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1. State Bird

This proposal would change the designation of Florida's state bird from the Northern Mockingbird to the Osprey, a bird that better represents the uniqueness of Florida. The proposed new state bird was chosen by Florida's 4th – 8th graders in an on-line election, November 4, 2008, Election Day.

2. Commercial Saltwater Fishing License Clarification

This proposal clarifies that a resident commercial saltwater products license (SPL) also authorizes a commercial fisherman to recreationally fish. Currently, this authorization is stated in the recreational saltwater fishing statute, s. 379.353(2)(k), F.S., but not in the SPL statute, s. 379.361, F.S. This proposal does not change the intent of current law, but rather would clarify the authorization in both sections of law, and would allow the agency to qualify for additional federal match monies tied to recreational licenses that are available through the Sportfish Restoration Program.