



## CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
620 South Meridian Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

RE: Application for vessel-exclusion zone

Dear Commissioners:

Please consider this letter as an application for the City of Belle Isle to establish a vessel-exclusion zone on the Conway Chain of Lakes for the purpose of establishing a [canoe](#) trail and other vessels under oars (kayak, rowboats, paddleboards, and small sailboats, etc.) under Florida Statute 327.46(c)3.

The Canoe Trail was approved on the City's Comprehensive Plan since the Plan was adopted in 1990. Attached to this application is an excerpt from the 1990 Comprehensive Plan. The trail has been included in all updates to the Comprehensive Plan in 1990.

The City is required to review and update its Comprehensive Plan every seven year in accordance with Florida Statute 163.3191. The City's next review and update will be in 2023. The City Council anticipates that it will amend the Plan to include an extension of the Canoe Trail to the north lobes of Lake Conway. Therefore in addition to establishing a vessel-exclusion zone on the center and south lakes as shown in the attached plan, the City would also request approval of a similar vessel-exclusion zone on the north lobes in anticipation of amending the Comprehensive Plan in 2023.

The City will comply with all of the requirements for identifying and marking the vessel-exclusion zones. If additional information is needed, please have the FWC representative contact me directly. I would also request that the City be contacted when this will appear in the Commission's agenda. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Fouraker  
Mayor