

RESOLUTION NO. 91- 64

A RESOLUTION OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY RESCINDING ITS RESOLUTIONS 90-35 AND 91-56 WHICH RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF AN AQUATIC PRESERVE STATUS ALONG A PORTION OF THE EAST BANK OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WITHIN ST. JOHNS COUNTY AND WHICH REQUESTED THE DENIAL OF SUBMERGED LAND LEASES ALONG THE EASTERN SHORELINE OF THE ST. JOHN RIVER WITHIN ST. JOHNS COUNTY; REQUESTING THE CLERK TO IMMEDIATELY FORWARD COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNOR AND HIS CABINET AND TO EACH MEMBER OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, there has been very little public participation in determining the need for, or the wisdom of, the passage of St. Johns County resolutions 90-35 and 91-56 which resolutions supported the creation of an aquatic preserve status along a portion of the East bank of the St. Johns River within St. Johns County and which requested the denial of submerged land leases along the eastern shoreline of the St. Johns River within St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the area now under consideration by the Florida Cabinet for designation as an aquatic preserve includes areas not approved by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.

WHEREAS, there have been no well publicized workshops or hearings on the St. Johns County side of the St. Johns River except the one informational hearing held at Julington Creek School and attended by a group of citizens in the northwest corner of the County during the week of March 20, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the public is entitled to have more time for input into the matters effected by resolutions 90-35 and 91-56 and to learn how the implementation of those resolutions will effect their property and how their livelihoods could be effected by the designation of an aquatic preserve and the denial of submerged land leases; and

WHEREAS, there is no other aquatic preserve in Florida where one bank has been deemed unfit and the other bank is considered eligible for this designation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Natural Resources, in its assessment summary stated that the shoreline of the St. Johns River from Julington Creek to Po Po Point has many structural encroachments with many shoreline alterations and is considered as having only moderate resource value; and

WHEREAS, once this portion of the St. Johns River is declared an aquatic preserve it may remain with such status for eternity; and

WHEREAS, the aquatic preserve status is now scheduled to be heard by the Governor and Cabinet on April 9, 1991 and this will not provide enough time to inform the St. Johns County public and to receive their input so that they may be properly represented; and

WHEREAS, public comment and timing of this most important issue has been kept to a minimum and has been rather hastily pushed through the proper channels to try and avoid any opposition to same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

1. St. Johns County Resolutions 90-35 and 91-56 are hereby rescinded.
2. The Board of County Commissioners request that the Cabinet deny the creation of a Florida Aquatic Preserve status at this time on any waters abutting St. Johns County.

3. The Clerk is directed to immediately forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor and to his Cabinet and to each member of the St. Johns County, delegation to the Florida Legislature.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 1991.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: *Carroll H. World*
Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

BY: *Annette Walker*
Deputy Clerk

