

*RESOLUTION TO INFORM THE GOVERNOR'S
COMMITTEE ON POLLUTION AND THE STATE
BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE INFORMATION
RECEIVED AT PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER
POLLUTION.*

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, was requested to hold a public hearing on water pollution of the Amelia River and its tributaries, which meeting was held on June 6, 1967, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. after public notice, at which meeting approximately sixty interested persons were in attendance, and

WHEREAS, each of those in attendance at said hearing was given an opportunity to be heard and numerous persons spoke in regard to the water pollution problem, and

WHEREAS, the pertinent facts brought out in the proceedings of this hearing were as follows:

1. That Fort Clinch State Park, located on the north end of Amelia Island at the northern terminus of the Amelia River, is visited by many thousands of people each year, some of whom camp with their families at the camping facilities of this park for extended periods of time, and that numerous people participate in water-contact sports such as swimming and skiing at this location on the Amelia River, although this area is posted as being dangerous to swimmers, which was done prior to the knowledge of the pollution of the Amelia River because of the dangerous currents in the river at this point.

2. That because of the nature of the pollution of the river, it is unsafe for bodily contact, which includes not only swimmers but those persons who come in bodily contact with the waters of the river in a commercial or recreational manner in the handling of boats and the pertinences thereto, including launching, repair, and other activities which necessitate bodily contact with the waters of the river.

3. That the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, has erected, and the Florida Development Commission operates, the only Marine Welcome Station in the world, said station being located at the foot of Atlantic Avenue in the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, on the Amelia River, where all pleasure craft plying the inland waterway is invited to dock at the wharf facilities, thereby exposing all of these visitors to the contamination of the polluted waters of the Amelia River.

4. That the Amelia River and its tributaries are spawning grounds for shrimp, shellfish, and other types of marine life, and, due to the pollution of the river as it now exists, spawning activities are adversely affected and many of the living species are killed or otherwise diseased so that the eatable varieties are not fit for human consumption.

5. That the basic cause of the pollution of the Amelia River and its tributaries is due to the dumping of raw sewage, chemical effluence, waste products from the fishing industries, and waste from other businesses and industries located on the banks of the Amelia River in this area.

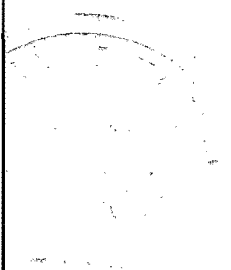
WHEREAS, this Board feels that the matters and things presented at the public hearing should be transmitted to the Governor's Committee on Pollution and the Florida State Board of Health for their consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, in special meeting duly assembled, that the Governor's Committee on Pollution and the Florida State Board of Health be, and they are, hereby informed as to the public meeting held in the Nassau County Courthouse in regard to water pollution and the pertinent facts presented at such meeting as set forth in the preamble hereto for their consideration regarding water pollution

of the Amelia River and its tributaries and the appropriate classification thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor's Committee on Pollution, the Florida State Board of Health, and the Nassau County Water Pollution Association.

ADOPTED this 6th day of June, 1967.


John F. Armstrong
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

D. O. Ashley
EX-OFFICIO CLERK