

Date	Group	Name	Comment
20201217	FWC	Lieutenant Naomi Tye	FWC Division of Law Enforcement being part of the permitting agency we do not offer an opinion on something like this. Once the permit application is submitted it will be reviewed by our permitting staff and the decision will be made by them whether to approve it.
20211005	Florida Audubon Society, Inc.	Charles Lee	Overall request to increase the footprint of the proposed motorized vessel-exclusion zone/swim area. Concern that vessels will shift their presence to another part of the island, may cause more environmental damage.
20211005	Resident email	Paul Gerding	Live closest on island's north end, has been trying to establish this effort for many years, request for NWZ between island and mainland
20211016	Resident email	Lori Bradford	Requests language that prevents any vessel in SAVE, restricts recreational equipment like tents, grills, etc. in the swim area.
20211016	Resident email	Cherry Winters	Please protect Egret Island, request for more enforcement on the weekends.
20211016	Resident email	Marilyn and Larry Roofner	Long time resident living across from beach side of island, reported loud music, fires on the island, dangerous boating. Witnessed decreased birds/nesting on island. Request to include language that prohibits people from carrying chairs, coolers and grills across the swim area and onto the land.
20211018	Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board	Ijaz Ahmed (Chair), Lorraine Burch, Albert Gallof, Lloyd Woosley (Vice Chair), Catherine Allen	By a 5-0 vote: Approve: Amend Chapter 8 to establish a motorized vessel exclusion zone/swim area at Egret (Bird) Island on Lake Butler; No motorized or non-motorized vessels, including paddle boards, are allowed in the swim area; No equipment such as tents, grills, coolers or electronic audio equipment is allowed in the swim area; No pets are allowed in the swim area; No commercial activities are allowed in the swim area; Expand the swim area to include the NW corner of the island, commonly referred to as "the drop off spot"
20211019	Commissioner Wilson	Nicole Wilson	Overall concern for public safety, environmental impacts, and timeframe to accomplish goal, and supports the Audubon's recommendations, request for immediate resolution.
20211019	OCSO	Captain Bruce McMullen	OCSO overall is in support of proposed project. But has concerns that it may cause problems while solving another. Some concerns are boats being pushed out into navigable area, may increase volume of noise and music, possible increased litter in the swim area, possibility of inebriated swimmers swimming to pushed out vessels.
20211019	Stakeholder Meeting	Linda Wells	Request to add limits for visits and for noise/loud music. Anti-littering measures. 10/26/21 & 2/14/22
20211019	Stakeholder Meeting	Don Shaw	Overall concern for safety, wildlife, noise, and boat traffic. Very thankful for the County's efforts to establish the swim area.
20211019	Stakeholder Meeting	Tom Stroup	Concerned with behavior at Bird Island. Noted concerns with safety, noise, the death that occurred, diminished quality of life, social media is a big part of the problem. Very thankful for the County's efforts to establish the swim area.
20211019	Stakeholder Meeting	Liz Andert	Overall concern for safety on the lake, request to regulate speed within a certain distance of the swim area, and concern that activity will be pushed out. Request for more citations versus education, and for quicker timeframe to establish swim area.
20211019	Stakeholder Meeting	Scott	Concern of swimmers swimming in between vessels. Request for current rules to be enforced, others areas are available for wildlife to flourish
20211019	Stakeholder Meeting	Richard Radkewich	Request for clarification what's allowed in SAVE
20211019	Stakeholder Meeting	Rick Taylor	Inquired who will be responsible for any injuries/deaths due to ordinance being enacted. Wildlife is not being affected in its current state, request to enforce the current rules and noise ordinance. Requested to personally oppose idea to FWC, and for current rules to be enforced. Suggested fence be installed on the island.
20211019	Stakeholder Meeting	Julia Kirby	Request to include the entire island.
20211019	Town of Windermere, Stakeholder Meeting	Bill Martini	Request to accommodate for fluctuating water levels, supports need for area to be established
20211019	Orange Audubon, Stakeholder Meeting	Susan Thome-Barrett	Supports swim area, and protection for breeding pelicans, agrees with limiting non-motorized vehicles, coolers, and audio equipment.
20211019	Florida Audubon Society, Inc., Stakeholder Meeting	Charles Lee	Request to increase footprint of SAVE
20211019	Town of Windermere, Stakeholder Meeting	Jim OBrien	Full support but concern that the area might expand by boaters who will now anchor in other locations on the island.
20211019	Stakeholder Meeting	John Simpson (Guest 2)	Request for current rules to be enforced, and suggested installing a fence. Concern for swimmers swimming farther out, being a danger
20211024	Resident email	Barbara & Roland Reems	Heartily agree with SAVE, suggestion to ban grills, tents, chairs on the island
20220211	Resident email	Linda Wells	An anti-noise provision would be welcome. These boats play extremely loud music on their visits to Bird Island—also anti-littering measures because they leave trash on the island. Some controls would help the island and Windermere residents. linda and charley wells, 706 w 2nd ave, windermere
20220314	Resident email	James and Carol Willard	Strong support for the proposed amendment, concerns of increased use/trespass by boaters on the island, noise, trash and boating accidents, constant emergency calls to the boat ramp to deal with both boating accidents, often with injuries, obnoxious and drunken boaters who use the island as a playground and a bathroom.

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20220321	Resident email	Jason Tepes	Against the proposed changes. Boaters are respectful of the island, birds, and general area. The island is kept very clean for the amount of boats and people it sees. Never witnessed anyone attempt to go into/on the island or bother the birds in any way. Would like to know if anyone has presented any scientific data to the contrary. The proposed changes would pose new safety concerns for boaters and swimmers. Concern with with boats anchoring off shore and people swimming to the island carrying their gear, coolers, chairs, canopies, kids swimming back and forth out to boats. Recommend the following changes: 1. Enforce the current laws as it pertains to noise violations and boating laws. 2. Establish a "No Wake" zone extending out 500 Feet towards the west from bird island. 3. Increase the Keene's Point Boat Ramp fee to \$30 per trailer.
20220321	Resident email	Annamaye Clonts	Bird Island is no longer regarded as a bird sanctuary and safe haven for wildlife. It is now quite the opposite; it is an increasingly popular place for people to congregate and 'party', drinking, exceedingly loud music, littering, trespass onto a protected wildlife. Totally support the proposed ordinance, prefer an even more extensive area of restriction.
20220321	Resident email	Jason Roland	Support the idea of limited activity that occurs, but is the wrong method. Suggesting a designated boat anchor area, with a set amount of enforceable anchor spots. Currently is no limit how many boats anchor off shore and use the "Swimming" zone, this will lead to boats knocking into boats, and be worse with vessel wakes. Doesn't address littering, no enforcement on the "beach" areas, just a marked swimming area. A more flexible enforcement, such as the set anchor zone, Patrols and perhaps even fines issued by the WPD for loud music violations would be more productive
20220321	Resident email	David Baer	Need for enforcement on the weekends and holidays. The cost can be off set by have more parking at Keene's point ramp and charging the appropriate fees or annual membership. Opposed for people needing to anchor and swim to the island, may cause more accidents and potential drownings.
20220321	Resident email	Ken Baer	Please leave Bird Island alone
20220322	Resident email	Tamra Lucero	Proposed changes are dangerous and may cause someone to drown. Proposing: 1. Keep the island the way it is. 2. NWZ around the island & police enforcement 3. Signs educating boaters to not leave trash behind, or moor the vessel on the beach, or tie up to trees. 4. On the sign, list an email address where photos can emailed of the person violating rules, along with the registration #. The person will receive a warning notice from the City of Windermere & if a 2nd photo is received, they will receive a ticket.
20220322	Resident email	Dawn Molina	Would be more unsafe to make boats anchor 50 - 75 feet off the island. Boats will still do it and try to "swim" up, may cause potential accidents. Proposal is not going to stop boaters from going to the island, but if they can't patrol and enforce the rules now, how will they do it with this new proposal?
20220322	BCC WS Public Comment	Mary Oaks	Proposal does not address problem, problem is overwhelming amount of boaters and their negative behaviors. Rules not being enforced, concern for safety.
20220322	BCC WS Public Comment	Neil Kyle	Most users are law abiding, not enough law enforcement, proposal compounds problem
20220322	BCC WS Public Comment	Jeff Reining	Hazard for children, not feasible for small children. Requesting NWZ
20220322	BCC WS Public Comment	Dan Murphy	Concern for safety hazards anchoring out in deep water, suggesting permits for boat ramps and for mooring at island.
20220322	BCC WS Public Comment	Rick Taylor	Located the island, needs more enforcement, fence suggestion, enforce noise ordinance
20220322	BCC WS Public Comment	Jason Tepes	Don't punish all boaters. Proposal creates a safety hazard, enforce boating & noise laws in place, est NWZ.
20220322	BCC WS Public Comment	Gregory Self	Extisting unsafe operation. Request for NWZ at island, will cause deep anchoring, does not address safety concerns
20220322	BCC WS Public Comment	Tyler Maxwell	Seems dangerous to swim into swim area
20220322	BCC WS Public Comment	Liz Andert	Provides enforceable tool, suggested trial period of zone, TOW is supportive of proposal
20220322	BCC WS Public Comment	Charles Lee	Will promote more env & wildlife measures, request to widen area, easier to enforce
20220324	Resident	Richard Radkewich	Request for enforcement, concern for commercial use of lake resources, does not feel safe using the lake
20220328	OCSO	Captain Bruce McMullen	Request to brainstorm ideas that may be possible via county ordinance legislation that go beyond the creation of the swim area, possibility of a specific prohibition on alcohol possession and consumption in proximity to the island or language in the noise ordinance specific to the island would have more of an impact. if the boating public was prohibited from possessing alcohol and playing loud music, not as many would make the trip to the island. Viewpoint is focused from an enforcement standpoint, can be easily enforced. Lake County has a similar ordinance for the Silver Glenn areas near Lake George.

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20220328	Resident email	Gary & Rosemary Hartmann	Proposal will make it less safe for families and swimmers. Request to enforce rules, speed limits, no wake zones, noise ord,
20220328	Resident email	Marilyn and Larry Roofner	Long time resident living across from beach side of island, reported loud music, fires on the island, dangerous boating. Witnessed decreased birds/nesting on island
20220328	Resident email	Linda & Charley Wells	Rudeness, littering, recklessness and excessively loud noise coming from [especially weekend] visitors to Lake Butler require the proposed ordinance.
20220328	Resident email	Lori Bradford	Concerns over safety and health issues and negative environmental impacts (human waste, trash, fires, disruption to wildlife that nest and reside there) at Egret Island, unacceptable extreme noise levels from the boats. Swim area should be evaluated and enlarged in this area as needed to accomplish safer and less congested conditions. A no wake zone around the island should be pursued
20220329	SCG Governmental Affairs	Lane Stephens	Requesting info if proposal will affect alligator hunting by vessels
20220330	FWC Boating & Waterways	Thomas Arrington	As long as the zone is being legally established per 327.46 F.S. and is permitted, the FWC does not have any concerns.
20220331	Resident email	Thellie Roper	Support of Mr. Kirby's email statement
30220330	Resident email	Scott Kirby	Fighting that caused the island to evacuated, fireworks launched at night near nesting Ospreys, camp out overnight on the shoreline who play loud music, people selling food and drinks, garbage left on the island and in the surrounding water, boats anchored and tied up on the island, putting up beach umbrellas and hanging personal belongings on the signs that clearly state no trespassing, dozens of reckless boating incidents, loss of life. Is currently a dangerous and unruly party zone and a constant overnight campsite for large boats. Designation as OFW. A wildlife, conservation, public safety issue.
20220404	Resident phone call	Thellie Roper	Overall support of proposal, locals have been trying for years to get the area preserved, and safety increased at the island.
20220419	Resident email	Tiffany Regalado	Concern for animals on and surrounding the island, property values, quality of life for the residents, unlawful behavior, the safety of nearby children.