

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 432

Artificial Reefs/Placement of Vessels by Senator Bennett

Authorizes the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to plan, establish, and administer the Florida Ships-2-Reefs Program, a statewide matching grant program, for the securing and placing of United States Maritime Administration and United States Navy decommissioned vessels in state or federal waters seaward of the state to serve as artificial reefs. Provides that the FWC is authorized to make expenditures and enter into contracts with local governments and nonprofit corporations for such purposes and shall have final approval of grants awarded under the program. (See bill for details)