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Hi Gail,

Please send the following e-mail and two attachments to the LRRC.

Thank you so much!

Per my request, Wiggins Pass will be one of the items up for discussion at this Friday's LRRC meeting (April 29th). After researching the area, my findings are below, and supported by photographs shown in the attachments.

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Wiggins Pass and inshore of Wiggins Pass

In the FWC materials notebook we were given on March 25th, information concerning N2 states "There is a shore-to-shore Slow Speed zone on the lower section of the river (to the west) and the inshore portion of Wiggins Pass." The Overlay Wiggins Pass Map 2 we received last week, shows slow speed at Wiggins Pass and immediately inside the pass, and then it shows an area labelled ISNW Locally Permitted.

Neither of the above documents are supported by actual signage. In actuality, signs indicate speed zones are different depending on direction travelled. (See attachment 1 of actual signage and sign position). Directional Speeds: West (from Pass) to East: SSMW, East to West (To Pass): ISNW, North to South: SSMW, South to North: ISNW.

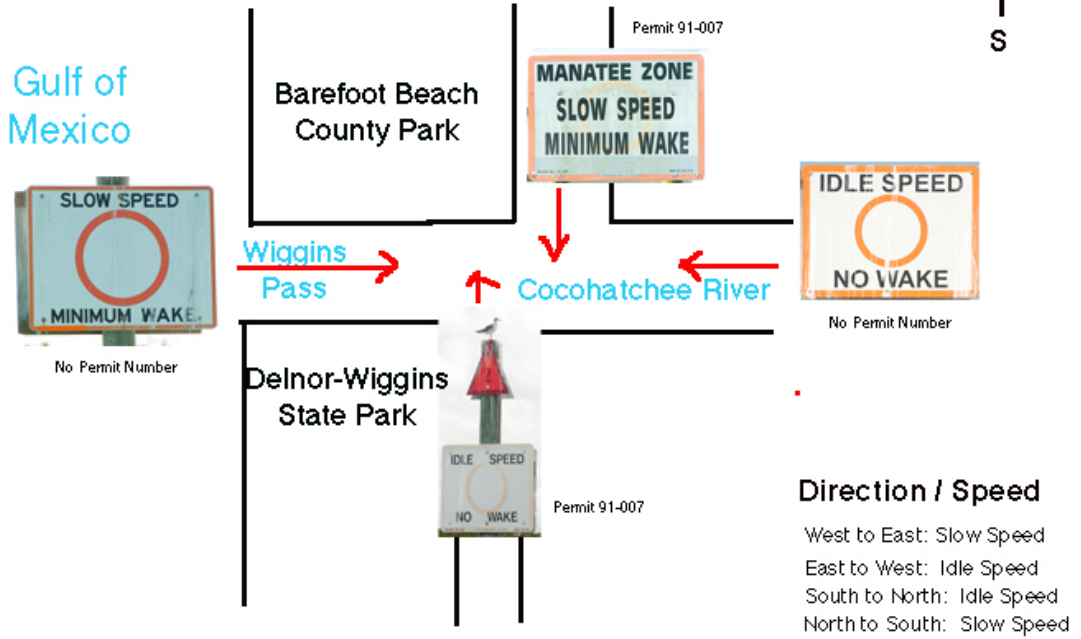
Why I have identified Wiggins Pass and Inshore of Wiggins Pass for potential speed zone change:

- a. The change will eliminate speed zone contradiction.
- b. Wiggins Pass and inshore portions of Wiggins Pass are constricted and shallow. Shoaling is constantly changing the position of the channel. Attachment 2 shows the position on April 17, 2016 of seven actual shoaling and shallow water markers.
- c. Wiggins Pass is bordered by Barefoot Beach County Park to the North and Delnor-Wiggins State Park to the South. Barefoot Beach permits boat mooring, Delnor-Wiggins State Park permits tourist companies to use the beach as a drop-off point for beach walkers,
- d. Wiggins Pass is the most-used pass in North Naples, and inshore of Wiggins Pass is the most-used water intersection in North Naples. The Pass is the only entry and exit point for manatees and boats to and from the Cocohatchee River to the Gulf. Figure 12 p. 35 shows "All Boats" Manatee Spatial Overlap All months at 7x mean.
- e. This area has extremely high potential for manatee-boat collisions.

Option to be considered:

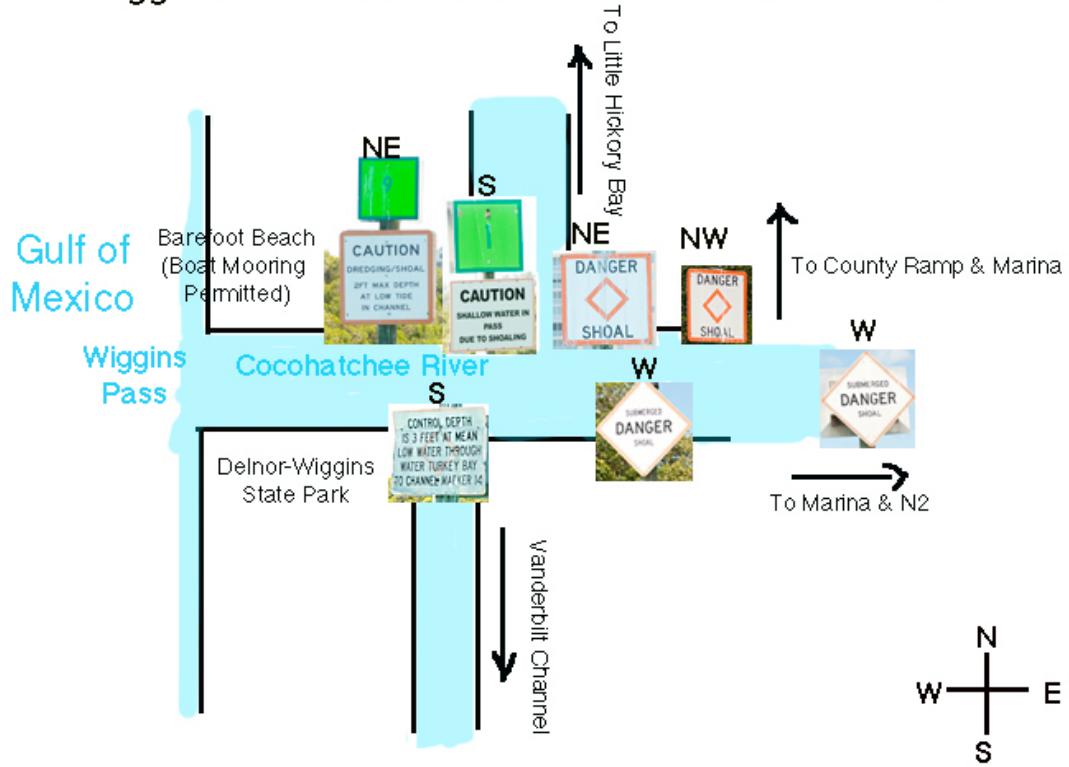
Make the area from Wiggins Pass to the inshore portion of Wiggins Pass, including the four-way intersection of the Cocohatchee River an ISNW Manatee Protection area. This would remove the signage contradiction and reduce the potential for boat/manatee collisions.

Wiggins Pass Intersection with Cocohatchee River



These are the only signs indicating speed in the Wiggins Pass intersection with the Cocohatchee River.
These are photographs of the actual signs. Photos were taken on 4/17/16 by S. Snyder

Wiggins Pass Intersection with Cocohatchee River



These are signs indicating shoaling in the Wiggins Pass intersection with the Cocohatchee River. These are photographs of the actual signs. Photos were taken on 4/17/16 by S. Snyder