

## 2024 Legislation, Directives and Reports related to Biscayne Bay

### Resolutions, Motions, and Ordinances:

[Motion for Increased Funding](#) of MDPD Marine Patrol enforcement activities on Biscayne Bay and County waterways. Adopted 5/7/24. Maker: Steinberg.

Ordinance relating to Impervious Surfaces amending Chapters 24 and 33, and 8CC of County code, [241793](#), adopted 9/4/24. Co-sponsors: Cohen-Higgins, Bastien, Cabrera, Garcia, Higgins, McGhee, Regalado, Steinberg.

Resolution authorizing disbursement from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for the design of the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Restoration project, [242082](#), adopted 12/3/24. Sponsor: Cohen-Higgins.

Resolution authorizing disbursement from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for technical services to develop the Reasonable Assurance Plan; and to remove bulky Marine Debris such as Derelict Vessels from Biscayne Bay, [241964](#), adopted 12/3/24. Co-sponsors: Cohen-Higgins, Steinberg.

### Directives and Reports:

Resolution to study and make recommendations regarding Spoil Islands within Biscayne Bay, [232190](#), adopted 12/12/23. Co-sponsors: Cohen-Higgins, Cabrera, Garcia, Steinberg.

Report, [242025](#) accepted 11/20/24

Resolution to conduct an enforcement action regarding Unlawful Activities of Jet Ski Rental Businesses on Biscayne Bay, [232462](#), adopted 12/12/23. Co-sponsors: Cohen-Higgins, Cabrera, Steinberg.

Report, [240897](#) accepted 5/8/24

Resolution to provide a report regarding Actions the County is taking to address Water Quality Issues in County Waterways, [232132](#), adopted 12/12/23. Co-sponsors: Steinberg, Garcia.

Report pending

Resolution to conduct a study regarding year-round Boating Restrictions on Biscayne Bay, [240464](#), adopted 4/2/24. Co-sponsors: Steinberg, Cabrera, Garcia.

Report, [241454](#) accepted 9/4/24

Resolution to study 45-day Anchor Limitation Areas on Biscayne Bay for requesting Municipalities, [240822](#), adopted 5/21/24. Co-sponsors: Steinberg, Garcia.

Report pending

Transmittal of BBWMAB Annual Report, [240895](#), accepted 6/4/24.

Resolution to provide a report regarding the Application and Enforcement of Business Tax and Certificate of Use Regulations to marine businesses operating on county waters, [241455](#), adopted 10/1/24. Sponsor: Steinberg

Report pending

Resolution to make recommendations related to areas in Biscayne Bay where Anchoring of Vessels may be most appropriate and Related to Future Mooring Fields, and provide a report, [241837](#), adopted 10/1/24. Co-sponsors: Garcia, Cabrera, Cohen-Higgins, Steinberg

Report pending

Resolution to conduct a feasibility study and provide a report regarding the County's establishment of a Mobile Pump out Vessel Service and, to assess whether the County should adopt Proof-of-Pump out regulations or pursue designation of Biscayne Bay as a No-Discharge Zone, [241767](#), adopted 12/03/24. Co-sponsors: Cabrera, Steinberg

Legislative Urgings:

Urging the Florida Legislature to align the penalties imposed on vessel operators who flee the scene of an accident with those applicable to vehicular drivers, [240947](#), adopted 5/21/24. Sponsor: Regalado.

Urging the Florida Legislature to adopt legislation amending boating safety laws to promote safety, prevent accidents, and ensure that violators are brought to justice, [241598](#), adopted 9/17/24. Co-sponsors: Cohen-Higgins, Bermudez, Cabrera, Garcia, Higgins.