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It is requested that you complete this form and return it to the receptionist prior to the beginning of the Citizens' Comments portion of the agenda.

Name: Clare R. Brown
Address: P.O. Box 1440 Ocala, FL
Phone:(Home) 0 (Work) _____

Brief description of problem or concern:

I expect in local govt -
or lack thereof.

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Name: Karen Ciemniecki
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Brief description of problem or concern:

Bradley River Survey Updates
Riverview Annexation - permits

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MANATEE COUNTY

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January 18, 2001

Ms. Claire Brown
P. O. Box 1440
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RE: *Manatee County v. Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, et al.*
Case No. 1999-CA-1981; parcels 16 and 16-SE (Brown)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please find enclosed a proposed Stipulated Final Judgment in the above case. Subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners, the settlement amount of \$12,000.00 has been increased to \$13,000.00 as a result of your concern that compensation for the fence was not adequately addressed in the settlement amount. Additionally, the Stipulated Final Judgment requires Manatee County to construct two driveway connections at the location of your existing driveways.

At the Commission meeting, you expressed reservations about language in the Stipulated Final Judgment concerning settlement of any and all claims. That language has now been revised to include the phrase "... arising from the acquisition of Parcels 16 and 16SE."

If you are desirous of accepting the County's offer, please review and sign where indicated. Once I receive the executed document, I will submit the proposed settlement to the Board for consideration. If accepted by the Board, I will sign the Stipulated Final Judgment and submit the original to the Court and you will receive a copy. Based on the language in the Stipulated Final Judgment, a check for \$7,400.00 will be sent to you within thirty (30) days of the Court's entry of the Final Judgment.



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Ms. Claire Brown
January 18, 2001
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I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Rosen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent.

Michael H. Rosen
Assistant County Attorney

MHR/kc
Enclosure

cc: Board of County Commissioners
Ernie Padgett, County Administrator
Jim Staples, Manager, Land Acquisition, Transportation Department
James A. Minix, Senior Assistant County Attorney

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MANATEE COUNTY, a political	:	
subdivision of the State of Florida,	:	
	:	
Petitioner,	:	
	:	Case No. 1999-CA-1981
v.	:	
	:	EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDING
SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX	:	
CHURCH OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX	:	
COMMUNITY OF MANASOTA, INC., et al.,	:	Parcels 16 and 16-SE
	:	
Defendants.	:	
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**STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO
DEFENDANT CLAIRE R. BROWN**

THIS CAUSE having come on upon joint motion for the entry of a Final Judgment made by the Petitioner and the Defendant set forth hereinbelow, and it appearing to the Court that the parties were authorized to enter into such stipulation and the Court finding that the compensation to be paid by the Petitioner is full, just and reasonable, and the Court being fully advised in the premises, it is therefore,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED

PART I

That the Defendant CLAIRE R. BROWN, shall have and recover of and from the Petitioner the aggregate sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,000.00) in full payment for Parcels 16 and 16-SE, including the land and improvements taken, and for damages resulting to the remainder, if less than the entire property was taken, and

for all other claims or damages of any nature arising from the acquisition of Parcels 16 and 16-SE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by virtue of the Defendant's previous receipt of the sum of FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$5,600.00), Final Judgment is hereby entered for the difference of SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,400.00), for which let execution issue.

PART II

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner shall construct two (2) driveway connections to Lockwood Ridge Road on the parent tract of Parcels 16 and 16SE at the location of the existing driveways. The driveway connections will be approximately twelve (12) feet wide. Defendant CLAIRE R. BROWN grants to Petitioner a right of entry on the remainder property in order to make the driveway connections. Petitioner reserves the right to close said driveways for a documented safety reason. ^{27th Year 11} The centerline for the driveway connections will be approximately at Stations 248 + 10 and 250. The driveway connections do not confer or diminish any rights the Defendant had prior to the Petitioner's acquisition.

PART III

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that title to the following described property in Exhibit "A" attached hereto which vested in Petitioner pursuant to the Order of Taking entered by the Court on July 6, 1999, and deposit of money previously made, it is approved, ratified and confirmed.

PART IV

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner's satisfaction of this Judgment shall be by way of a check in the amount of \$7,400.00 made payable to CLAIRE R. BROWN, P. O. Box 1440, Oneco, Florida, and delivered to CLAIRE R. BROWN within ~~thirty (30) days of entry of this Stipulated Final Judgment.~~ *?? over due payment already!*

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at the Manatee County Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 2001.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

MOTION

The parties, by and through the undersigned, respectfully move for entry of the foregoing Stipulated Final Judgment.

Michael H. Rosen, Esquire
Assistant County Attorney
Manatee County Attorney's Office
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Bradenton, Florida 34206
(941) 745-3750
Florida Bar No. 710393
Attorney for Manatee County

Claire R. Brown, pro se
P. O. Box 1440
Oneco, Florida 34264

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

cc: Michael H. Rosen, Esquire
Claire R. Brown

January 23, 2001

Manatee County Board of Commissioners Meeting

Citizens Comments

Last week was my 8th time to speak to this Board relative to Eminent Domain Case 1999 CA 1981 and the extension of Lockwood Ridge Road northward across my property.

I thought that I made myself perfectly clear that I accepted the County's offer of \$ 12,000 for parcels 16 & 16 SE and that I await payment of the \$ 6400 still due me. Mr. Rosen was at that meeting and I expected him to put my request on this week's agenda.

I also thought that I made it perfectly clear that I will sign no disclaimers relative to suing anyone that I see fit relative to this or any other matter.

I am again providing each member of this Board copies of Mr. Rosen's January 18th letter and 2nd packet of garbage that he again calls "Stipulated Final Judgment as to Defendant Claire R. Brown!" Once again I have to sign this before this Board will consider paying me for land which has already been taken. And once again there is the disclaimer regarding "all other claims or damages of any nature arising from the acquisition of parcels 16 and 16 SE". This time Mr. Rosen added \$ 1000.00 as compensation for my fence that was torn down.

I again accept the County's offer of \$12,000 for my land and the additional \$1000.00 for my fence, making the total due me now \$ 7400, and fully expect my driveways to be put in at county expense and to their original widths so I continue to have access to the remainder of my property.

And I again reserve my right to sue for damages relative to the destruction of my trees and land; for illegally grading my private road while trying to legally steal it; for failure to remove a 30 inch water main relative to the abrogation of the utility easement that allowed it to be on my property; and for being dragged into the fraudulent farce known as Eminent Domain Case 1999 CA 1981.

Mr. Rosen does not get it. When can I expect my payment?

Claire R. Brown

Claire R. Brown.

Braden River Survey Results

Updated as of 1/15/01

The final survey results include information from 100 surveys.

This is an informal survey of citizens who live along the Braden River. It is being conducted by local citizens and the Manatee Sarasota Chapter of the Sierra Club to help in gathering information about patterns of use and the physical condition of the Braden River.

The survey is a rare opportunity for citizens to voice their opinion on the general status of the Braden River, and to present ideas for improved stewardship of the river.

It is hoped that the results of this survey will assist in providing direction for county staff and elected officials in formulating policy for caring for the river and promoting appropriate recreational use and enjoyment of the river.

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Do you live along the Braden River or one of its tributaries?

Yes 96

No 4

How long have you lived there?

The answers ranged from:

6 mo., 9 mo., 10 mo.,

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 50 years

Why did you move there?

To be on the river 37

For fishing 12

Born there 2

Close to family 4

Business 1

Waterfront location 2

Country atmosphere 6

Location 4

Love the area 4

Beauty 26

Wildlife 4

Peaceful 1

Boating 7

Neighborhood 2

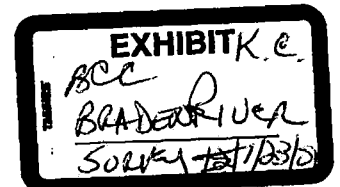
Retirement 6

View 6

Climate 2

Less congested 1

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Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years?

yes 72

no 18

DK 3

NR 4

no to boat, yes to jet skis 3

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways?

harmful 65

neither 3

helpful 5

minor 2

no harm 2

no problem 1

no 6

people are safe 1

no change 1

canoes and kayaks are fine 2

NR 11

less tranquil 1

COMMENTS:

*prop damage to manatees & grass beds at low tide

*lots of waves & bank erosion

*oil on water & washouts along the bank

*erosion and pollution

*wakes from speeding boats and noise from airboats

*harmful to manatees and noisy-we enjoy fishing

*people are safe that I know. It up grades the community

*traffic is extremely dangerous and destructive-no wake zone and courtesy rules are ignored-no regard for manatees or other boaters

*very little traffic-question could have been worded better

*harmful-kills manatees,causes erosion,noise pollution,disturbs wildlife

*most traffic is helpful-some traffic is unmindful of the environment-trash

*harmful-noisy-trash

*canoes and kayaks are fine

*personal watercraft are intrusive-fast prop. craft are dangerous

*the boat wakes cause damage to our boat and dock

*harmful-speed mostly

*haven't noticed much change over the years

*erosion and noise pollution

*no problem with small boats-personal water craft & speeding boats disrupt wildlife

*small fishing boats are not as noisy and not as harmful to manatees and other inhabitants of the river

*minor

*the increased boat traffic is tearing my banks down-noise from air boats

*boats go too fast

*it is nice to see citizens enjoying the river unencumbered

*no problem

*could be harmful to manatees

*don't often have speedboats going by, but I don't like them-canoes & rowboats are fine

*the air boats are noisy and frightening for both humans & wildlife

*manatees are thick in summertime,boaters go way too fast-jet skis go 50 mph around blind curves-crabbers think they own the water-boaters that don't know the river run aground.

- *the personal watercraft are annoying because they continually go back and forth
- *very harmful-wave runners think that this is their own Daytona 500-boaters also-crabbers clean out the crabs-netters the fish-boaters the manatees
- *too many fast boats-have many manatees
- *jet boats are bothersome
- *airboats nuisance
- *airboats, speedboats, & jetskis are unpleasant-harm the environment & are dangerous for wildlife
- *not too much harm here
- *harmful-speed and noise-frightens and physically hurts wildlife
- *noise and trash
- *destructive to both land & river life-manatees especially
- *too many fast boats
- *helpful-don't object to boat traffic
- *harmful by boats speeding by
- *bank erosion-strandings due to shallowness-upsetting wildlife
- *harmful-speeding boats are a danger to manatees
- *rubbish, bottles, oil, fishing lines in river
- *helpful-we enjoy seeing the boats pass by-question the ? night boat traffic
- *helpful-enjoy boat traffic on the river
- *due to the Braden River being a very popular place for manatees & the river being so narrow & shallow-I'd say the *boat traffic is harmful
- *I have found dead manatees, many prop marks in the shallow area, and much more erosion
- *harmful to the manatees
- *harmful-erosion and wear and tear on our dock
- *increased trash & noise-more boats getting stuck in shallow areas
- *too large "go-fast boats" acting crazy going toward private docks, jet skis hot doggin-danger to manatees-homes have banks eroding-wildlife & fish leaving area
- *jet skis most harm, oil & gas mixture pumped directly into river,polluting the water-large boat causing large wakes erode the banks
- *no opinion either way-many boaters do not operate in safe & lawful use of their crafts
- *The current boaters appear to be more responsible...waterskiers were the most harmful.
- *The river is used by outsiders, on 12/13/00 noticed boat with men netting fish and keeping every size of fish. I told them that's illegal, response "who are you."
- *wave runners-very loud & disruptive, especially if you are trying to fish.
- *noise is a terrible nuisance. When ski-doods/boats race, we are unable to carry on a normal conversation on our lanai. This is also a serious threat to the manatees, dolphins, & waterfowl.
- *It is less tranquil, but other boaters should be able to enjoy the river.

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river?

yes 81
no 19

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?

airboats 61	construction 1
jet skis 57	low flying helicopters 1
fast boats 15	none 5
no noise 2	Don't object to airboats because there aren't many 1
aircraft 1	pleasure boaters 2
large boats 2	racing boats 1
NR 12	boat traffic, but it's not a nuisance 1

Do you find boat wakes to be causing erosion along the river?

yes 64

no 29

It's a concern, but it's not near my property 4

NR 3

Is this a concern of yours?

yes 61

no 16

no due to mangroves 5

NR 18

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

seawall damage 7

shoreline 40

trees dying 17

silt from Johnson Creek 1

None 15

erosion worse 1

increase silt or murky water 2

flooding 1

NR 25

Comments:

*The undercut along Horseshoe Cove is a foot or more than in the past few years, Some spots have to be fronted with walls to slow progress.

*undercut banks

*pine trees are being undermined & falling into the river

*loss of property-seawall caved in-new seawall is already showing signs of age after only 1 year

*banks eroding, becoming undercut-large trees dying

*none in our area

*due to erosion we have had to add extra feet to our boat dock

*there has always been boats on the river, erosion comes from developers cutting away brush from the bank lines that hold up the bank

*the river banks along Horseshoe Cove RV Resort

*It would be a concern, though we have not seen any erosion near us

*dead trees, loss of land,bank eroding into water, erosion behind seawall, through cracks

*my banks are being washed down

*no, we are protected by mangroves

* I haven't noticed but it's inevitable

*I have just spent \$25,000 for a new seawall and it's cracking already. I have confronted several people and all I get is the finger!

*backyard on canal eroded 10 inches in 6 mos.-just spent \$5,000 to correct the problem

*I had serious erosion until we installed rip-rap

Our seawall (built in the 70's) has many holes behind it. It's washing away. We see too many bare roots of river's edge trees that probably won't last much longer.

*none-mangroves shield our shoreline fully

*We own 1/2 mile of riverfront & more trees have been uprooted, others undermined-damage to sea wall.

*none-lots of mangroves

*soil, lawn, sliding into water-we had to put up a seawall, but bank is still eroding

- *We have mangroves & salt marsh grass along the river's edge
- *We have lost almost 20 ft. of front yard to erosion. Mostly due to fast, large boats & water skiers. Fisherman are great river people.
- *lost about 3 feet
- *impact to large trees are now exposed, loss portion of fence- I planted my shoreline w/ mangroves after I lost several feet to erosion.
- * We are losing beach.
- *We lost 4 ft. of land, had to build a wall.
- *loss of land and plant life-causes shallow areas to be silted in
- *bank is eroding, river getting closer to house
- *my backyard is disappearing
- *no wake zone signs should be posted & enforced
- *our lot and neighbors' lot were eroding, and we had rip/rap put in which solved our problem.

Do you go boating on the Braden River?

yes 66
no 31
NR 3

What kind of boat do you use?

canoe 17	small boat	3	17 ft.	3
kayak 4	outboard	3	18 ft.	5
rowboat 2	12 ft.	1	19 ft.	2
airboat 1	14 ft.	4	22 ft.	1
pontoon 12	15 ft.	4	25 ft.	1
Carolina skiff 7	16 ft.	8	26 ft.	1
inboard 1	None	7	NR	24

Do you operate a personal watercraft?

yes 8 **Not sure if all participants understand what a personal watercraft is.**
no 79
NR 13

Do you fish on the Braden River?

yes 57
no 34
NR 9

What types of fish do you catch?

snook 31	sheephead	12	triple tail	1
reds 24	stingray	3	snapper	7
jacks 11	trout	8	flounder	3
catfish 28	bass	1	drum	5
tarpon 2	sand perch	4	ladyfish	2
mullet 13	gar	2	NR	41

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River?

increase 7
 decrease 33
 about the same 7
 yes 5
 no 8
 DK 12
 NR 28

***Mote Marine has released snook into the river in the past.**

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Past two years?

yes 76
 no 22
 NR 2

Is so, how many times?

once 16
 twice 8
 2-3 2
 3-4 8
 5-6 10
 6-8 1
 10 1
 several 9
 many times 7
 dozens 5
 14 at one time 1
 fewer than before 1
 one a week 1
 NR 30

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there?

yes 36
 no 60
 DK 1
 injured manatee 1
 NR 3

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

birds-osprey, eagles, ibus, woodstork, kingfisher, owls, hawks, spoonbills, herons, pelicans, gulls, egrets, anhingas, cardinals, vultures, cormorants, loon ducks, sand hill cranes

gators, dolphins, porpoises, turtles, sting rays, bob cats, snakes, fox, crabs, raccoons, pigs, otters

*** many people reported they see less wildlife, especially otters.**

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River?

yes 79
 no 11
 35 mph 1
 reasonable, but not feasible 2
 comments, but no yes or no response 2
 NR 5

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

yes 87
 no 4
 no way to do it 3
 if you do it here, you will have to do it everywhere 1
 NR 5

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

no wake	20	5 to 15 mph	3
NR	16		
no wakes in certain areas	4	10 mph	8
none	1	15 mph	4
slow	5	15 to 20 mph	5
not sure	11	20 mph	8
slower speeds on inlets	1	below 25	1
non motorized boats only	1	below 30	2
same as under Cortez Bridge	1	above 30	6
get boat on plane, then idle speed	1	depends on the size of boat	1
necessary to increase speed to get on plane	1		

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

speeding 27
 jet skis 40
 airboats 23
 water skiing 17
 net fishing 4
 reckless operation 4
 large boats 4
 boats racing 2
 boats running aground 1
 anything making a wake 1
 sailing 1
 parties on the river 1
 barge traffic 1
 under-age drivers 1
 commercial crabbers 1
 anything that endangers humans or wildlife 1

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river? (Continued from P. 7)

shooting fish 1
 none 1
 drinking and driving 1
 NR 9

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

yes 64
 no 29
 same 1
 NR 6

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

less grasses 2	decrease mullet 1
unattended crab traps 2	tree removal 1
more people using the river 3	growth of oyster beds 1
bigger boats 1	erosion 2
bigger docks 1	floating debris 2
less wildlife/fish 10	sand bar movement 1
poor water quality 8	inappro. use of island 1
run-off 3	pollution from county park 1
oil/tar run-off 3	none 12
dirt road run-off 2	increased commerical crabbing 1
too much development 6	NR 36
increased jet ski traffic 2	

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition now than when you moved there?

better 4
 worse 64
 about the same 18
 same, except for wildlife 2
 same, except for erosion 1
 DK 3
 NR 7
 worse in some , better in other areas 1
 it's still beautiful 1

The comments made by residents were over-whelming. Listed below are comments, concerns, and observations. Many people listed one comment for all three questions so it was difficult to break this section down.

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

● undecided 2

NR 8

enforce current regulations

designate no wake zones and slow speed zones

stop removal of trees

check on complaints

control boats

remove silted in areas

need a storm water run-off survey

lights at county park too bright

ban jet skis

signage

reduce speeding keep politics off the river

mark channel

protect manatees

no new pollution

nothing, we have a good state regulator

no new development

establish blueways trails

island preservation

give citations

● leave it alone

watch for drinking and driving fine crabbers for under-size crabs

dredge sandbars

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in protecting the Braden River now and for future generations?

NR 13

keep it clean

no more docks

uniform requirements for dock height & length

leave it alone

regulate boat speeds patrol river enforce existing regulations

stop building on river

no development on islands

monitor water quality

more citizen impute

protect area along the banks

enforce buffers

control new construction

signage

stop commercial fishing and crabbing

● keep normal boat speeds

protect wildlife

keep politics off the river

eliminate septic tanks on the river

control run-off

no bridge at 44th Ave. East

limit boat size
 county buy property along the river
 manatee signs
 education
 set aside preserves
 refuge for fish and wildlife needed sound barrier along St. RD. 70 bridge
 ban or restrict jet skis
 ban or restrict airboats
 reduce under-age drivers on the river more natural vegetation needed
 protect grass beds
 designate main boating area & canoe, kayak areas
 provide mangroves & grasses & educate residents how to replant banks
 do not ban boats, but ban jet skis & require airboats to travel slowly

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

*I think the county should buy property so the building should be limited not only because of more and more docks & boats, but lawn materials & chemicals are going in the river. The river use to be a quiet place with wilderness and now the scenery is pool cages and roofs.

*Some of the islands near me are owned by Mote Marine. Are they helping to protect them from dev.?

*We must protect what little wildlife is left. There is less space. Slow down building along the river.

*We live in an area frequented by manatees. Boats travel at high speeds here. There was a sign, but it has fallen down & no one seems willing to take responsibility to replace it.

*The Braden River should be available for fishing boats, but not high speeds noisy craft.

*The Braden River is a beautiful place and I see no changes in it since I've been here. Boating is one of the options we have in creating an up scale living. I pay more taxes on the river and I'm here because I love boating in FL

*We hung manatee zone signs that have little or no effect on ignorant boats & water crafts.

*More fertilizers & pesticides are going into the river because it is necessary to use more to keep down weeds in lawn...

*Many commented on preserving islands

*Braden River is an area that sets Manatee County apart..It provides a necessary refuge for wildlife.Preserving this precious resource will help Manatee County maintain it...as a desirable place to live

*The Braden River is one of FL's treasures!It is habitat for an extremely wide variety of wildlife... If we don't preserve it, we don't deserve it!

*Who does regulate boat traffic. We have not seen Marine Patrol or Sheriff's boats patrolling the river? The Braden River is extremely narrow in parts...Limit docks along the river is a must.

*90% of garbage comes from the creek behind the Site Station on 45th St and dumps behind Horseshoe Cove. When summer rains begin the creek flows a lot of water... When this happens, it looks like the County Dump-unbelievable-I have pictures.

*PWC & Air boats should be banned. It's a pity that a few noisy, speeding crafts are allowed to disrupt the beauty & tranquility of the river for dozen... of citizens and wildlife.

*We are at a crucial time for developing county policy regarding the river. With all the increase in pop. & boating, something needs to be done now, before damage to the river system becomes worse.

*The river is here for our enjoyment. With good stewardship, it will continue as it has for the past 200 yrs. with human occupation. Your help is not needed.

*The Braden River is so shallow that large boats are not using it. The smaller boats are the only ones that can operate in it, so I do not think more restrictions are necessary for rec. boaters.

*Could a litter patrol be initiated... once a month? Perhaps schools could teach units on why the river is important...

***I hope the county does not create the blueways trails and that the dev. that occurs has the least impact visually.**

***If we are to help protect the river, we must have a no-nonsense law enforcement everyday, until people know how to respect the river..I have seen little kids no older than 6 or 7 driving 20 ft. boats w/o life jackets and no adult present. Maybe we should let them drive on our roads, too.**

***Is Mote Marine involved in monitoring the river?**

List wildlife numbers and signs against dumping grass clippings and trimmings-are bad for river. * Manatee County won't do a thing, they do not care.Nothing in it for them as they don't live out here.**

***water pollution is worst thing about fishing**

***We have always eaten the fish from the river, should we stop?**

***Post signs at boat ramp at SR 64, limit size or draft of boats using upstream portion of river.**

***This river is only about 4 miles from mouth to spillway. It is a short, mostly narrow river with many obstacles. I'm surprised no one has been hurt yet.**

***Shallow draft boats.. should be permitted at no wake speeds.**

***I think it is important to educate people, esp. fishermen, that the Estuarine areas of the river are crucial to the amount of fish that the river will produce.**

***We need manatee signage, need to monitor boat ramp access, inform waterfront residents, & enforce laws**

***Why are blue crab traps allowed all year long? Research should be done in regard if crab traps could be limited...Crabs are an important part of the food chain...**

***Why doesn't the Marine Patrol officers answer our calls? Signs, etc. from Sheriff's office. I've called 5 times to no avail.**

***Why are we the "forgotten" homeowners? example: boats with big inboards-60 mph fast-doing hot doggin & sharp turns at a deadend & splashing big waves in homeowners' yards-going way too fast.**

***regulate jet skies. The Manatee River is vast & wide enabling individuals to jet ski & ski with less impact on the environment.**

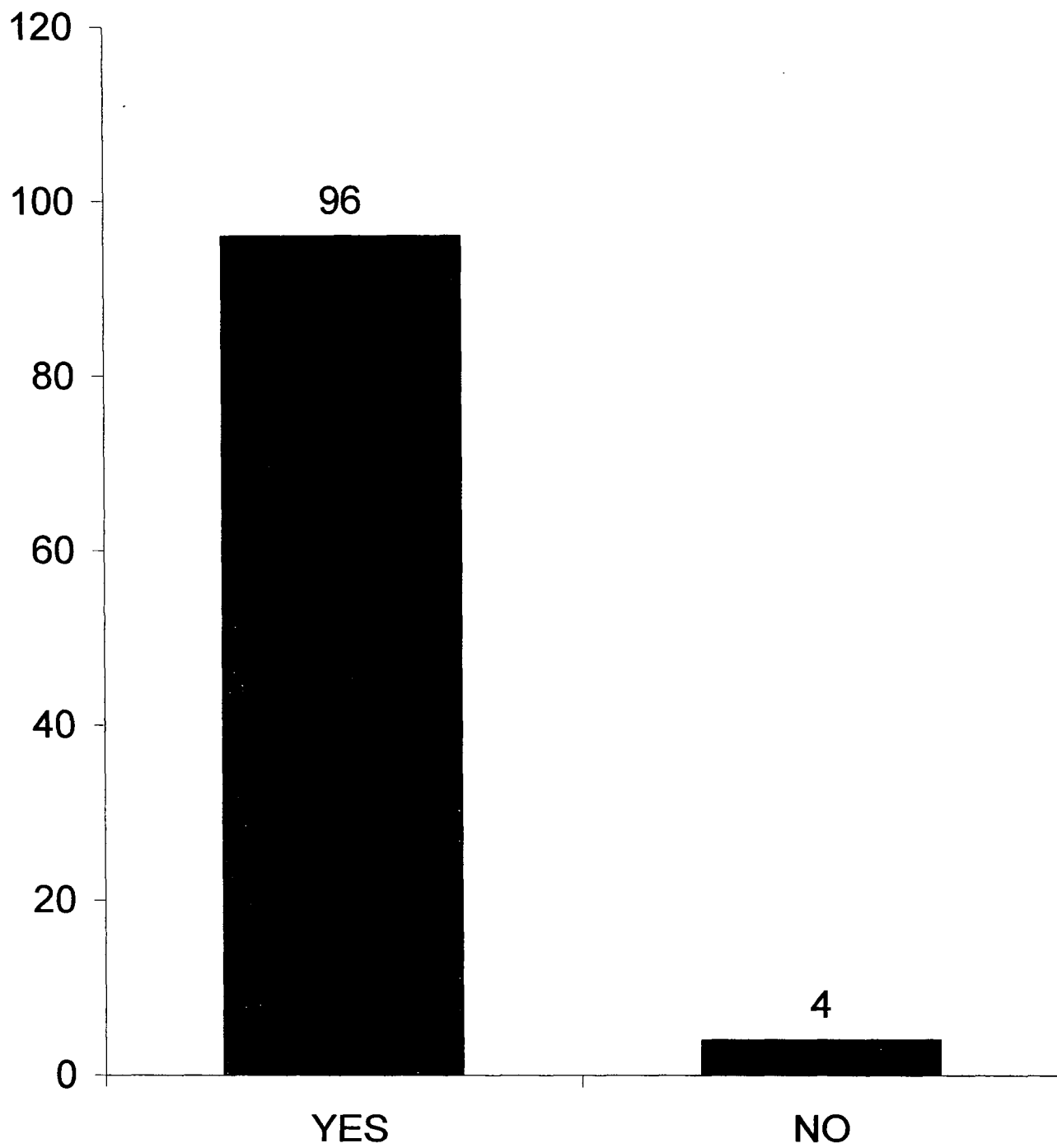
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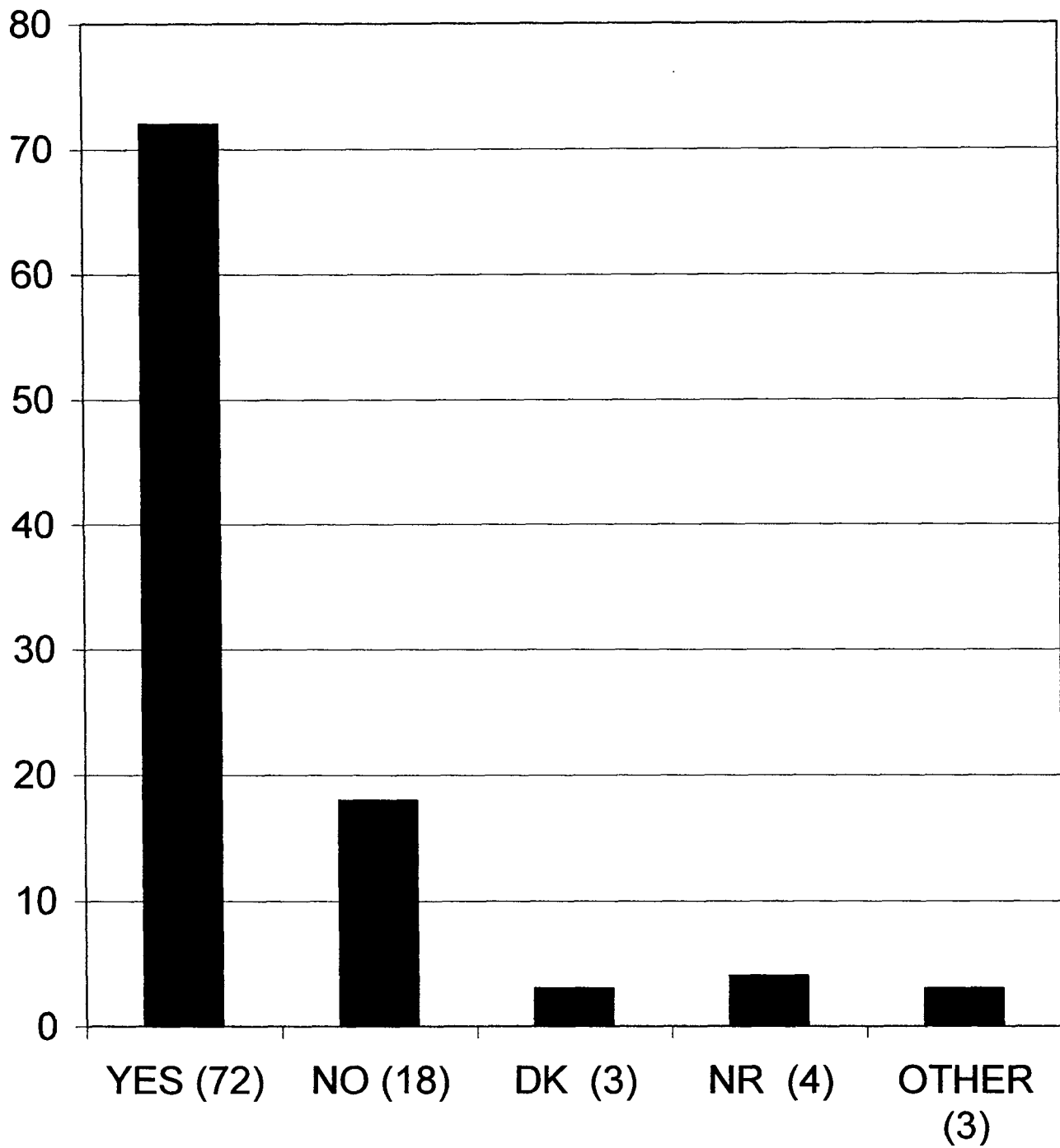
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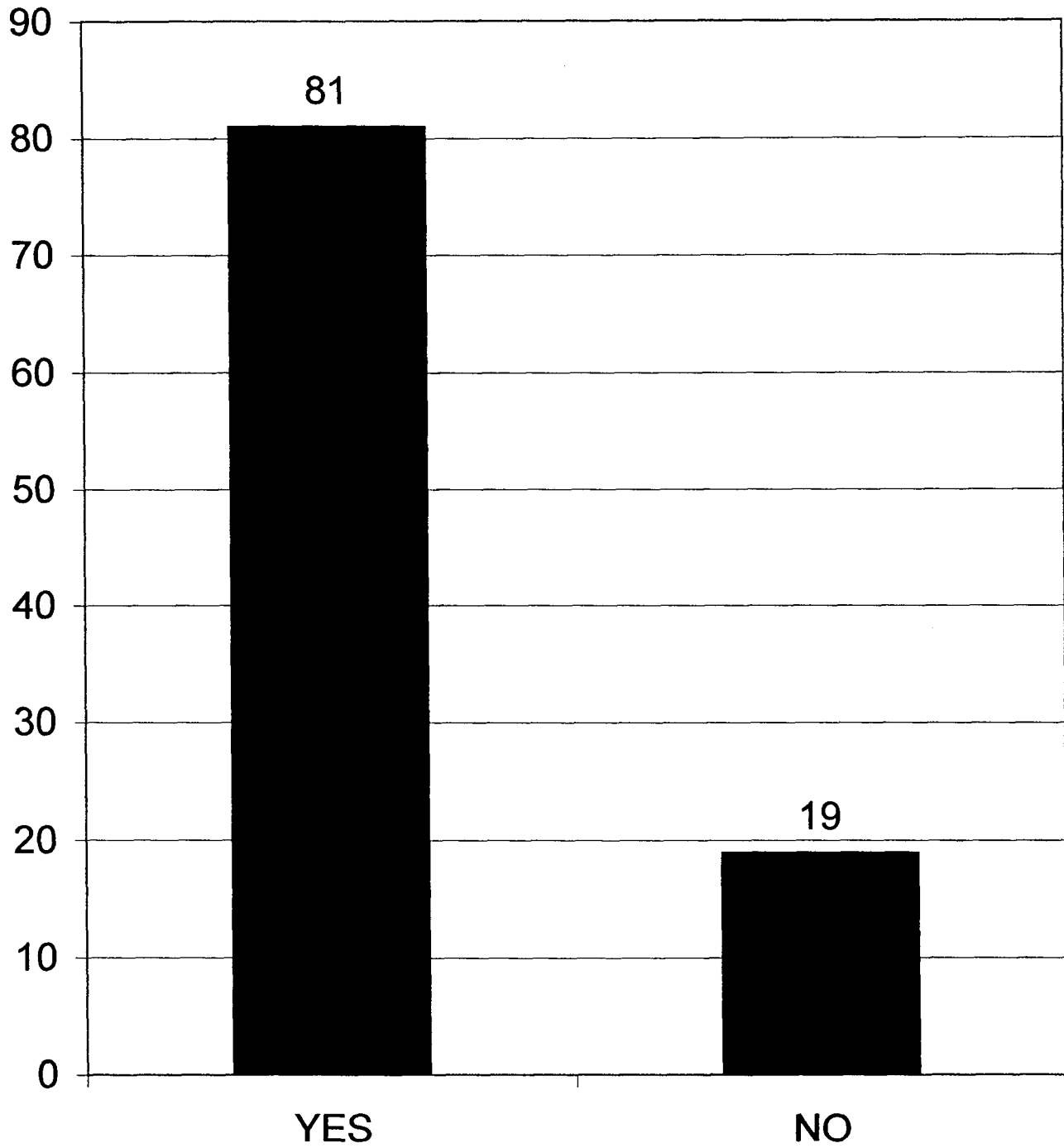
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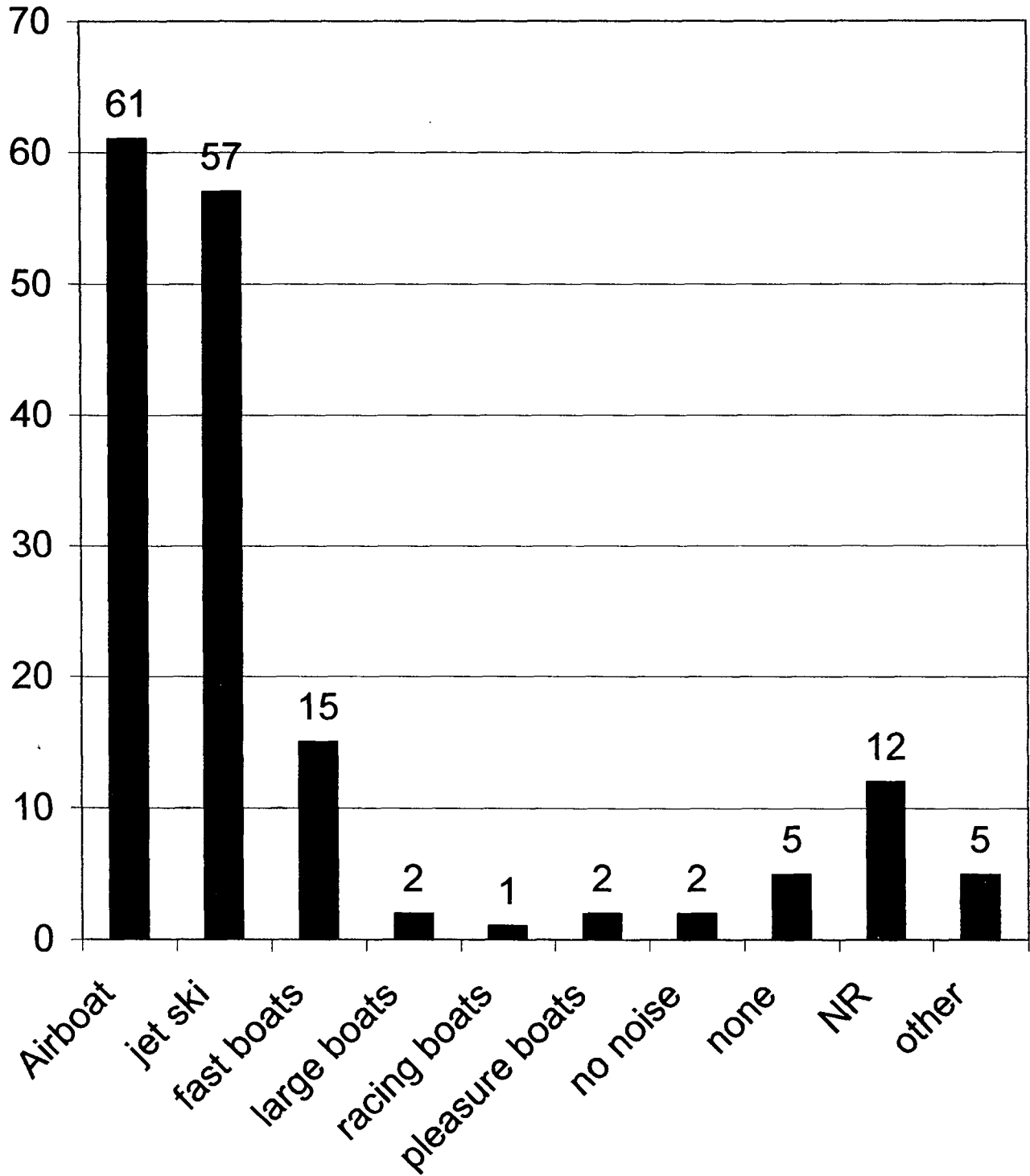
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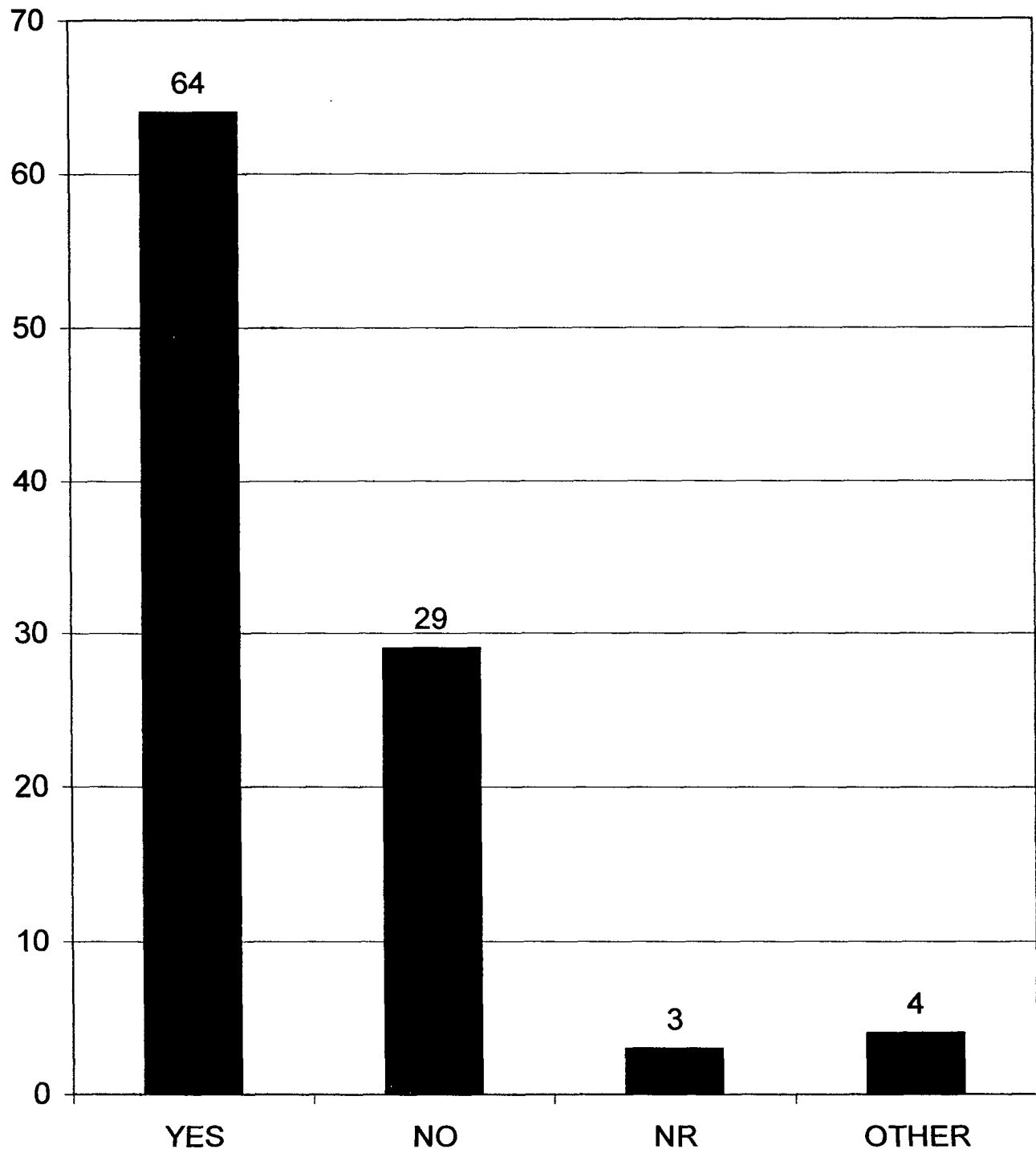
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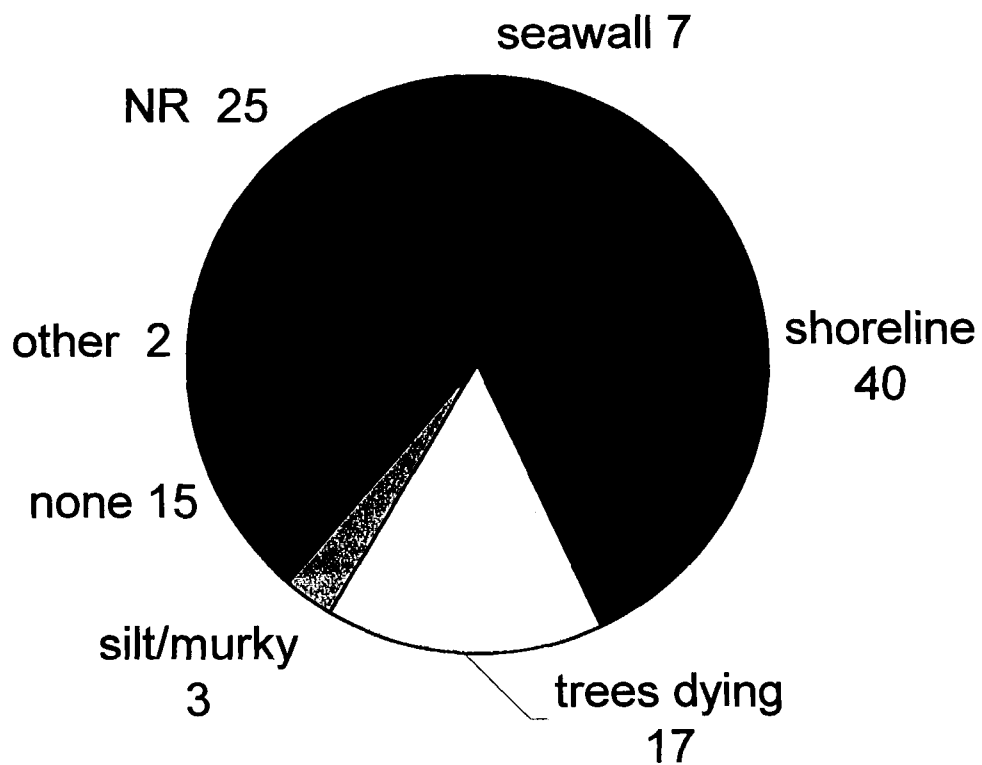
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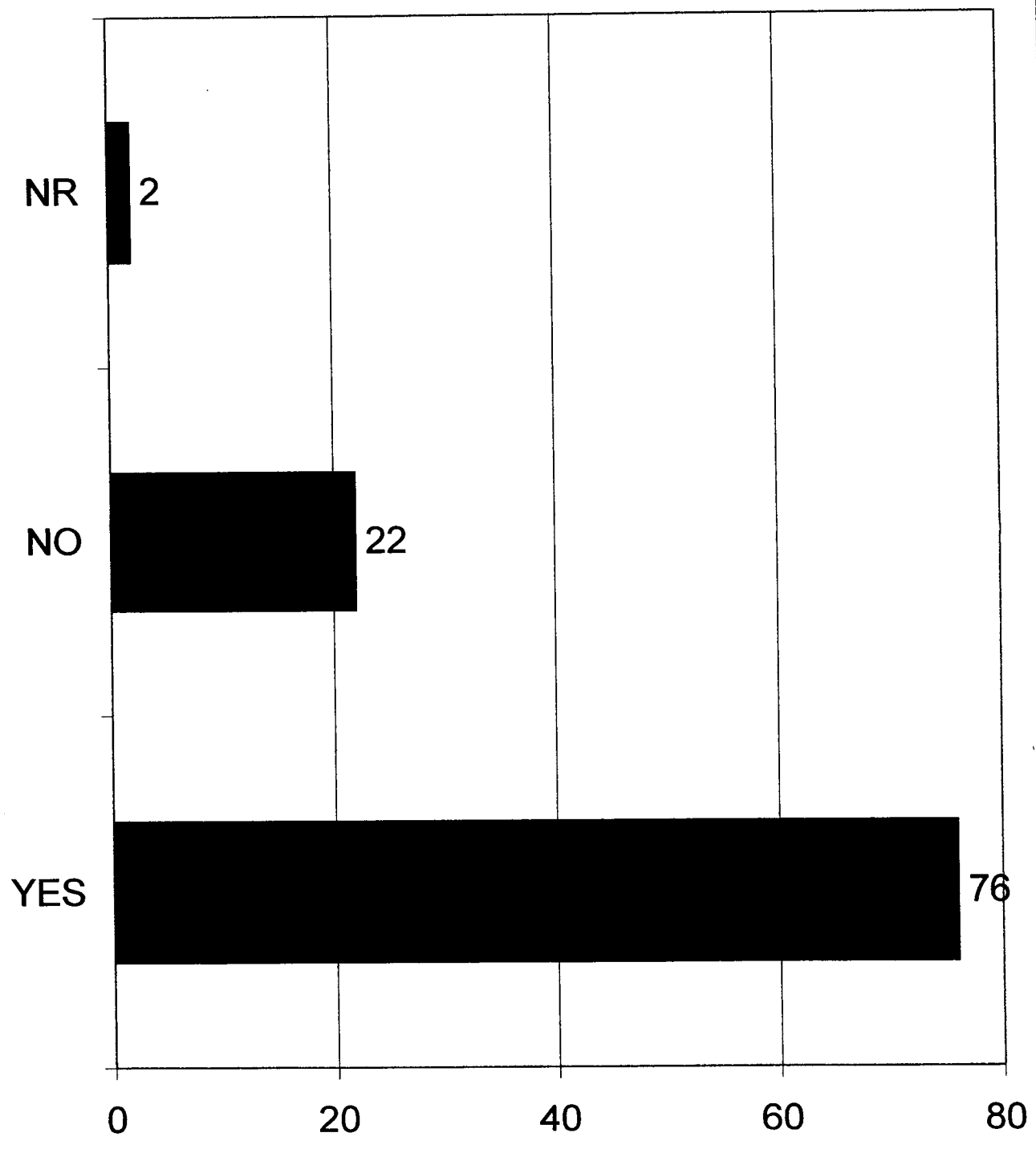
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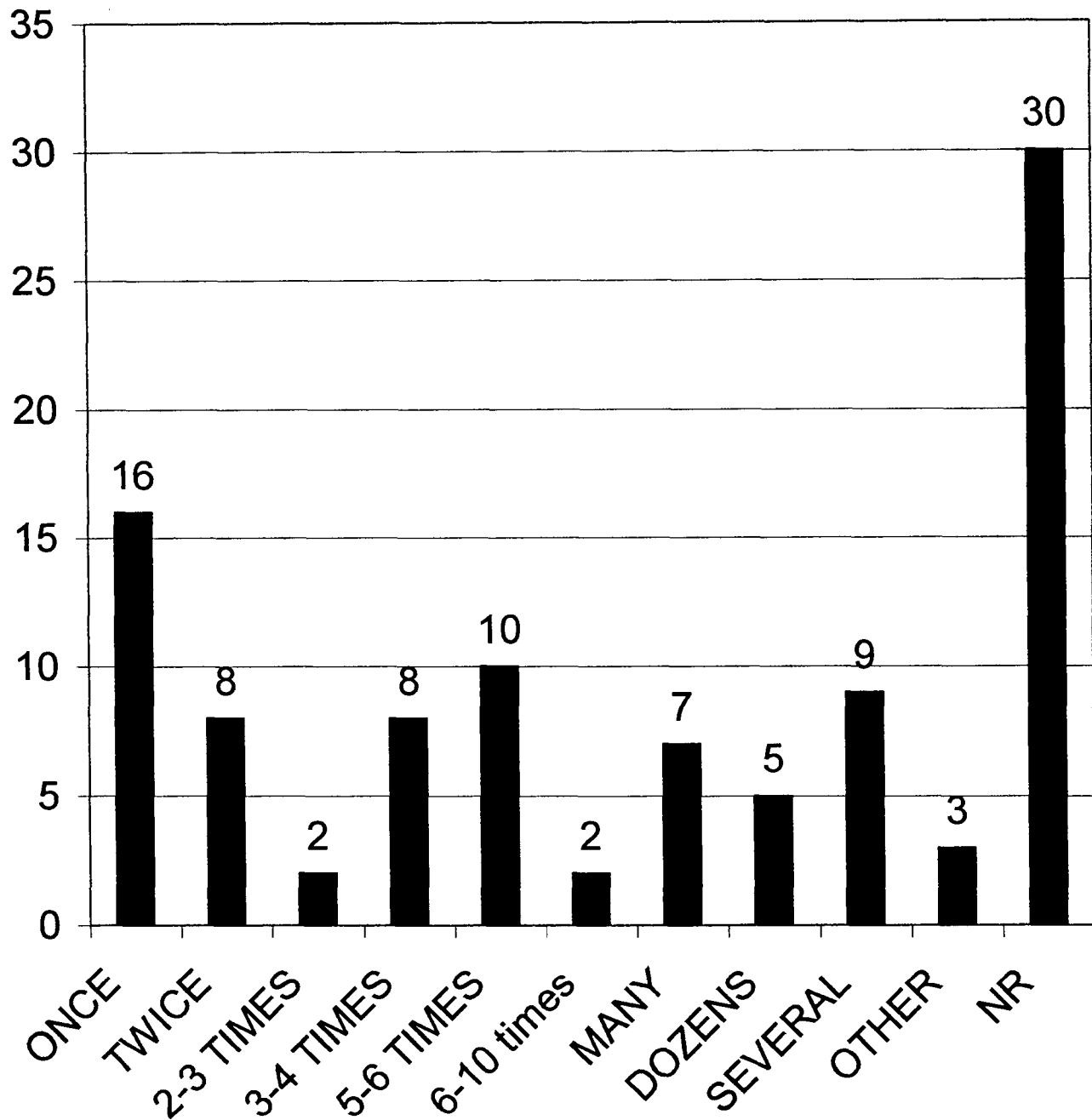
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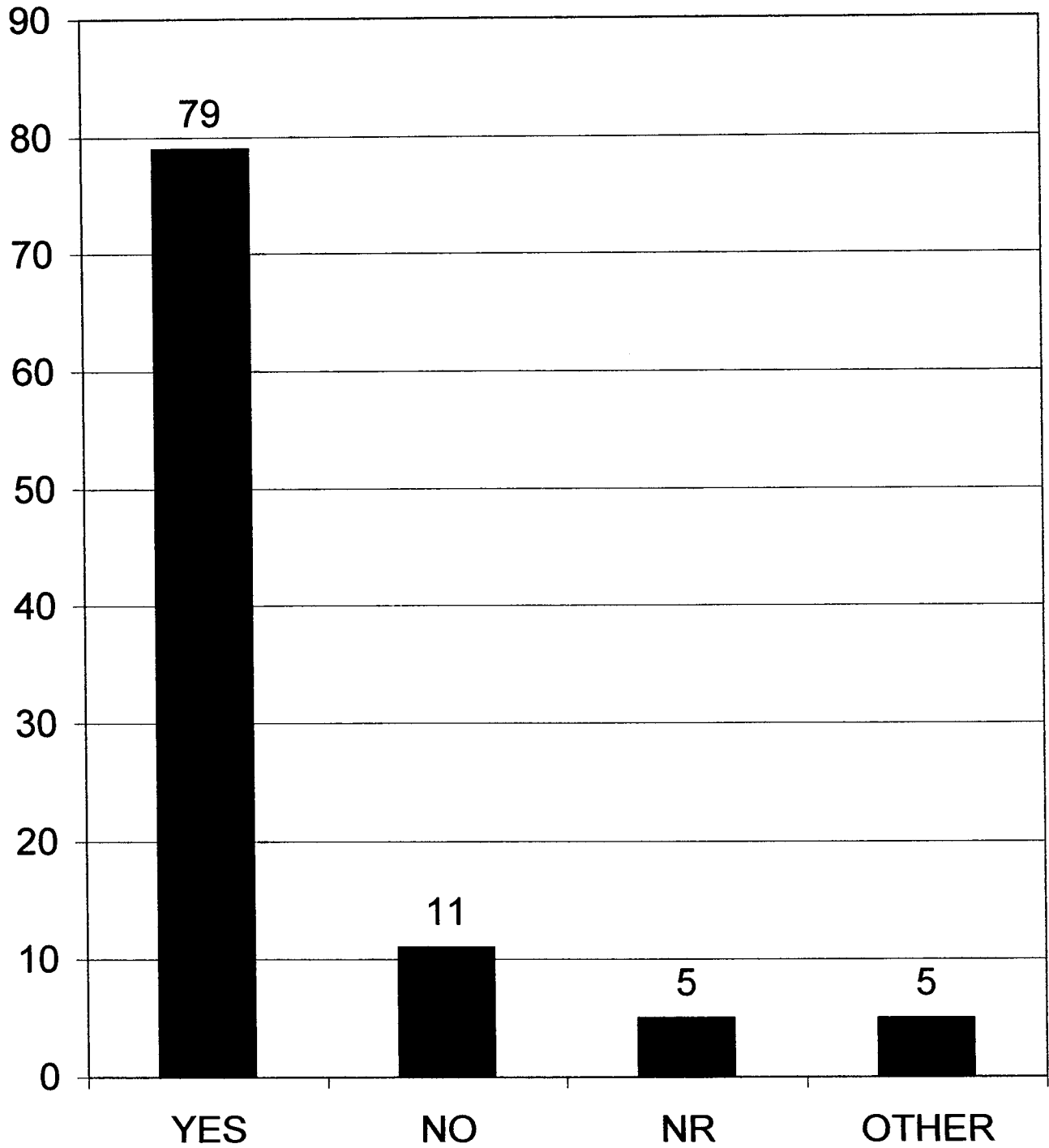
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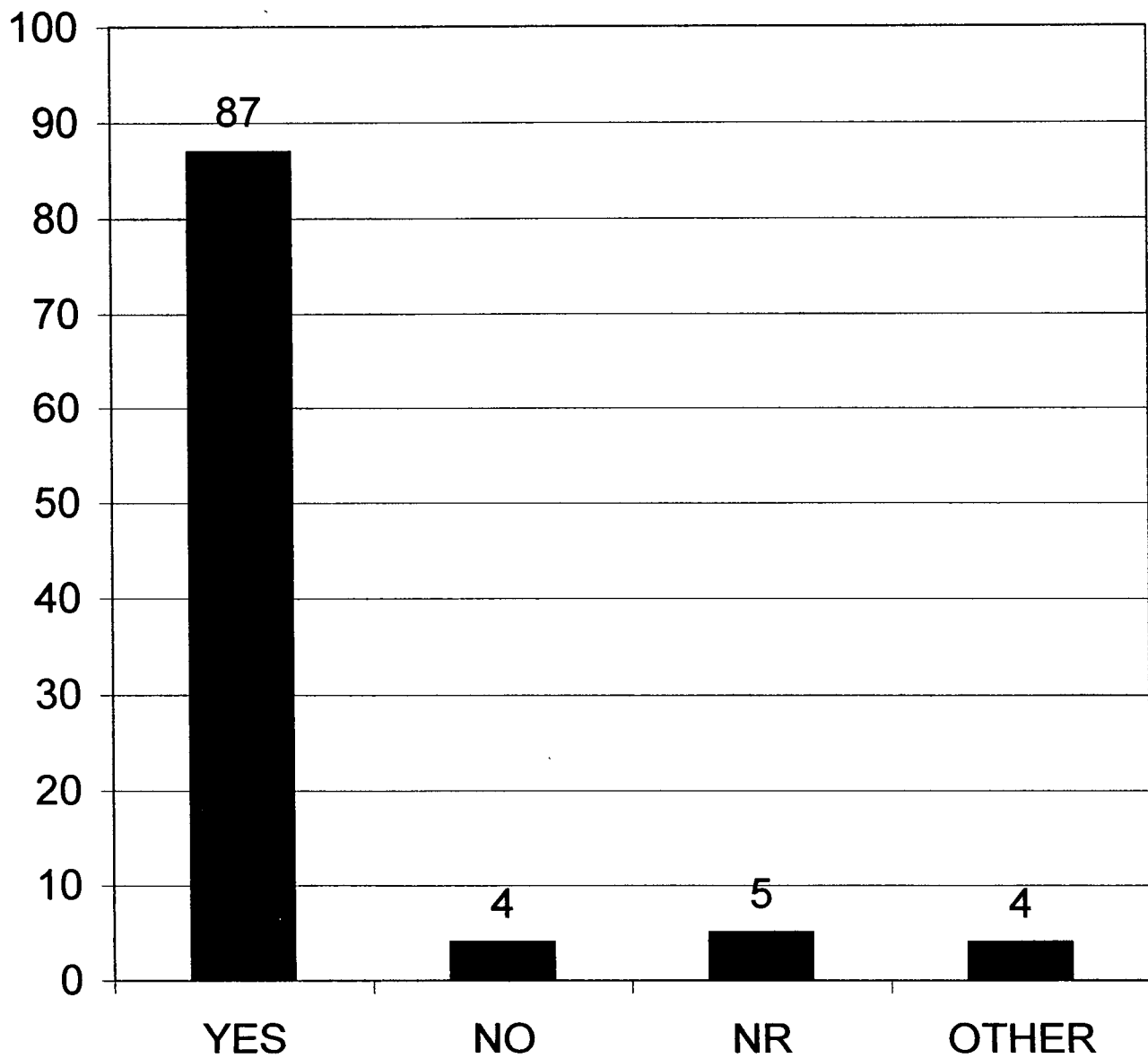
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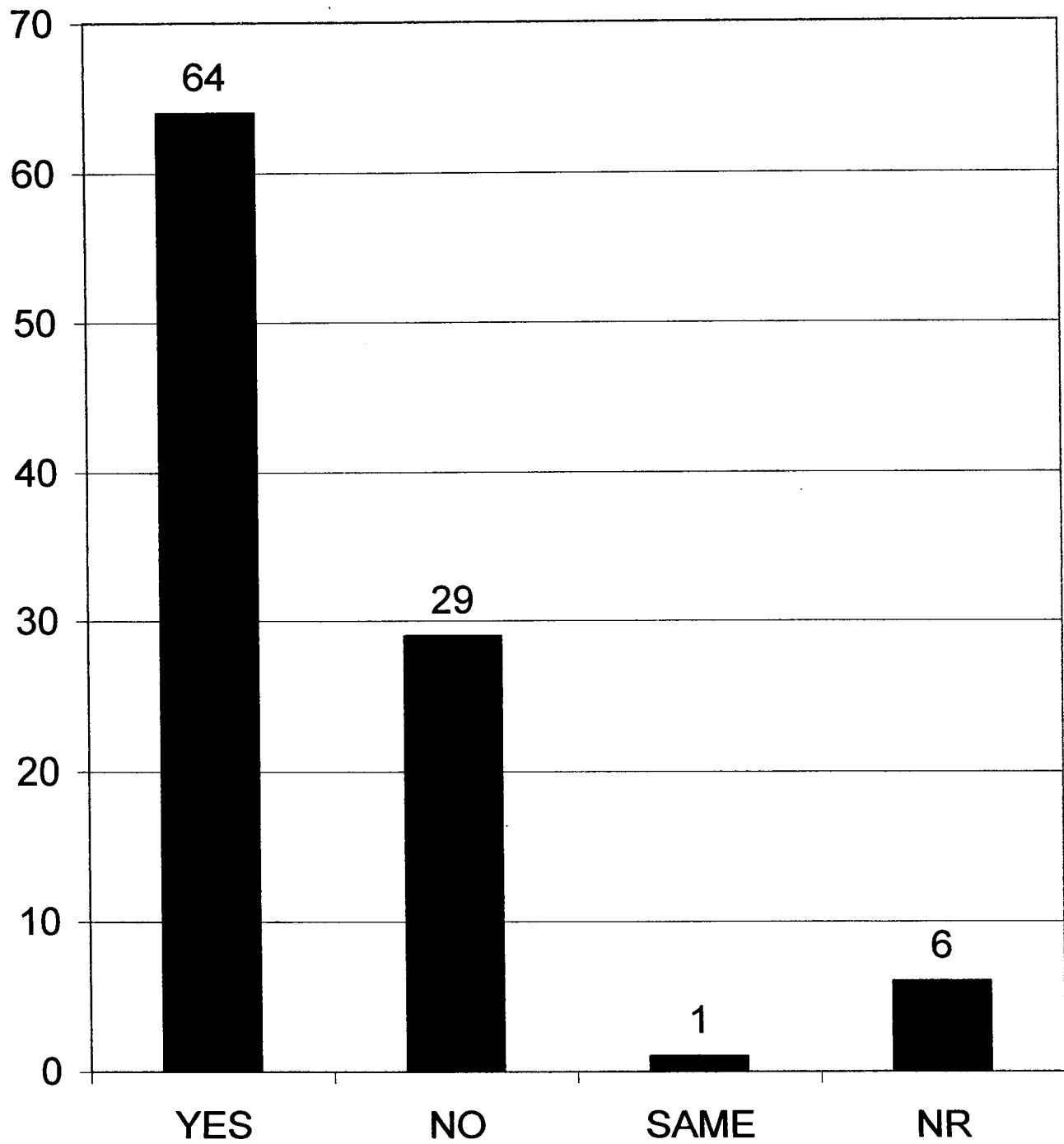
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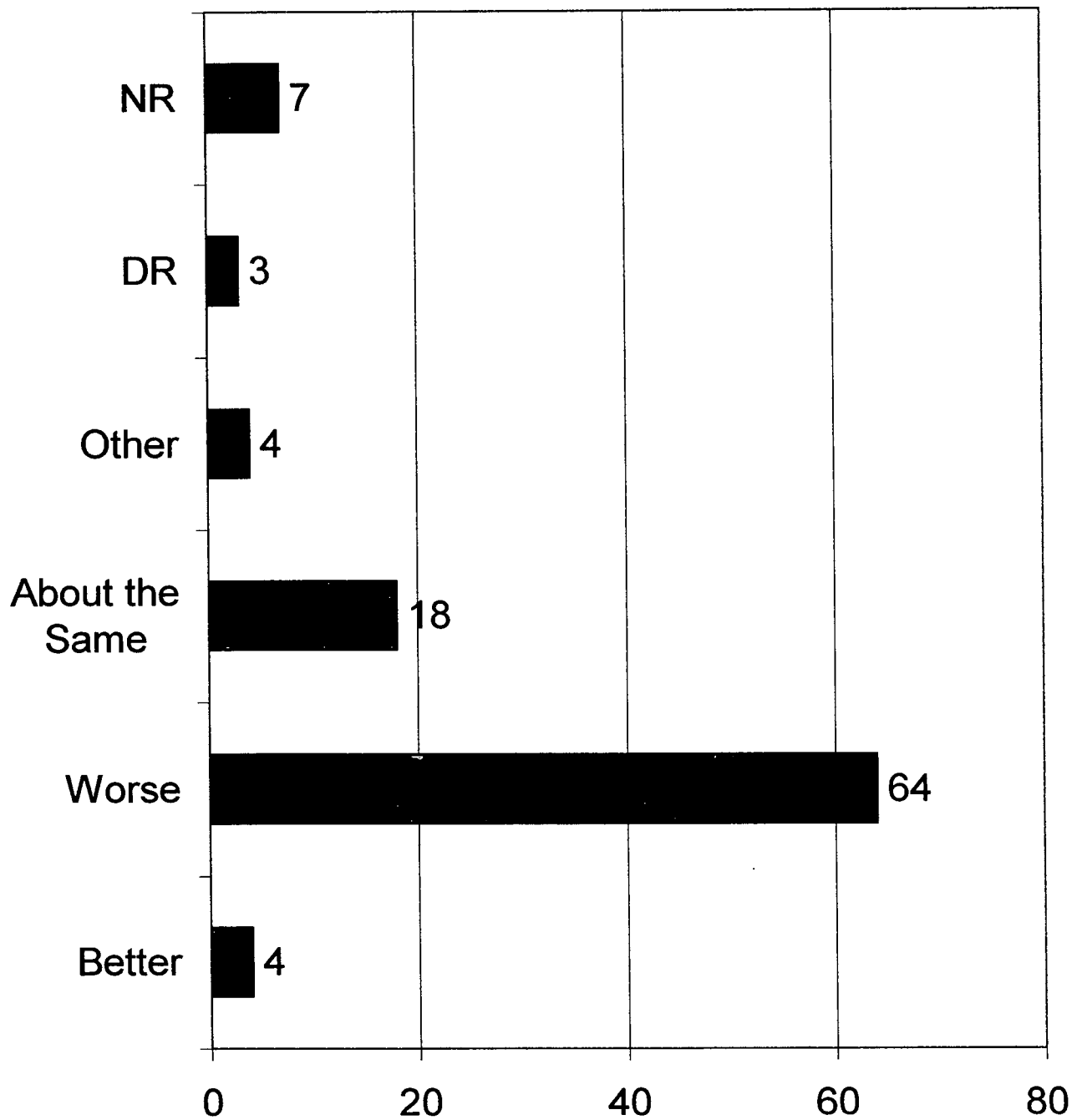
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Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?



Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition now than when you moved there?



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How long have you lived there? *5 1/2 yrs.*

Why did you move there? *To live on the water & enjoy the wildlife & tranquility of the area*

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? *Definitely*

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways? *The jet ski's & air-boats are very harmful*

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? *yes because of excessive speed & noise*

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance? *yes, the jet ski's & airboats are very loud & fast causing the wildlife to leave the area or die.*

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Do you find boat wakes to be causing erosion along the river? *yes*
Is this a concern of yours? *yes*

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed? *Because we live on a canal the erosion is steadily getting worse because of no wake zones.*

Do you go boating on the Braden River? *yes*
What kind of boat do you use? *raft. Chris Craft.*
Do you operate a personal watercraft? *yes*
Do you fish on the Braden River? *yes*
What types of fish do you catch? *catfish, snook.*

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River? *Decrease*

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? *no*
years? *a few*
Is so, where and how many times? *We have them around our back dock & they used to come several times a wk.*

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there? *yes, several we heard of.*

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River? *alligators, dolphins, sea otters, & many types of birds.*

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River? *yes*

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River? *yes*

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river? *N/A*

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river? *Excessive speed, very loud, & playing dangerous games on jet skis.*

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?
Very much so.

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What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition now than when you moved there?

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River? *Put up no wake signs, manatee signs, & have marine patrol.*

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in protecting the Braden River now and for future generations? *Same as above.*

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Do you own or rent property along the Braden River or one of its tributaries? *Yes*

How long have you lived there? *6 yrs*

Why did you move there? *Waterfront property*

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? *Yes*

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways? *Harmful, mainly Jet Skis.*

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? *Jet Skis on w/ends*

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance? *Jet Skies + yes sometimes they run up + down Udonal too fast.*

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Do you find boat wakes to be causing erosion along the river?

Is this a concern of yours? *yes It will cause the river to be shallow.*

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

I have noticed vegetation falling into the river from their roots being washed away.

Do you go boating on the Braden River? *yes*

What kind of boat do you use? *Pontoon*

Do you operate a personal watercraft? ~~yes~~ *NO*

Do you fish on the Braden River? *yes*

What types of fish do you catch? *Red, Snook, Cat, Jacks, Sleephead.*

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River? *NO*

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Past two years? *Yes, Yes*

Is so, where and how many times? *6-8 on my canal & on the river.*

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there? *NO.*

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

Wood Storks, Blue heron, Osprey, Roseate spoonbill, Kingbird, Ibis, Hawks, Egrets, Pelicans

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River? *Yes*

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River? *Yes*

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

Slow or no wake

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

Jet Skis

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

yes -

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

Mostly an increase in boat traffic, mainly jet skis.

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition now than when you moved there? *Worse*

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

Regulate Jet Skis. The Braden River is vast & wide enabling individuals to jet ski & ski with less impact on the environment. Using mangrove stands, canals as this is very dangerous.

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in protecting the Braden River now and for future generations?

Resignate main boating areas & canoe, kayak areas.

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The Braden River is a beautiful area to be enjoyed by all. I don't object of a jet ski going in back areas if they watch their speed. The jet skis blaze thru & don't enjoy the scenery or wildlife. Give them an area like ReSoto Speedway where they can pollute themselves with their noise & kill themselves legally.

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How long have you lived there? *6 months*

Why did you move there?
The River

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? *Do not know*

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways? *no opinion either way. Many Boaters do not opera*

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? *not Bad* *in safe and Lawful use of thier crafts.*

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance? *Jet ski and Pleasure Boaters not acting in Responsible manner*

Do you find boat wakes to be causing erosion along the river?
yes

Is this a concern of yours?

yes

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

increased silting of River

Do you go boating on the Braden River? yes

What kind of boat do you use? Lund

Do you operate a personal watercraft? no

Do you fish on the Braden River? yes

What types of fish do you catch?

All species

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River? Decrease

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Past two years? yes

Is so, where and how many times?

Various areas

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there? yes

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

Eagles, stingrays, many

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River? yes

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

yes

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

10 mph

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

Racing & Reckless speed & stunts

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

yes

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

I have been in the area on & off

12/4/00 For 30 years - The River is Dirtier & Less Natural wildlife.

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition now than when you moved there? _____

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River? *enforce the laws*

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in protecting the Braden River now and for future generations?

Clearly mark areas in River as wildlife sensitive areas, Lower Boat speeds & Types

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

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Do you own or rent property along the Braden River or one of its tributaries? YES

How long have you lived there? 20 YRS

Why did you move there?

TO LIVE ON THE SCENIC, PEACEFUL BRADEN RIVER

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? YES

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways?

YES! NOISE / EROSION SHORE

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? YES

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?

AIR BOATS / LARGE HORSE POWER BOATS / JET SKI'S

Do you find boat wakes to be causing erosion along the river? YES
Is this a concern of yours? YES (OF COURSE, MY BACKYARD IS DISAPPEARING!)

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

SAME AS ABOVE

Do you go boating on the Braden River? NO

What kind of boat do you use? --

Do you operate a personal watercraft?

Do you fish on the Braden River? SOMETIMES

What types of fish do you catch? ALL TYPES

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River? DECREASE

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Past two years? YES YES

Is so, where and how many times?

HALF WAY SR-64 / SR-70 (FROM BACKYARD) 10 TIMES YR

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there? POSSIBLY INJURIES

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River? RACOONS / POSSUMS
OTTERS / ALLIGATORS ALL TYPES BIRDS / DELPHINS

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River? YES

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River? YES

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

Low / no wake

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

high speed - high wake boat traffic high noise AIR BORTS

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

yes!!

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

Shore erosion, noise, not as much wildlife

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition now than when you moved there?

Worse

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

make no wake zones + enforce

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in protecting the Braden River now and for future generations?

make no wake zones

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yes

How long have you lived there?

5 1/2 years

Why did you move there?

Peacefull

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years?

yes

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways?

Harmful

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river?

yes

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?

Boats - yes

Do you find boat wakes to be causing erosion along the river?

yes

Is this a concern of yours?

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

Do you go boating on the Braden River? *no*
What kind of boat do you use?
Do you operate a personal watercraft? *no*
Do you fish on the Braden River? *no*
What types of fish do you catch?

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River? *decrease*

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Past two years? *yes*
Is so, where and how many times? *In our canal along 18th Ave. E. - several -*

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there? *no*

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?
many Birds & wildlife

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River? *yes*

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?
yes

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river? *large fast boats - Jet skis*

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River? *yes*

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River? *noise from Jet skis*

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition now than when you moved there? *worse*

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River? *Patrol & Post signs about Manatees & Boats (large) speed*

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in protecting the Braden River now and for future generations?

control pollution & Building

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BRADEN RIVER LAKES

How long have you lived there?

0 YRS

Why did you move there?

ENJOY BOATING, FISHING & PROPERTY HAS ACCESS TO TAMPA BAY.

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years?

THERE HAS ACTUALLY BEEN A DECESS IN BOATING (THE RIVER WHERE I LIVE WAS CONSTANTLY USED BY BOATERS - WATER SKING) THIS IS NOT THE CASE PRESENTLY. THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN PERSONAL WATER

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways?

THE CURRENT BOATERS APPEAR TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS ON THE RIVER. ONCE AGAIN I FOUND THE WATER SKIERS WERE THE MOST HARMFUL. HAVE NOT SEEN THESE WATER SKIERS ON RIVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS.

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No

AIR BOATS

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?

ALTHOUGH THE AIR BOAT OPERATORS STAY OPPOSITE THE SHORE LINE OF HOMES, THE NOISE IS EQUIVALENT TO A AIRPLANE LANDING IN YOUR BACK YARD.

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No

AN ACCUMULATION OF MANY YEARS

Is this a concern or yours? Yes or No

HAVE FOUR LARGE OAK TREES THAT SHOW EROSION AT ROOT SYSTEM

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

THE MAIN CONCERN IS THE FALLING OF TREES INTO THE RIVER

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found?

THE WEATHER HAS THE MOST HARMFUL AFFECT, WITH WIND PUSHING WATER BACK UP RIVER DURING STORMS

Do you go boating on the Braden River? YES

What kind of boat do you use? A 25' FT FISHING BOAT

Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)? NO

Do you fish on the Braden River? YES

What types of fish do you catch?

RED FISH, SNOOK, BLACK DRUM, SHEEP HEAD, FLOUNDER, JACKS, CATFISH, MANGROVE SNAPPER, STING RAYS

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River?

AN INCREASE SINCE NET BAN

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Yes or No

If so, how many times?

APPROX. ONE A WEEK

What months do you generally see them?

ALL MONTHS ABOUT EQUAL.

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there?

NO. THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN MANATEE SIGHTINGS THE PAST THREE YEARS. USED TO SEE GROUP SIGHTINGS AND MANATEES WITH SIGNAL DEVICES DAILY

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

DOLPHIN, OTTERS, LARGE RAYS, ALLIGATORS, DUCKS, BLUE CRAB, JELLY FISH (SIZE VARIES FROM SMALL TO LARGE), EAGLES, PELICANS, SCRUB JAYS, CARDINALS, Doves, BLUE HERON, & STANDARD OTHERS

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River?

ONCE AGAIN BOATERS RECENTLY HAVE BEEN MORE RESPONSIBLE AND BRIDGE OVER AT 64 AND WATER DEPTH DO A GOOD JOB IN MOST CASES TO REGULATE BOAT TRAFFIC. "SIGNS" FOR MANATEES BEING PRESENT WOULD BE HELPFUL. IF RESTRICTIONS OF ANY KIND ARE MADE, SIGNS MUST BE POSTED WITH THE RULES OR RESTRICTIONS

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

WE WOULD SEE LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE AT LEAST WEEKLY ON THE BRADEN RIVER IN THE EARLY 1990'S. FROM APPROX 1995 WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ON THE RIVER. PRESENCE WOULD BE HELPFUL

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

WATER DEPTH RESTRICTS LARGER DRAFT BOATS, AND SMALLER BOATS CAUSE LESS DAMAGE WHEN ON PLANE

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

WATER SKIING, AIR BOAT NOISE

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River? YES

CANS, BOTTLES, PAPER PRODUCTS, AND MANY TIRES

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

- LESS EAGLE SIGHTINGS
- SEEN TWO FIRES BURNING ON PINE ISLAND LAST 2 YRS.

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there? SAME. EXCEPT FOR THE

REDUCED SIGHTING OF MANATEES, AND INCREASE OF LITTER

What do you think Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

MARK CHANNELS WITH THE APPROPRIATE MARKERS (CANS AND/OR NUNS) TO FORM CHANNELS, ALLOWING MARINE LIFE A BROADER AREA TO LIVE, AND BOAT TRAFFIC TO TRAVEL MORE RESTRICTIVE CHANNELS

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE INTEREST IN THE BRADEN RIVER BY ELECTED COUNTY & CITY OFFICIALS. MORE FOCUS IS NEEDED TO LOOK AT FUTURE USES OF THIS IMPORTANT WATERWAY.

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BILL & BETSY SERNILKA (SERNY-14@PRODIGY.NET)
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BRADENTON, FL 34208
748-6400

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East Side

West Side

Close to the mouth & EAST OF PINE ISLAND

Other

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How long have you lived there? 6 1/2 YRS.

Why did you move there? RIVER, LOCATION, FISHING

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? YES

JET SKIS

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways?

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No

Is this a concern or yours? Yes or No

my lot is fine.

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

SOME BIG TREES ARE BEING WASHED OUT

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found?

THE WAKE FROM BIG BOATS.

Do you go boating on the Braden River? YES

What kind of boat do you use? PONTOON + BASS BOAT

Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)? NO

Do you fish on the Braden River? YES

What types of fish do you catch?

REDS, JACKS, TROUT, SHEEPS HEAD, ETC.

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River?

NO.

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Yes or No

If so, how many times?

TWICE

What months do you generally see them?

LAST TIME WAS IN NOV. 2000

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there?

NO

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate ~~boat~~ ^{JET SKI} speed on the Braden River?

YES.

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

YES

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

BIG BOATS SLOW, SMALL BOATS ~~FAST~~ 20 MP

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

MOSTLY FISHING + CRUISING.

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

YES

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there?

MY LOT IS THE SAME, SOME PLACES
WORSE!

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rmd 334 34 32 @ AOL - com

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West Side

Close to the mouth

Other

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How long have you lived there? 5 YRS

Why did you move there? WATERFRONT LOCATION

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? NO

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways? LITTLE CHANGE

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?

AIR BOATS

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No

SOME

Is this a concern or yours? Yes or No

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

RIVER BANKS, WHERE MANGROVES FAIL TO GROW

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found?

BOAT WAKES AT HIGH TIDE

Do you go boating on the Braden River?

YES

What kind of boat do you use?

PONTOON

Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)?

NO

Do you fish on the Braden River?

NO

What types of fish do you catch?

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River?

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year?

Yes or No

If so, how many times?

What months do you generally see them?

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there?

NO

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

PURPOISES, EAGLE, OSPREY, EGRET

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River?

YES

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

YES

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

DEPENDING ON BOAT
10 MPH ±

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

AIR BOATS WATER SKIING
JET SKIS

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

NO

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

FEWER BIRDS & WILDLIFE

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there?

ABOUT THE SAME EXCEPT FOR
WILDLIFE

What do you think Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

REGULATE BOAT SPEED
" POLLUTION WHICH MAY BE
CAUSING DIMINISHED WILDLIFE

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

- FURTHER RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON RIVER SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED
- UNIFORM REQUIREMENT FOR DOCK HEIGHT & LENGTH

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LOWELL PETERSON (I TESTIFIED ON PINE ISLAND ISSUE)
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74-9715

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West Side

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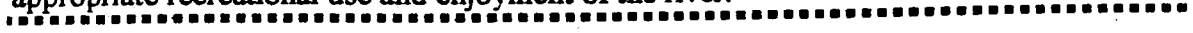
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Do you own or rent property along the Braden River or one of its tributaries? *OWN*

How long have you lived there? *6 yrs*

Why did you move there? *nice spot on the River*



Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? *NO*

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways?

The River is used by outsiders, 14/13/00 noticed boat with men, netting fish and keeping every size of fish. I told that's illegal, respond 'who are you'

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No *yes*

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?

Air boats

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No *NO*

Is this a concern or yours? Yes or No *NO*

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed? *none to my property*

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found? *normal nature
river tides*

Do you go boating on the Braden River? *Yes*

What kind of boat do you use?

16 ft Boston Whaler

Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)? *No*

Do you fish on the Braden River?

Yes

What types of fish do you catch?

*River is overfished and polluted, a film
of oil drifting in and out*

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River?

def yes

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Yes or No

Yes

If so, how many times?

fewer than ever before

What months do you generally see them?

Fall & Spring

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there?

No

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

*gators, birds, otter, racoon, birds in general wild
life*

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River?

"no wake" yes.

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

No

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

*planning causes ten wake, each boat
plans on dif speed and nbr of pax*

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

airboats

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

yes dif from up stream

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there?

worse condition

What do you think Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

*to control litter up stream, people
dump leaver, even garbage into the River*

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

*Clean up the River to the enjoyment
of us all*

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*Wm. P. Nordgren, 4206-14th Ave E
Bradenton 941-747-0313*

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East Side

West Side

Close to the mouth

Other

Braden River Lakes, near the mouth

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Do you own or rent property along the Braden River or one of its tributaries? *own*

How long have you lived there? *7 years*

Why did you move there? *we have a boat - we built a dock - we love boating by river*

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? *NO - exception - wave runners*

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways? *wave runners - very loud & disruptive especially if you are trying to fish.*

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance? *air boats wave runners*

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No *some -*

Is this a concern of yours? Yes or No *But further west it is a concern - so it does affect me as far as property value in the neighborhood. The erosion also disrupts the loco system*

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

Our neighbors have had to place rock & timber to support the bank & prevent it from eroding away completely

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found?

Boat traffic - to a degree, but I have noticed that in the areas of some erosion - there are no mangroves or grasses.

Do you go boating on the Braden River?

yes
What kind of boat do you use? 26 FT BAJA

Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)?

Do you fish on the Braden River?

yes
What types of fish do you catch? snook - catfish - sheeps head
but lately - last few years I have noticed a decrease in the fish that I used to catch

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River?

decrease -

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year?

Yes or No

If so, how many times?

What months do you generally see them?

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there?

no No I have not -

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

eagles - cranes
Blue crabs, sea gulls, otters - I have seen pelicans - alligator, Dolphins - Turtles.

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River?

No. some areas are very shallow.
we have a 26 FT BAJA we need to a high rate of speed to get on plane.
We do not touch the river in our BAJA we always head to the gulf - ~~directly to the gulf~~

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

Yes, to a degree

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

Once our boat is on plane - 15-20 would seem appropriate

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

Wave runners

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

Yes beer & soda bottles & cans

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

I do not notice much. Most of the residents that have property on the river keep it to the banks in their natural state. That is why we love here.

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there?

Same

What do you think Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

Provide grasses & mangroves that we could plant. Also show us how to plant them. I live in Braden River Lakes and I know we could have a planting day. I notice that most areas on the banks that are experiencing the erosion do not have or have very little of this type of foliage.

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

I feel that we can come to some sort of compromise on the speed of the boats to wave runners to prevent excessive erosion & to protect our manatees. But in order to prevent our boat from running aground we have to have more speed. exiting from our dock - once past we can slow down - I'm sure others had this issue also - no wake zones in the deeper areas?

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Tim & Commonia Calpin
4408 14th ave E
Bradenton, FL 34208

749-0564

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East Side

West Side

Close to the mouth

Other

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How long have you lived there? 6 Yrs

Why did you move there? BEAUTIFUL

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? YES

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways? JET SKES

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?

JET SKES, NUISANCE

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No

Is this a concern or yours? Yes or No

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found?

Do you go boating on the Braden River? NO

What kind of boat do you use?

Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)?

Do you fish on the Braden River? YES

What types of fish do you catch?

SUGAR, ROCK FISH, CAT FISH

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River? NO CHANGE

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Yes or No

If so, how many times?

What months do you generally see them?

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there?

NO

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

DOLPHIN, ALL FLORIDA MANATEES

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River? YES

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River? YES

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

10 mph

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

JET SKIS

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NO

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there?

What do you think Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

OUTLAW JET SKIS

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4208 14th AVE E 3420K

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West Side

Close to the mouth

Other NORTH

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How long have you lived there? *8 years*

Why did you move there? *To be on the river.*

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? *a little*

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways?

Signs need to be posted regarding a "NO WAKE ZONE"

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No *There is an airboat that is extremely noisy.*

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance? *Also the personal watercraft are very noisy & should be out in the Manatee*

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No *where there is more room*

Yes my shore has eroded.

Is this a concern or yours? Yes or No

Yes, that is why a "NO-WAKE" zone sign should be posted & enforced.

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found?

Do you go boating on the Braden River? *Yes*
What kind of boat do you use? *19' AQUASPORT*
Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)? *NO*
Do you fish on the Braden River? *YES*
What types of fish do you catch?

SEVERAL - TROUT, SNOOK, RED FISH, MACERAC

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River? *No*

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Yes or No

If so, how many times?

What months do you generally see them?

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there?

No

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

Many kinds of birds - that has increased over the years.

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River?

Yes

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

yes

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

just cruising
untill one gets under the bridge. But sometimes
it is necessary to increase speed in order to reach

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

skiing + similar activities
plane

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

Somewhat

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there?

ABOUT the same except for the erosion.

What do you think Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

Patrol the river.

DO NOT BAN Boats

But ban jet skis + require
air boats to travel very
slowly. They must be violating the noise
code.

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

Needs signs for "No Wake" zones
& Manatee area.

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Other

Braden River Lakes on NE SIDE

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How long have you lived there? *8 years*

Why did you move there? *River view, close to nature*

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? *yes, quite a bit*

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways? *Harmful. Noise is a terrible nuisance when ski-does / boats are running, we are unable to carry on a normal conversation on our land. Also, this is a serious threat to the manatee, dolphins, & waterfowl.*
Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance? *running boats, ski-does (jet skis) occasionally air boats,*

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No

Is this a concern or yours? Yes or No

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

Water is very murky

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found?

Run off from new development

Do you go boating on the Braden River? *no*

What kind of boat do you use? (*Sled our boat*)

Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)? *no*

Do you fish on the Braden River? *no*

What types of fish do you catch?

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River? *unknown*

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Yes or No

If so, how many times? *6 x*

What months do you generally see them? *unknown*

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there? *no*

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River? *a wide variety of beautiful water fowl, as well as eagles, Red-winged blackbirds, etc. Dolphins*

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River?

This regulation (enforcement) is long overdue. The initial proposal did not take into account the narrow distance between residences and mangrove islands. Also, when there is no attempt to enforce these rules, nothing changes.

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

We would advocate strict enforcement to enforce rules to control dangerous river-play, such as jet ski riders, racing & top speed, doing abrupt turns, as well as water skiing, screaming & swearing, etc. If this keeps up, What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

no wake

someday there will be a serious accident.

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river? The river is very shallow, thus can only practically accommodate a minimal draft watercraft. All boats & jet skis ^{5/13} banned ^{totally}.

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

Yes, 1x a week I collect trash from our riverfront lot - plastic bottles, styrofoam, glass whiskey bottles, beer cans - where is

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River? all this trash coming from

Occasionally chemical(?) foamy, frothy effluent??

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there?

worse

What do you think Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

- Do not allow jet skis, water skiing, all boats.
- Adopt no-wake speeds.
- ENFORCE new laws.

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

I have discussed some of these concerns w/ politicians when the air port regulation was formulated

I have tried to obtain a 'protest the mercuric sign but was told I would need to get it from Tampa (and I can not drive so far.)

I would like 'no wake' + mercuric area signs for our doc

✶ ✶ We are very eager to have something done to stop the female noise as we can not even hear a normal conversation when these speedsters are playing water games or racing.

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What area of the Braden River are you located on?

East Side

West Side

Close to the mouth (more or less) Braden River Lakes.

Other

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Do you own or rent property along the Braden River or one of its tributaries? *OWN.*

How long have you lived there? *7 YRS.*

Why did you move there? *We BOTH LOVE FISHING, THE EASE OF LEAVING TO FISH FROM OWN DOCK WAS APPEALING.*

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? *YES*

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways? *IT IS LESS TRANQUIL, GOT OTHER BOATER SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE RIVER.*

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No *PRIMARYLY AIR BOATS.*

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance? *YES ↑*

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No

Is this a concern or yours? Yes or No

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed? **SOME NEIGHBORS AND OUR LOT WERE ERODING, AND WE HAD RIP/RAP PUT IN WHICH SOLVED OUR PROBLEM.**

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found? **SOME OF IT IS NATURAL, AND INCREASES WITH YEARS WHERE WE HAVE HIGH RAIN AND WURGE FROM HORRI CANES. SOME IS CAUSED BY LARGE BOATS AT HIGH TIDE.**

Do you go boating on the Braden River? **YES**

What kind of boat do you use? **15' OUTBOARD**

Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)? **NO.**

Do you fish on the Braden River? **YES**

What types of fish do you catch? **SNECK, REDS, M. SHAPPER, JACKS, LADY FISH, CATFISH ETC.**

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River? **DECREASE.**

THE DECREASE IN FISH POPULATION STARTED WHEN THE NET GAN WENT INTO EFFECT. THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO HELP RECREATION FISHING. I FEEL THAT SOME OF THE PROBLEM MAY BE DUE TO CYCLICAL PATTERNS, NOT RELATED TO HUMAN ACTION.

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? **Yes or No**

WE SEE THEM EVERY SPRING & SUMMER.

If so, how many times?

MOSTLY EVERY SPRING + FALL. 3 OR 4 A YEAR.

What months do you generally see them?

APRIL - OCT.

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there? **NO.**

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

**ALLIGATORS (SPRING) BALD EAGLES - OSPREY - RACCOONS - RABBITS
ALL TYPES OF SHORE BIRDS.**

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River?

ONLY IF IT WERE UNIFORMLY ENFORCED. YOU MUST HAVE AN AGGRESSIVE AND CONTINUOUS ENFORCEMENT FOR EVERYONE. IF IT IS JUST TO PASS MORE LAWS - NO THANKS. WE HAVE ENOUGH (TOO MANY) LAWS NOW THAT ARE NOT ENFORCED. I UNDERSTAND THERE IS ALREADY A LAW ON THE BOOKS OF "NO WAKE". I HAVE YET TO EVEN SEE A "NO WAKE" SIGN ON THE RIVER. IF WE ARE NOT EVEN GOING TO POST A SIGN THEN THE LAW OFF THE BOOKS.

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River? YES.

How they accomplish this is very important however. I AM STRONGLY AGAINST A "POLICE" STATE where we are now rapidly heading.

FIRST OFFENSE COULD BE A NO FINE + WARNING CITATION, SECOND OFFENSE, A FINE - 3RD OFFENSE HIGHER - ETC.

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

16 FT. OR LESS - 20 MPH.

16 FT OR MORE - 5 MPH.

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

NO AIR BOATS

NO WATER SKIING

NO JET SKIS WITHOUT NOISE ABATEMENT EQUIPMENT,

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

YES

BOTTLES - CANS - PAPER - PLASTIC - ETC.

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

INCREASED COMMERCIAL CRABBING. HAS DEFINITELY ADDED TO LOWER FISH + SMALLER FISH IN RIVER.

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there?

WORSE.

What do you think Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

NOT SURE. IT DEPENDS ON WHETHER THEY HAVE A REAL COMMITMENT TO IT. SUGGESTIONS:

1. STOP ANY BUILDING PROJECT ON PINE ISLAND.
2. ACQUIRE THE ISLANDS BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN AND PLACE THEM IN A CONSERVANCY TO PROTECT THE RIVER FOR ALL FUTURE.
3. PLACE LARGE + VISIBLE SIGNS AT ALL LAUNCH RAMPS TO EDUCATE & INFORM BOATERS.

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

Review + STUDY PROSPECTS OF DREDGING THE SHALLOW THOROUGHFARE SECTIONS OF THE RIVER, SO LARGE BOATS COULD TRAVEL AT SLOW SPEEDS + STILL TRAVEL THE RIVER AT LOWER TIDES.

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34208

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What area of the Braden River are you located on?

East Side

West Side

Close to the mouth - BRADEN RIVER LAKES

Other

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Do you own or rent property along the Braden River or one of its tributaries?

How long have you lived there? *Since 1984*

Why did you move there? *Braden River*

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? *yes*

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways? *Erosion*

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? *Air Boats at times*

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?

Do you find boat wakes to be causing erosion along the river? Is this a concern of yours? *yes*
Boats travel within 75 feet of my dock

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

yes unprotected
river banks wash back about
18" a year

Do you go boating on the Braden River?

What kind of boat do you use?

Do you operate a personal watercraft?

Do you fish on the Braden River?

What types of fish do you catch?

no We have a 20' pontoon boat
Since 84 fish has declined
crabs have declined

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River?

Very few fishermen fish in this
area of the river.

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year?

Is so, how many times?

I haven't seen any from my deck

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there?

no

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

I have watched an eagle nest for years on the north
end of the Pine Island. but the north end is washing down
Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the
Braden River? yes

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by
issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden
River?

yes the need a special force to protect the river
and enforce what laws they have

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

no wake

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

Small Craft — reduced speed - no water skis

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

yes

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

trash collects in the mangroves where our
little fish like to be

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition now than when you moved there? *a whole lot worse*

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

By making regulations to protect the river and posting signs.

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in protecting the Braden River now and for future generations?

It adds more to the scenery & the looks of the City & County to have beautiful rivers

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

If you wish, please provide your name and address.

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34208-7833*

If you have further comments or questions, please call 745-1350.

747-4254

Thank you for participating in this survey. Please encourage your neighbors to participate in this survey as well. We would like to present the results to the County Commission in early November so your quick response would be appreciated.

*I live about 4 blocks south of the 29th St boat ramp. ~~which~~ We just got rid of our ceptic tanks which I tried to get done in 1992 so I appreciate your giving the time + effort to save the river. If my name will help in any way I will try to perform some part. Sincerely
Thank you*

10/20/00

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How long have you lived there?

Why did you move there?

.....
Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? Yes

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways? Neither

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No

Is this a concern of yours? Yes or No

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

Wash out under docks

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found?

High tide, natural effects of the river

Do you go boating on the Braden River? NO

What kind of boat do you use? USED to use a canoe, but don't go anyh

Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)? NO

Do you fish on the Braden River? NO

What types of fish do you catch? None

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River? I don't know

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Yes or No

If so, how many times? None we don't look

What months do you generally see them? Don't see them

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there? NO

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River?

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River? NO

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there?

What do you think Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

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What area of the Braden River are you located on?

East Side

West Side

Close to the mouth

Other

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Do you own or rent property along the Braden River or one of its tributaries? *own*

How long have you lived there? *24 year*

Why did you move there? *get away from congested areas*



Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? *yes*

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways?

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No

Is this a concern or yours? Yes or No

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found?

Do you go boating on the Braden River?

YES

What kind of boat do you use?

12' JOHNSON BOAT

Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)?

NO

Do you fish on the Braden River?

YES

What types of fish do you catch?

Blue crab, REDS, SHEEPHEAD, Mullet, drums, catfish, mangosnapper

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River?

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year?

Yes or No

If so, how many times?

mother & baby

What months do you generally see them?

JUN. - JULY

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there?

NO

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

owl, blue heron, mockingbird, sandpiper, pelicans, seagulls, marsh hen, fox, otter, coon

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River?

YES

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

15 mph

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

ski craft

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

yes

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there?

worse

What do you think Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

Keep people from building

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

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Bradenton 34208

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- East Side
- West Side
- Close to the mouth
- Other

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How long have you lived there? *20 years* *Street*

Why did you move there? *The quietness and surroundings*

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? *yes*

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways?

I find the boat traffic harmful. They are noisy, which means they are speeding. I worry about the Manatees.

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?

We also heard it so loud, it might be a jet ski. -

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No

Is this a concern or yours? Yes or No

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found?

Do you go boating on the Braden River? *sometimes*

What kind of boat do you use? *johnboat*

Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)? *no*

Do you fish on the Braden River? *sometimes*

What types of fish do you catch? *nothing. My friend always does.*

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River?

decrease. When I first moved out there, I'd see mullet jumping in the canal. I very rarely see one, now.

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Yes or No

If so, how many times? *once*

What months do you generally see them?

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there?

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River? *Blue heron*
I think it's an egret.

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River?

Yes. The river is not that long.

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

yes

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

No wake speed.

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

speeding.

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

Too much building.

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there?

worse.

What do you think Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

The use of the river is to appreciate the dwindling naturalness. It should be a no wake zone river. Just cruising and enjoying the peacefulness and beauty of it. I love just drifting and seeing. Above the dam, I'll see an alligator basking in the sun. That's Florida. Leave this river alone, Boat is the purpose

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Do you own or rent property along the Braden River or one of its tributaries? *Own - near not on*

How long have you lived there? *4 yrs.*

Why did you move there? *To be close to work.*

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years?

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways?

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? Yes or No

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance?
We can hear the boat traffic. No, it is not a nuisance

Do you find erosion along the river? Yes or No

Is this a concern of yours? Yes or No

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed?

What do you feel could be the cause of any erosion you have found?

Do you go boating on the Braden River? *yes*
What kind of boat do you use? *17 ft. open fisherman*
Do you operate a personal watercraft (jet ski)? *NO*
Do you fish on the Braden River? *no*
What types of fish do you catch? *—*

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River? *NO*

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? Yes or No

If so, how many times?

What months do you generally see them?

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there? *NO*

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River? ~~and~~ *Gators, Herons, Eagles*

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River? *yes*

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

yes

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

15 mph

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

DRINKING + operating a boat

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River? NO

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition or in the same condition now than when you moved there?

SAME

What do you think Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

Better boat ramps.

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

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PASTOR GARY BYRAM
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BRADENTON, FL. 34208

What area of the Braden River are you located ~~on~~? near?

East Side

West Side

Close to the mouth

Other

Thank you for participating in this survey. The County Commission was very receptive to the idea of collecting data on the Braden River and in citizens' comments. A follow-up workshop is being planned. It will probably be held at the end of January.

We apologize to anyone who did not receive a survey in Nov. and hope that you will add your thought on this issue.

If you have further comments or questions, please call 745-1350.

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Subject: Fw: BRADEN RIVER SURVEY

This is an informal survey of citizens who live along the Braden River. It is being conducted by local citizens and the Manatee Sarasota Chapter of the Sierra Club to help in gathering information about patterns of use and the physical condition of the Braden River.

The results of the survey will be compiled and provided to Manatee County Government at a public hearing. This survey is a rare opportunity for citizens to voice their opinion on the general status of the Braden River, and to present ideas for improved stewardship of the river.

It is hoped that the results of this survey will assist in providing direction for county staff and elected officials in formulating policy for caring for the river and promoting appropriate recreational use and enjoyment of the river.

Do you own or rent property along the Braden River or one of its tributaries? *Live across the street from Braden River*

How long have you lived there? *13 yrs.*

Why did you move there? *country-like atmosphere*

Have you noticed an increase in boat traffic over the past several years? *Yes*

Have you found the boat traffic to be harmful or helpful to the river or to your enjoyment of the river, and in what ways? *Harmful - too much noise at all hours - fast boat activity - rough play on water-craft.*

Have you noticed noise pollution along the river? *Yes*

If so, what is causing the noise, and have you found it to be a nuisance? *big boats; air boats; jet skis*

Do you find boat wakes to be causing erosion along the river? *yes*

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Is this a concern of yours? *yes*

What specific effects of erosion, if any, have you noticed? *in the ~~off~~ event of storms river could flood.*

Do you go boating on the Braden River? *Yes*

What kind of boat do you use? *canoe*

Do you operate a personal watercraft? *no*

Do you fish on the Braden River? *yes*

What types of fish do you catch? *redfish, snook, sheepshead, catfish, ladyfish, sailcats, mudcats, flounder, mangrove snapper, yellow-tailed jack, trout*

Have you noticed an increase or decrease in the amount of fish caught on the Braden River? *decrease*

Have you seen manatees in the Braden River during the past year? *Past two years? *yes - yes**

Is so, where and how many times? *18th Ave E. several*

Have you seen or heard of manatee deaths in the Braden River during the time that you have lived there? *no*

What other marine life or birds do you observe on the Braden River?

Manatees

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to regulate boat speed on the Braden River? *yes*

Would it seem reasonable for Manatee County to enforce regulations by issuing citations for excessive speed or reckless activity on the Braden River?

yes

What do you think of as appropriate boat speed on the river?

20 mph

What do you consider to be inappropriate boating uses of the river?

skiing -

Have you noticed an increase in litter along the Braden River?

yes

What other impacts do you notice along the Braden River?

Do you feel that the Braden River is in better or worse condition now than when you moved there?

worse

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in your enjoyment of the Braden River?

pass new laws

What do you think that Manatee County can do to assist in protecting the Braden River now and for future generations?

patrol

Please provide any additional comments regarding the use and protection of the Braden River.

Please provide your name, street address, phone number, and e-mail address. We are hoping the County will have an evening follow-up workshop for residents.

If you have further comments or questions, please call 745-1350. Thank you for participating in this survey. Please encourage your neighbors to participate in this survey as well. We would like to present the results to the County Commission on December 5th, so your quick response would be appreciated.

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