



SARASOTA COUNTY MANATEE PROTECTION PLAN

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Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners
1660 Ringling Boulevard
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Mote Marine Laboratory Technical Report No. 894
Prepared for Sarasota County Government by
Mote Marine Laboratory in consultation with
Sarasota County Staff and
the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Figure II.7. Location of manatee sightings from Mote Marine Laboratory aerial survey data, 1995-1999; Little Sarasota Bay to Blackburn Bay. Each point represents a sighting of one or more animals.

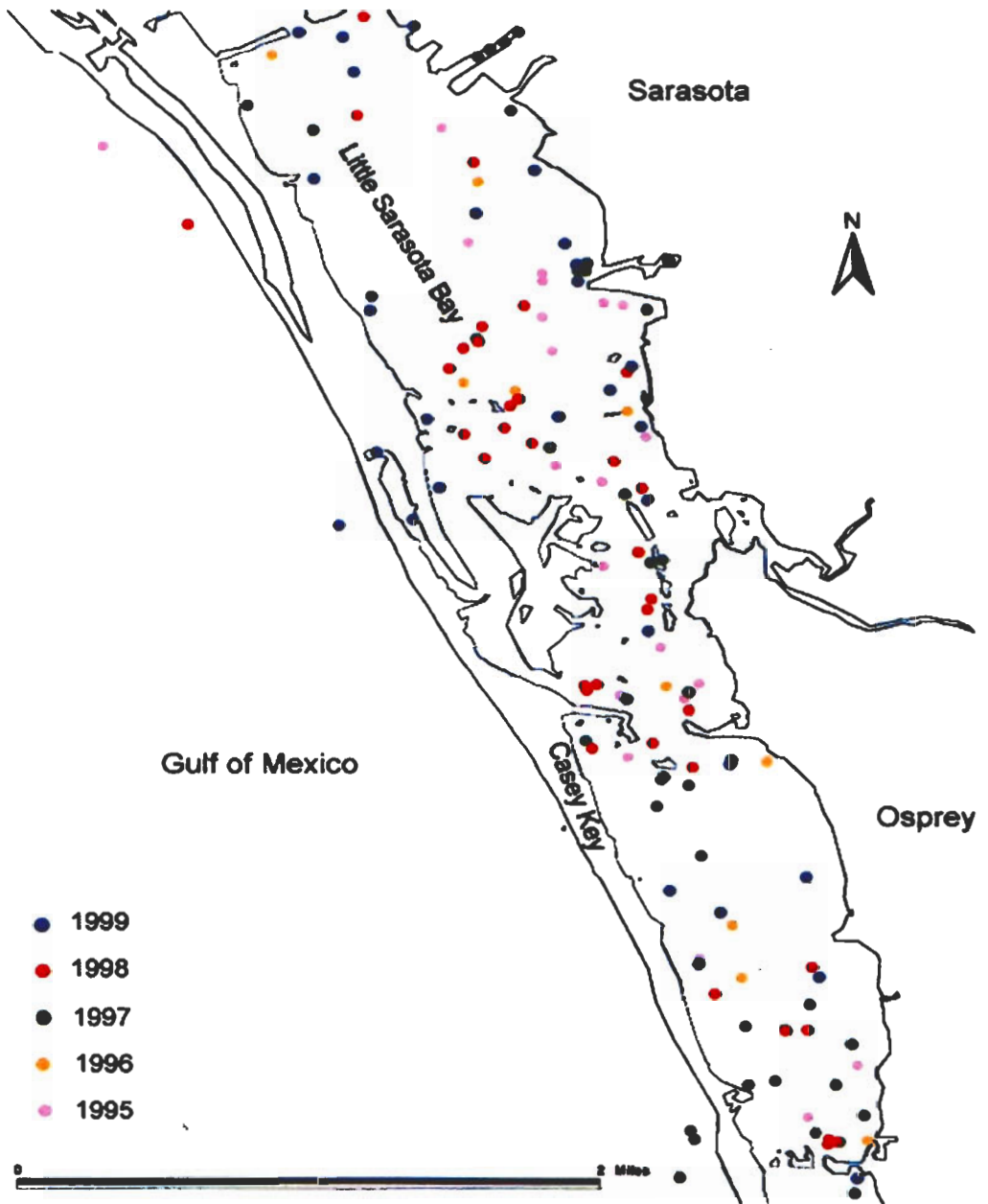
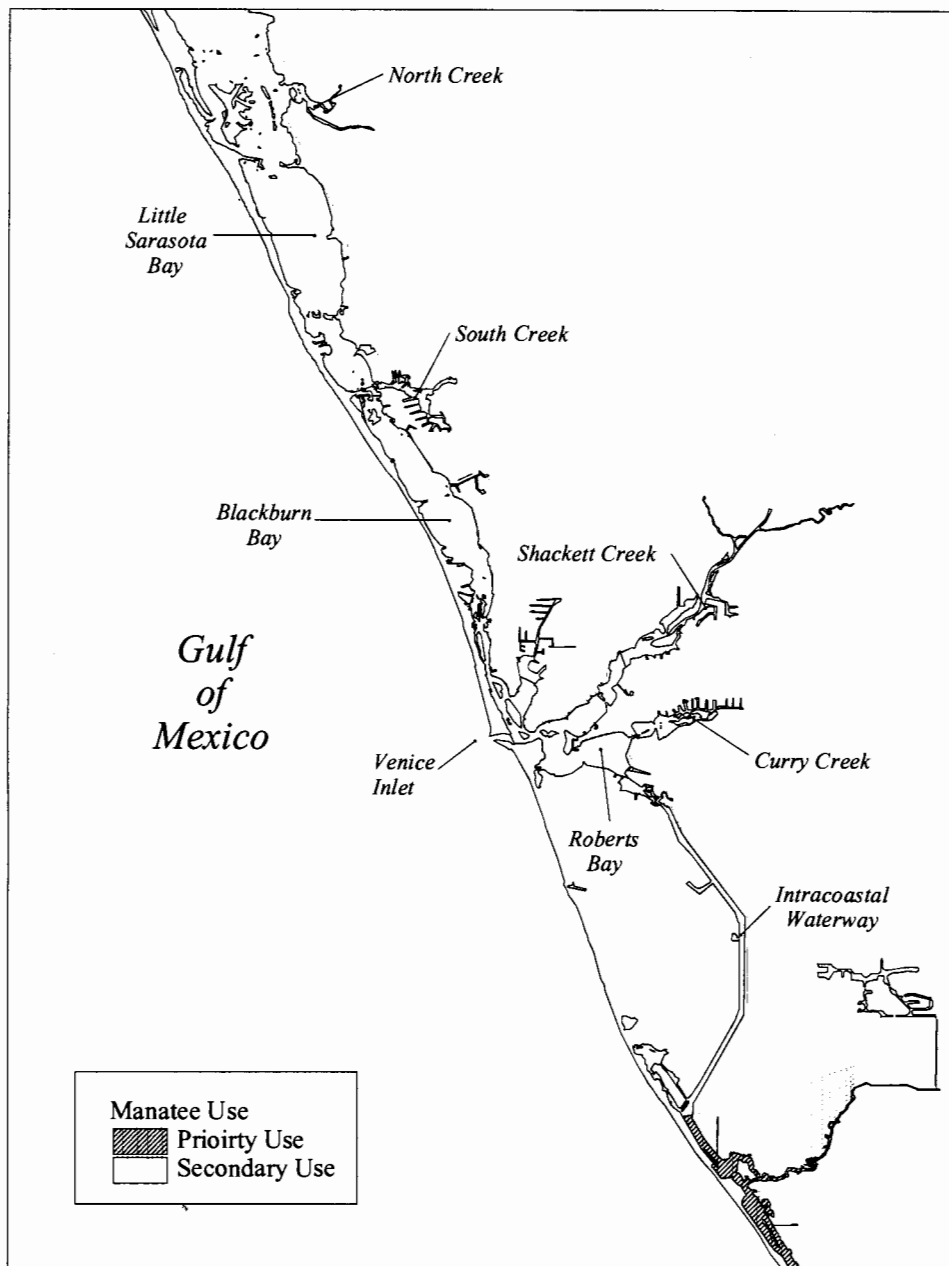


Figure II.27. Identification of priority and secondary manatee areas in central Sarasota County



8. August 2003 - FWC comments on MPP due to be received
9. August 2003 - Close public comment period
10. September 24, 2003 - Board of County Commissioners Public Hearings to consider MPP adoption & Implementing code
11. July 1, 2004 EAR report due to DCA, includes relevant MPP amendments
12. Upon DCA approval Comprehensive Plan amended with BFSP incorporated by reference and implemented by code.

VI.2.4 Mechanism for Periodic Review and Revision

The Sarasota County Manatee Protection Plan will be reviewed five years after it is adopted by both Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The clock for revision will start once the last authorized signature is in place.

Thereafter, a routine evaluation of the plan will be scheduled every five years. During said review the plan will be revised by amendment to the county code and will be supplemented with standard data and information as addressed below. Sarasota County recognizes that some instances may exist where the routine review cycle must be abbreviated. In the event that an exceptional review is required, the next routine review will be scheduled five years from that revision date. The following is a list of such exceptions and their effective dates. Any failure to conduct the review and revisions according to the stated schedule shall not invalidate the plan nor any provisions of the county code associated with it. Thus, failure to conduct the update on schedule in no way affects the enforceability of this plan.

<u>Exceptions</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
* State delisting of the West Indian Manatee	– upon promulgation and implementation.
* Significant change in legal requirements	– upon promulgation and implementation.
* Uncharacteristic manatee mortality as defined by BPSM	– immediate review
* Change in Waterway character (ex/ Midnight Pass opened)	– immediate review
* Special review may be initiated by the Board of County Commissioners	