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Rep. Ambler Invites Policy Makers to Manatee Hospital Workshop

TAMPA, FL - Rep. Kevin Ambler (R-Tampa), whose legislative district includes the Lowry Park Zoo, has invited other members of the Hillsborough Legislative Delegation, representatives from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), and other policy makers who are interested and directly involved in the protection and rehabilitation of manatees to a meeting at the Lowry Park Zoo on Monday, August 15, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

In announcing the tour of the Florida Manatee Hospital and Aquatic Center at the Zoo, followed by a workshop, Rep. Ambler said, "While the 2008 Legislature provided a recurring funding source for the three manatee hospitals in Florida, the workshop is intended to focus on policy issues and to share ideas, comments and suggestions for additional legislative initiatives and other creative approaches to inure to the long-term protection and rehabilitation, as may be necessary, of the Florida manatee."

The Lowry Park Zoo's manatee hospital opened in 1991 and is the only non-profit facility of its kind in the world. The Zoo is located at 1101 W. Sligh Avenue, Tampa.

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