



## Organization Policy

The Rivers Coalition is a broad based, grass roots organization of Businesses, Environmental & Civic groups.

**Mission Statement: To fight for a safe, healthy and ecologically balanced St. Lucie River Estuary and Indian River Lagoon, natural resources that are vital to the economy and quality of life of Martin County and the Treasure Coast.**

1. When applicable, Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, will govern meetings.
2. Individuals representing organizations of 25 members or more will be voting delegates.
3. To avoid the appearance of politicizing the Rivers Coalition, elected officials and announced candidates will not be eligible as voting delegates regardless of the organization represented.
4. The Rivers Coalition recognizes there will be some member organizations that are supportive of the mission but are never able to attend meetings. For voting purposes 20 or more voting members present will constitute a quorum, and to be approved actions must pass with a positive vote of 2/3 of those present.
5. Voting delegates should have authorization from the organization which they represent to vote in their good judgment what is in the best interest of the Rivers Coalition and their organization. Because there will be instances where time is of the essence voting delegates need this authority in order that actions may be voted on without advance notice. When possible delegates will be advised of actions requiring a vote in ample time to poll their organization's board for a decision. If this is not attainable then the delegate can abstain.
6. All delegates are requested to attend all meetings. In the event the appointed voting delegate cannot attend he/she may appoint a proxy with prior email notice to the Chairman.
7. Delegates may only represent one organization.
8. All organizations are invited to join by written application to the Membership Committee of the Rivers Coalition.

9. The success of any organization depends on participation by its members, and all delegates, voting or non voting, are requested to identify to the organization any actions that will benefit the Rivers Coalition and assist in implementation.
10. Any and all correspondence on behalf of the Rivers Coalition will come from the Chairman, except as designated by the Chairman.
11. All inquiries from the media regarding the Rivers Coalition will be directed to the Chairman or designee.
12. Any and all changes to member organizations and delegates must be advised in writing.

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Organization Name and Name of Voting Delegate

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Signature of Voting Delegate

Date