A proposal to revise
ARTICLE IV, s. 9, Fla. Const.; creating the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to be composed initially of the existing members of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and the Marine Fisheries Commission.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission that:

Section 1. Section 9 of Article IV of the Florida Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE IV
EXECUTIVE
SECTION 9. Fish Game and wildlife conservation fresh water fish commission.--

(a) The marine, freshwater, and wildlife resources of the state belong to all of the people of the state and should be conserved and managed for the benefit of the state, its people, and future generations.

(b) 1. There shall be a fish and wildlife conservation commission composed of seven members appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate for staggered terms of five years.

2. Notwithstanding paragraph (b)1., the initial members of the commission shall be the members of the game and freshwater fish commission and the marine fisheries commission who are serving on either of those commissions on the effective date of this amendment, who shall serve the remainder of their respective terms, and appointments to the commission shall not be made until all current terms of the

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members of the game and fresh water fish commission and the
marine fisheries commission have expired so that only seven
members of the commission remain and, in that event, the
governor shall appoint members of the commission as the terms
of the remaining seven members expire.

(c) The commission shall exercise the regulatory and
executive powers of the state with respect to wild animal
life, freshwater aquatic life, and marine aquatic life, except
that all license fees for taking wild animal life, freshwater
aquatic life, and marine aquatic life, and penalties for
violating regulations of the commission shall be prescribed by
specific statute. The commission shall not be a sub-unit of
any other state agency and shall have its own staff that
includes management, research, enforcement, and public
information functions. The legislature may enact laws in aid
of the commission not inconsistent with this section. The
commission's exercise of executive powers in the area of
planning, budgeting, personnel management, and purchasing
shall be as provided by law. Revenue derived from such license
fees shall be appropriated to the commission by the
legislature for the purpose of management, protection, and
conservation of wild animal life, freshwater aquatic life, and
marine aquatic life. There shall be a game and fresh water
fish commission, composed of five members appointed by the
governor subject to confirmation by the senate for staggered
terms of five years. The commission shall exercise the
regulatory and executive powers of the state with respect to
wild animal life and fresh water aquatic life, except that all
license fees for taking wild animal life and fresh water
aquatic life and penalties for violating regulations of the
commission shall be prescribed by specific statute. The
legislature may enact laws in aid of the commission, not inconsistent with this section. The commission's exercise of executive powers in the area of planning, budgeting, personnel management, and purchasing shall be as provided by law. Revenue derived from such license fees shall be appropriated to the commission by the legislature for the purpose of management, protection and conservation of wild animal life and fresh water aquatic life.