

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Discussion and recommendation on TDC position on Offshore Drilling Issue

OBJECTIVE: Determine a position on the issue of drilling for oil and natural offshore of the Gulf coast of Florida

CONSIDERATIONS: Discussions in both houses of Congress has been taking place over the past few months. Visit Florida has taken the position that they support the position that Florida's Governor Bush takes on the issue. There are strong feelings among other Florida destinations along the Gulf Coast and some are opposing drilling rigs within visual distances off shore.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff requests the TDC discuss the offshore drilling issue and give staff direction as to an official position.

COUNTY ATTORNEY FINDING: N/A

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