said meeting.

#### ARTICLE XIII NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Public notice of all Council meetings shall be given.

#### ARTICLE XIV QUORUM

A quorum for the Annual Meeting and for any regular or special meeting shall consist of nine (9) Council representatives or alternates as identified in Article IV. At any meeting, all questions, except those concerning amendments to the Bylaws, shall be resolved by a majority vote of those Council members or alternates in attendance.

#### ARTICLE XV ATTENDANCE

All Council Members or their alternates are expected to attend all meetings of the Council. During a twelve (12) month period, in the event a Council member or their alternate is absent from two (2) regular meetings, or is more than thirty (30) minutes late for

three (3) regular meetings during a twelve (12) month period, the Secretary shall notify the council of the absenteeism. The Council may consider any extenuating circumstances which may have caused the excessive absences and may determine that extenuating circumstances existed which caused or contributed to the excessive absences or, in the alternative, the Council may determine that the member's absences were excessive. In the event the absences are determined to be excessive, the Chairperson shall so notify, in writing, the entity which appointed the member and request that the entity appoint a successor and successor alternate to serve on the Council as a representative and alternate of that entity.

#### ARTICLE XVI AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those Council members in attendance at any duly-constituted Annual, regular or special meeting of the Council. However, at least fourteen (14) days' written notice shall be given of the proposed Bylaws amendment. Amendments to the Bylaws shall become effective upon adoption.

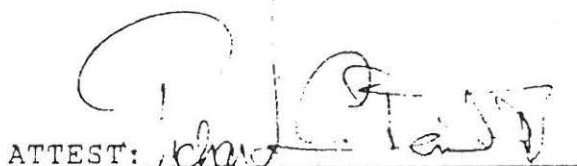
#### ARTICLE XVII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The Parliamentary Authority of the Council shall be Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition.

Adopted this 27th day of March, 1989.



(Name)  
Chairperson



ATTEST: (Name)  
Secretary