

Collier County Local Rule Review Committee

Minority Opinion

Wiggins Pass

5/17/16

Wiggins Pass is a shallow, narrow, and treacherous inlet for Mariners. Currents are extreme on the incoming and outgoing tide, and boaters are required by law to do what is needed to keep control of their vessels.

Posting Wiggins Pass as an "Idle Speed" zone will confuse operators, and will cause problems with boaters and manatees. Those who try to comply with this designation will have trouble maintaining their position in the channel, presenting a hazard to both man and animal.

Mortality data does not suggest that changes in this area are necessary.

Being that the Pass was included with other proposed zone modifications in the area, I suggest that this entire area be left as is - with current errant markers repaired or replaced as needed to notify boaters of current regulations.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Kalvin
Chairman