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PRESS RELEASE: FERAL CAT POPULATION SEADRIFT HARBOR

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The West Side Calhoun County Navigation District is aware of a large feral cat population at the District's Seadrift Harbor. Previously, there has been a small but transient feral cat population present, but the situation changed drastically when people began abandoning cats and kittens at the harbor. With the dramatic increase in population, well-meaning members of the public began feeding and providing housing areas for the cats and encouraging both their remaining at the harbor and creating an environment conducive to their rapid reproduction. The overpopulation situation has grown drastically in short order, creating a health hazard for the boat owners who lease slips in the harbor and the commercial fish house operations. This culminated with the Health Department recently visiting the commercial fish house operations due to the health hazard concerns a large feral cat population presents at food production facilities.

This large feral cat colony was not one created by the District or its representatives, but yet here we are left to deal with the cat problem in an ethical and responsible manner as prescribed by law. Cats in the quantities present at the harbor cannot be allowed to remain, and the West Side Calhoun County Navigation District welcomes the opportunity to partner with other entities who can assist with relocation options in the best interest of the cats, the public and commercial operations at the harbor.

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