Florida Manatee Population Trends

This project uses data from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to analyze Manatee observations and make suggestions for Florida's Wildlife Commission moving forward and caring for the manatees' habitats. For manatees’ in Florida, they have a difficult time during the winter being close to shore for warmth but also being close to boats facing strikes. In order to look at this data and make suggestions, this project explores the total manatee observations over time, the adult population versus calves, the average observations by month and by county and year. All of these show patterns of the different areas manatees spend most of their time and what areas need to be protected the most.