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County seeks committee members for manatee speed zone review

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is beginning to evaluate manatee speed zones throughout Sarasota County to assure they are in the right locations to protect manatees. The speed zones primarily are based on manatee data and the nature of the waterway.

A Local Rule Review Committee (LRRC) will represent the community to consider proposed FWC rule changes. The group will be equally balanced with manatee advocates and waterway users.

The Sarasota County Commission will discuss the Local Rule Review Committee and appoint members on May 13. The committee will have two months to review proposed rule changes and prepare a final report for the FWC.

For more information on manatee protection speed zones or to serve on the LRRC, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 861-5000 and ask for Resource Protection.

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