

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB ENRC 08-17 Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund
SPONSOR(S): Environment & Natural Resources Council
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
Orig. Comm.: Environment & Natural Resources Council		Bellflower	Dixon / Hamby
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

This bill amends s. 370.0603, F.S., to provide a recurring redirect of \$100,000 from the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to General Revenue. This bill also provides that this bill shall be repealed on July 1, 2013.

This bill has a positive fiscal impact of \$100,000 to General Revenue and a negative fiscal impact to the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund.

The effective date of this legislation is July 1, 2008.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

Chapters 370 and 372, F.S., provide the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) the necessary statutory authority to exercise the regulatory and executive powers of the state with respect to wild animal life and fresh water aquatic life, as well as regulatory and executive powers of the state with respect to and marine life. These chapters include all license fees for taking wild animal life, fresh water aquatic life and marine life; and the penalties for violating regulations of the commission.

Section 370.0603, F.S., establishes the purposes for which the funds in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund (MRCTF) may be used. Proceeds to be deposited into the MRCTF include commercial and recreational saltwater fishing license fees, vessel registration fees, fines, and penalties assessed for violations of saltwater fishing provisions, and fees for special saltwater permits.

Effect of Proposed Changes

This bill will annually transfer the first \$100,000 deposited into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund to General Revenue.

This bill also includes a sunset clause, which terminates the annual transfer to General Revenue on June 30, 2013. As of July 1, 2013, the statute will revert back to its language as of June 30, 2008, including any subsequent changes to the statute in future legislative sessions.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: amends s. 370.0603 to annually transfer a portion of revenues to General Revenue.

Section 2: providing an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

See Fiscal Comments.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

This bill provides an annual transfer of \$100,000 to General Revenue from the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund. It has a positive impact on General Revenue, and a negative impact on the trust fund.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because this bill does not appear to require the counties or cities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

N/A

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

N/A