

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 – 9:45am, Ryall house/South Prong Preserve

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – pp. 2-3

TREASURER'S REPORT – pp. 4-10

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1) PIAS lawsuit decision – pp. 11-12
- 2) FDOT route 510/US 1 road project – p. 13
- 3) Earthjustice Florida/EPA wetlands permitting lawsuit – pp. 14-18

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adopt-a-Road – awaiting response from IRC Public Works

NEW BUSINESS

Glass display case donation from Sebastian boating club?
Kelly Jackson donation of invasive tree for South Prong Preserve – p. 19

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Herrmann

SJRWMD permits – Palms of Indian River Estates, Micco Rd., permit #101651-4, 5-year extension

ACOE permits – none

Dr. Grant Gilmore/USFWS briefing for endangered fish species petition, SSR, et al. – pp. 20-28

IR County Urban Service Boundary Study – pp. 29-30

FDEP Blue-Green Algae – p. 31

Education/Outreach – Bolton/Stephen

Mar 26th FSSR meeting, North IR Library, Ashley Linwood, IR County Conservation Lands-South Prong Preserve

Yard sign, no update

CR 510 road cleanup with SRHS

River paddlefest, April 27?

Wimbrow Park/River manatee signs

Earth Day shirts & new finger puppets ordered – pp. 32-34

Financial – Greene – Conserve-a-Nation insurance quote – pp. 35-45

Governance – Herrmann

- 1) election of Directors not completed at the January Board meeting, exp. terms – C.L. Peterson, D. Bolton
- 2) election of Officers, Pres., VP, Sec., Treas.

Information – Glover – Google web stats – pp. 46-47

Membership – Herrmann, monthly review of renewals due – email notification via Zeffy with follow-up letter mailed, if needed.

Publicity – Penny Phillips, no update

Volunteer – vacant

Round robin –

Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Next BOD meeting – April 9, 9:45am, Ryall house
- 2) MRC 20th Birthday Party Invitation, March 19, 4-7pm, RSVP required – p. 48
- 3) Sebastian Area Historical Society meeting, Mar. 20, 6pm, Goodrich family history/island, Tim Glover, FSSR
- 4) Roseland Women's Club/Community Park workday, Mar. 20, 9am (monthly on the third Wed.)
- 5) Ryall/SPP workdays – Mar. 22
- 6) 2nd Annual Palm Bay Sustainability Fair, April 13, 5-8pm – p. 49
- 7) Sebastian Earth & Arbor Day Celebration, April 20, 9am to 4pm – pp. 50

**FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024-10am, Ryall House, South Prong Preserve**

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE--Pres. Glover called the meeting to order at 9:57 am. In attendance were Greene(treas.), Peterson(secy.), and directors Bolton, Stephen, and Zingman. Advisory director Hinck was also in attendance. Vice-president Herrmann had an excused absence.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA-none

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)(AP, pp.2-3)--Bolton made a motion, seconded by Greene, that the Minutes from the January 9, 2024 BOD meeting be approved and accepted; all voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT(AP, pp.4-10)--Stephen made a motion, seconded by Peterson, that the report be accepted for audit; all voted in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--IR County Parks & Rec. 10-year master plan workshop-Glover gave an update and shared a packet of pertinent materials.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Adopt-a-Road-awaiting response from IRC Public works, 130th St.-Discussion ensued; Tim will make follow-up phone calls.
- 2) Purchases for Ryall property(AP, pp.11-14):
 - ~pavers-Tim will check in with Lowe's (Napoli 20"by20"at \$9 per unit): American Hardscape in Ft. Pierce too expensive
 - ~fence/trellis to hide outside AC unit-discussion ensued as to whether a vinyl trellis is preferable to an actual fence. Stephen made a motion, seconded by Bolton, that Glover be given an allowance up to \$120 to purchase what he deems fit for the area. All voted in favor.
 - ~trees-Stephen made a motion, seconded by Bolton, that Glover be allowed to spend up to \$200 on several decorative specimen trees, such as southern magnolia. All voted in favor.
 - ~wheelbarrow-purchased at Lowe's by Glover in January

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Rain barrel for Ryall House, www.rainbarrels.ca(AP,pp.15-18)-Glover will order terra-cotta colored rain barrel for Ryall House
- 2) Glass display case donation from Sebastian boating club-Greene reported that one is available if we are interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy-Herrmann

SJRWMD permits-none

ACOE permits-none

Dr. Grant Gilmore, USFWS petition for endangered species, SSR, et. al(AP,p.19)

IR County Urban Service Boundary study(AP, pp.20-21)

Fellsmere N. Broadway St. redevelopment(AP, pp.22-23)

Brevard IR Lagoon Coalition, Brevard County Comm. of EEL Program(AP, pp.24-25)

FL SB 7040, revision of stormwater rules, Senate analysis and financial impact statement-
<https://m.flsenate.gov/session/bill/2024/7040/analyses/2024s07040.pre.en.pdf>,
1000 Friends of FL synop(AP,p.26)

Education/Outreach-Bolton/Stephen

March 26, FSSR meeting, North IR Library-possible speakers include Alexis Peralta, Keith Touchberry, Beth Powell, and Ken Grudens

Yard sign, no update

CR 510 road cleanup with SRHS-no update

Roseland Open air Market, Feb. 17th(AP, p.27)-Herrmann may still be too ill to attend as our rep.

River paddlefest?-Hinck will run event on April 27th. All FSSR members and former participants will be notified. Event will be simplified. Box lunches will be provided.

Financial-Greene, QuickBooks accounting software(AP,pp.28-29)-Greene reported that 2012 edition needs to be updated and replaced with latest 2021 edition. Greene made a motion, seconded by Stephen, that we pay the \$20 fee; all voted in favor.

Governance-Herrmann

1)Election of directors not completed at Jan. BOD mtg., exp. terms C.L. Peterson, D. Bolton-TABLED

2)Election of officers--Pres., VP., Secy., Treas.-TABLED

Information-Glover, no update

Membership-Herrmann, monthly review of renewals due-email notification via Zeffy with follow-up letter mailed, if needed. Zeffy is our new online membership database, as demoed at our Jan., 2024 Board meeting.

Publicity-Penny Phillips, no update

Volunteer-vacant, added additional volunteer dates in March

Round Robin-Peterson made a motion, seconded by Stephen, that Glover be allowed to spend up to \$500 on new pavers. Stephen commented that canal spraying is still dangerous to health of humans and animals. Hinck reported that he is working on a hydrilla project and will be meeting with the FWC re canal spraying.

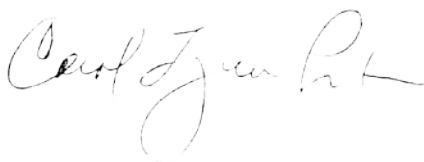
Adjournment--Glover made a motion, seconded by Peterson, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:17 am; all voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

1)Next FSSR BOD meeting at 9:45am at Ryall House on Tuesday, March 12, 2024

2)Ryall/SPP workdays-Feb. 24, March 9 & 22

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Lynn Peterson
FSSR Secretary

Friends of St. Sebastian River
Profit & Loss
February 2024

	Feb 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
43400 · Direct Public Support	
43410 · Corporate Contributions	50.00
43440 · Gifts in Kind - Goods	15.55
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	441.56
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	507.11
47200 · Program Income	
47230 · Membership Dues	175.00
Total 47200 · Program Income	175.00
Total Income	682.11
Gross Profit	682.11
Expense	
60900 · Business Expenses	
60901 · Sales Taxes	2.45
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	2.45
62800 · Facilities and Equipment	
62840 · Equip Rental and Maintenance	89.96
62890 · Rent, Parking, Utilities	34.19
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	124.15
65000 · Operations	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	68.00
65040 · Supplies	6.99
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	37.87
65060 · Merchant Service Fee-PayPal	0.79
Total 65000 · Operations	113.65
Total Expense	240.25
Net Ordinary Income	441.86
Net Income	441.86

Friends of St. Sebastian River

Balance Sheet

03/03/24

As of February 29, 2024

Accrual Basis

	Feb 29, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · Checking	
10020 · Without Donor Restrictions	11,484.65
10030 · With Donor Restirctions	
10031 · Geo Schum Memorial Fd	1,000.00
10033 · Archie Laird Memorial	585.00
10034 · Grants	422.54
Total 10030 · With Donor Restirctions	<u>2,007.54</u>
Total 10000 · Checking	13,492.19
10100 · Petty Cash	45.00
10200 · PayPal	481.33
10210 · Zeffy	80.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>14,098.52</u>
Other Current Assets	
10300 · Gift Card	26.26
12000 · Undeposited Funds	100.00
12100 · Inventory Asset	
12110 · Puppets	284.50
12120 · Clothing	137.05
12130 · Miscellaneous Inventory	4.82
12140 · Hats	116.64
12100 · Inventory Asset - Other	1,151.97
Total 12100 · Inventory Asset	<u>1,694.98</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,821.24</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>15,919.76</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>15,919.76</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	6.57
Total Accounts Payable	<u>6.57</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
25500 · Sales Tax Payable	0.92
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>0.92</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>7.49</u>
Total Liabilities	7.49
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	316.73
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	15,216.56
Net Income	378.98
Total Equity	<u>15,912.27</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>15,919.76</u>

Friends of St. Sebastian River
Reconciliation Detail
10000 · Checking, Period Ending 02/29/2024

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						13,076.35
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 5 items						
Check	02/02/2024	DC	Google	X	-3.00	-3.00
Check	02/11/2024	DC	Ooma	X	-6.31	-9.31
Check	02/14/2024	DC	Techsoup	X	-20.00	-29.31
Check	02/19/2024	dc	Home Depot	X	-37.41	-66.72
Check	02/26/2024	dc	US Post Office	X	-68.00	-134.72
Total Checks and Payments					-134.72	-134.72
Deposits and Credits - 4 items						
Transfer	02/05/2024			X	115.00	115.00
Deposit	02/13/2024			X	269.00	384.00
Sales Receipt	02/26/2024	1036	Charities Aid Found...	X	83.28	467.28
Sales Receipt	02/27/2024	1037	Charities Aid Found...	X	83.28	550.56
Total Deposits and Credits					550.56	550.56
Total Cleared Transactions					415.84	415.84
Cleared Balance					415.84	13,492.19
Register Balance as of 02/29/2024					415.84	13,492.19
New Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 1 item						
Check	03/02/2024	DC	Google		-3.00	-3.00
Total Checks and Payments					-3.00	-3.00
Total New Transactions					-3.00	-3.00
Ending Balance					412.84	13,489.19

Initiate Business CheckingSM

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FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER, INC.
SEBASTIAN RIVER INC
PO BOX 284
ROSELAND FL 32957-0284

Questions?

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Portland, OR 97228-6995

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Business Spending Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Overdraft Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>

Statement period activity summary

Beginning balance on 2/1	\$13,076.35
Deposits/Credits	550.56
Withdrawals/Debits	- 134.72
Ending balance on 2/29	\$13,492.19

Account number: [REDACTED]
FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER, INC.
SEBASTIAN RIVER INC

Florida account terms and conditions apply

For Direct Deposit use
Routing Number (RTN): 063107513

For Wire Transfers use
Routing Number (RTN): 121000248

Overdraft Protection

This account is not currently covered by Overdraft Protection. If you would like more information regarding Overdraft Protection and eligibility requirements please call the number listed on your statement or visit your Wells Fargo branch.



Transaction history

Date	Check Number	Description	Deposits/ Credits	Withdrawals/ Debits	Ending daily balance
2/2		Purchase authorized on 02/01 Google®Gsuite Fssr CC Google.Com CA S584032485760306 Card [REDACTED]		3.00	13,073.35
2/5		Zeffy US Zeffy US St-Z9Z1M11305N8 Friends of St Sebastia	115.00		13,188.35
2/12		Recurring Payment authorized on 02/10 Ooma,Inc 888-711-6662 CA S584041701520389 Card [REDACTED]		6.31	13,182.04
2/13		eDeposit IN Branch 02/13/24 12:15:25 PM 1524 US Hwy 1 Sebastian FL	269.00		13,451.04
2/14		Purchase authorized on 02/13 Techsoup 4156339300 CA S464044732500710 Card [REDACTED]		20.00	13,431.04
2/20		Purchase authorized on 02/19 The Home Depot #8545 Sebastian FL P384050720552785 Card [REDACTED]		37.41	13,393.63
2/26		Purchase authorized on 02/26 USPS PO 11847504 1290 Mai Sebastian FL P304057694366683 Card [REDACTED]		68.00	13,325.63
2/28		Cybergrants-Cafa Cybergrant ACH_7142695 Friends of St Sebastia	83.28		
2/28		Cybergrants-Cafa Cybergrant ACH_7156831 Friends of St Sebastia	83.28		13,492.19
Ending balance on 2/29					13,492.19
Totals			\$550.56	\$134.72	

The Ending Daily Balance does not reflect any pending withdrawals or holds on deposited funds that may have been outstanding on your account when your transactions posted. If you had insufficient available funds when a transaction posted, fees may have been assessed.

Monthly service fee summary

For a complete list of fees and detailed account information, see the disclosures applicable to your account or talk to a banker. Go to wells Fargo.com/feefaq for a link to these documents, and answers to common monthly service fee questions.

Fee period 02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024	Standard monthly service fee \$10.00	You paid \$0.00
The bank has waived the fee for this fee period.		
How to avoid the monthly service fee	Minimum required	This fee period
Have any ONE of the following each fee period		
• Average ledger balance	\$1,000.00	\$13,305.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
• Minimum daily balance	\$500.00	\$13,073.35 <input type="checkbox"/>

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Account transaction fees summary

Service charge description	Units used	Units included	Excess units	Service charge per excess units (\$)	Total service charge (\$)
Cash Deposited (\$)	0	5,000	0	0.0030	0.00
Transactions	6	100	0	0.50	0.00
Total service charges					\$0.00



Merchant Account ID: [REDACTED]

PayPal ID: info@fssr.org

2/1/24 - 2/29/24

Statement for February 2024

Friends of St. Sebastian River, Inc.
PO Box 284
32957 Roseland

Balance Summary (2/1/24 - 2/29/24)

	Available beginning	Available ending	Withheld beginning	Withheld ending
USD	522.12	481.33	0.00	0.00



Merchant Account ID: [REDACTED]

PayPal ID: info@fssr.org

2/1/24 - 2/29/24

Activity Summary (2/1/24 - 2/29/24)

	USD
Beginning Available Balance	522.12
Payments received	15.00
Payments sent	-55.00
Withdrawals and Debits	0.00
Deposits and Credits	0.00
Fees	-0.79
Ending Available Balance	481.33

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR INDIAN RIVER COUNTY,
FLORIDA

APPELLATE DIVISION

Circuit Case No.: 23-AP-03
Petition for Writ of Certiorari

PELICAN ISLAND AUDUBON
SOCIETY, a Florida Not-For
Profit Corporation, GRAHAM COX,
and DONNA HALLERMAN,

Petitioners,
v.

Not final until time expires for filing motion
for rehearing, and if filed, disposed of.

CITY OF SEBASTIAN, and GRAVES
BROTHERS COMPANY,

Respondents.

_____/_____
Decision filed February 19, 2024.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the City of Sebastian's City Council.

George Glenn, Jr., Vero Beach, for Petitioners.

Fishback Dominic, LLP, Winter Park, for Respondent, City of Sebastian.

Vivien J. Monaco, Orlando, for Respondent, Graves Brothers Company.

The petition for writ of certiorari is denied.

ROBERTS, J.

Copies of above decision
were furnished to the attorneys/parties
of record on the same date
the decision was filed.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INVITES YOU TO AN ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

County Road (CR) 510 from 58th Avenue to east of State Road (SR) 5/US 1

Indian River County, Florida

Financial Project ID: 441691-1-22-02

Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Number: 14492

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting an Alternatives Public Workshop regarding the above referenced project. This Alternatives Public Workshop will be offered in two different formats: virtual and in-person. The public workshop will begin with a presentation followed by a question-and-answer period. Attendees can ask questions and/or make comments via the chat function or in-person for project representatives to answer. Questions and comments can be submitted prior to the workshop through the registration link or by emailing the project manager. Project information can be viewed on the project website: <https://www.fdot.gov/projects/cr510-58ave-us1>.

PD&E STUDY PURPOSE

A PD&E Study is FDOT's process to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with a planned transportation improvement project.

The purpose of this study is to develop viable alternatives to widen CR 510 from 58th Avenue to east of SR 5/US 1 from two to four lanes as well as evaluate the addition of multimodal features such as sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and multi-use paths. Intersection improvements at 58th Avenue and at SR 5/US 1 will also be evaluated.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FDOT.

PD&E STUDY SCHEDULE

PD&E Study Start: Fall 2022

PD&E Estimated Completion: Fall 2024

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JOIN US AT THE ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Virtual: Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Please register using the following link or QR code:

<https://bit.ly/cr510pde>



Attendees can ask questions and make comments via the chat function and project representatives will provide answers during the workshop.

To join **by phone** during the virtual workshop, please dial:
+1 (631) 992-3221, Access Code 547-836-535.

In-Person: Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Indian River County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Boardroom, 1800 27th Street – Building B, Vero Beach, FL 32960



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Department will provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge), should contact Maria Formoso, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, at (954) 777-4677, toll free (868) 336-8435, ext. 4677, or Maria.Formoso@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the public workshop.

← **PRESS ROOM (HTTPS://EARTHJUSTICE.ORG/NEWS)**

February 16, 2024

Federal Court Strikes Down EPA Approval of Florida Wetlands Program

Victory — Judge finds EPA and USFWS failed to comply with Endangered Species Act

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↓ LEGAL DOCUMENT (<https://earthjustice.org/document/sec-404-florida-esa-ruling>)

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A federal court [ruled](https://earthjustice.org/document/sec-404-florida-esa-ruling) (<https://earthjustice.org/document/sec-404-florida-esa-ruling>) in favor of environmental groups today, determining that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) violated federal law when they greenlit Florida's takeover of the Clean Water Act wetlands permitting program.

Finding that the agencies created an end-run around the Endangered Species Act, the court struck down Florida's program for reviewing the impacts that wetland permits have on imperiled species. Under the court's new order, EPA, Florida, and those seeking permits to impact wetlands must use Endangered Species Act provisions to ensure that threatened and endangered species are protected in Clean Water Act permitting.

"Today's ruling sends a clear signal that Congress meant what it said when it passed the Endangered Species Act," said **Earthjustice attorney Christina I. Reichert**. "No state can be allowed to take over a federal program as important as the Clean Water Act's wetlands permitting program by making an end-run around the Endangered Species Act."

Seven environmental groups, represented by Earthjustice, [sued](https://earthjustice.org/news/press/2021/earthjustice-sues-on-behalf-of-conservation-groups-to-stop-epa-rubber-stamping-florida-wetlands-destruction) (<https://earthjustice.org/news/press/2021/earthjustice-sues-on-behalf-of-conservation-groups-to-stop-epa-rubber-stamping-florida-wetlands-destruction>) the EPA in January 2021 in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia challenging the transfer of federal wetland permitting authority to Florida, warning that the handover from the Trump administration to Florida's DeSantis administration would "degrade and ruin Florida's natural landscape, all in violation of federal environmental laws." The organizations that filed the suit are the Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, the Sierra Club, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, the Florida Wildlife Federation, Miami Waterkeeper, and St. Johns Riverkeeper.

The court's ruling today resolves part of the lawsuit that concerns the federal agencies' failure to comply with the Endangered Species Act. The remainder of the suit, which concerns violations of the Clean Water Act and the Administrative Procedure Act, is still ongoing.

In December 2023, Earthjustice requested a preliminary injunction on behalf of two of the plaintiffs, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Sierra Club, as Florida was poised to issue state permits for sprawl development projects that would have caused irreparable harm to Florida panthers and imperiled crested caracara birds. The projects are planned for a key wetlands area and critical wildlife corridor where an estimated 120 to 230 endangered panthers remain in their last territory on Earth.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that together, the projects would kill between 7 and 26 panthers each year from vehicular collisions. Another three panthers per year would be harmed by the extensive habitat loss. These projects are among several large developments planned in the wetland areas and panther habitat of eastern Collier and Lee counties, near the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.

Rather than rule on the request for a preliminary injunction, the court ruled in favor of the environmental groups on the underlying claims.

"We're talking about the destruction of some of the last remaining habitat for one of the most endangered animals in the world," said **Earthjustice attorney Bonnie Malloy**. "Restoring the Endangered Species Act protections will ensure that these projects get the analysis and review Congress intended to protect threatened and endangered species."

Tania Galloni, Managing Attorney for the Florida office of Earthjustice, added: "Protecting the nation's biodiversity has never been more important. That's why we're fighting to make sure state programs comply with all federal protections for endangered species."

The environmental groups issued the following statements:



← UPDATES (/LIBRARY/?_TYPE=BRIEF)

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Earthjustice goes to court for our planet.

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Florida's Wetlands Win Protections in Court

February 20, 2024

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What just happened: Earthjustice had a major win in a federal lawsuit to protect Florida's wetlands, which give life to a vast array of plants and animals, including the critically endangered Florida panther. The ruling halts the state from issuing permits to disturb wetlands, including for two massive developments that would have destroyed thousands of acres of panther habitat.

Why it matters: Our planet is in the midst of a biodiversity crisis, with scientists warning that nearly 40% of species could face extinction by 2100. Florida's wetlands host a rich assortment of flora and fauna – but despite their importance, the Trump administration handed off wetlands permitting authority to Florida state officials, who have a terrible track record of protecting endangered species. Earthjustice challenged that decision, and the Feb. 16 court ruling struck down Florida's permitting program.

The Plight of the Panther

- **Incredibly endangered:** Biologists estimate that only 120 to 230 Florida panthers remain in the wild. They once roamed the southeast U.S. but now live only in a small wedge of South Florida.
- **A ticking clock:** This ruling comes at an urgent moment when Florida was poised to issue permits for sprawling developments called Bellmar and Kingston that would have caused irreparable harm to panthers and imperiled crested caracara birds.
- **High-stakes development:** The projects were planned for a key wetlands area and critical wildlife corridor where the panthers remain in their last territory on Earth. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that the projects could kill as many as 26 panthers a year from vehicular collisions.
- **Bigger than the panthers:** Their status as the panthers' stronghold is just one of many reasons Florida's wetlands urgently need protection. They provide a home for many of the state's 139 endangered or threatened

species. They also play a key role in controlling flooding, buffering hurricanes, and filtering pollution from drinking water.

Our Legal Argument

- **Origins:** This case began in late 2020, when the Trump administration gave Florida the power to approve wetlands permits. Among many other blunders, the administration failed to ensure that the state program would adequately protect endangered species.
- **A boon for developers:** Florida developers had long called this state takeover their "Holy Grail," because they could use their political influence to speed up development in environmentally sensitive areas.
- **Going to court:** Representing seven environmental groups, Earthjustice sued the EPA, warning that the handover would "degrade and ruin Florida's natural landscape."
- **ESA compliance:** Our lawsuit argued that because the federal government failed to comply with the Endangered Species Act when approving Florida's permitting program, it could not legally allow Florida to take over permitting.
- **Other angles:** We also argued that the permitting handover violated the Clean Water Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the Rivers and Harbors Act. The court is still considering these aspects of our lawsuit.

What the Court Said

- **The Trump administration broke the law:** The decision strips away Florida's ability to rubberstamp sprawling developments, mines, and other projects that harm federally protected wetlands.
- **What developers must do:** The ruling requires developers seeking permits to go back to the federal government, where projects will have to be reviewed for their impacts to imperiled species.
- **Good news for big cats:** The two pending developments that would have torn through the Florida panther's habitat will need to seek new permits.
- **Setting a precedent:** If other states seek wetlands permitting authority in the future, this ruling will require the federal government to comply with the Endangered Species Act in order to approve the state programs.

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New account created for South Prong Preserve - FSSR

FSSR Volunteers <do-not-respond@trackitforward.com>

Sun, Feb 25, 2024 at 12:39 PM

Reply-To: FSSR Volunteers <info@fssr.org>

To: info@fssr.org

Kelly,

Thanks for stopping by the South Prong preserve yesterday to help with our projects. I have logged the hours for you from yesterday using our new system for coordinating volunteers and tracking hours of service on this County owned property, for which we are accountable. Below is information on how to activate the account we've created for you on this system called Track It Forward. I did see that you RSVPed for our event yesterday, and using this system you would receive notifications of any changes, and reminders for events you are registered for, and a reminder the day after to log your hours. One of the easiest ways to use this system is to download their app. For more information about using Track It Forward, visit <https://www.trackitforward.com/content/getting-started-volunteer>.

I also wanted to let you know that we will not be able to keep the moringa tree you brought for us to the Preserve. As I mentioned, this property does not belong to us. We are also trying to demonstrate to the public what being a good steward of the land means. The moringa tree is apparently a relatively new "import" but the University of Florida considers it a hazard with a high probability of it becoming an invasive species - <https://assessment.ifas.ufl.edu/assessments/moringa-oleifera> and <https://www.facebook.com/MarionCountyMasterGardeners/posts/moringa-tree-horseradish-tree-drumstick-tree-moringa-oleiferamoringa-is-a-fast-g/4197173643673186>. In addition, here is an article written in a local Florida newspaper about the tree - <https://www.claytodayonline.com/stories/the-not-so-miraculous-tree,11539>.

We have a responsibility to the County for how we maintain the property, and to the environment, overall, not to be a vector for creating more problems than there already are. The moringa tree may be an acceptable risk in the yard of a homeowner where they can pay attention to how it responds in the environment and keep it under control, assuming wildlife don't come to like it and spread its seeds around. But I consider it an unacceptable risk and a liability to allow it on the South Prong Preserve, and irresponsible for promoting its use.

If you would like to retrieve the tree, just let me know. Otherwise I plan to remove it no later than the end of March.

Thanks,
Tim Glover, president
Friends of St. Sebastian River

You've been added as a new user on Track it Forward. To get started, do the following:

- 1) Click on this link to automatically login
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If for some reason the above link does not work, please do the following:

- 1) Go to <http://www.trackitforward.com/user/password>
- 2) Enter your email address and we'll send you a new link
- 3) Check your email and click on the link
- 4) Change your username and password

**Friends of St. Sebastian River
Advocacy Committee Report – Tim Glover
March 12, 2024**

As presented in the February 2024 agenda, we received an email from Dr. Grant Gilmore in January, notifying us that he has been working with the US Fish & Wildlife Service to determine the best way of approaching a new attempt at petitioning for “endangered species” listing of some of the rare and endangered fish species that he has researched over his many-decade career.

A briefing was held on March 8th with representative/stakeholder organizations, Dr. Gilmore and Dr. Nikki Colangelo, Supervisor, USFWS Endangered Species Classification and Recovery, from the USFWS Ecological Services Office in Vero Beach. Some of the organizations attending the briefing were myself, representing the FSSR, Ashley Lingwood, IR County Conservation Lands Program, Dr. Edie Widder, Ocean Research and Conservation Association, Mark Perry, Florida Oceanographic Society, Donna Halleran, Elie van Os, Ricky Ray and Dr. Graham Cox, Pelican Island Audubon Society, Dan Lamson, Indian River Neighborhood Association, Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, facilitator and former Martin County Commissioner, Dr. John Reed, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Jim Moir, Executive Director, Indian Riverkeeper and Vice Chair of the Board and interim Executive Director, Marine Resources Council, and several members of the Conservation Alliance of St. Lucie County. Pelican Island Audubon maintained a sign-in record and the full list of attendees is available from them.

Dr. Colangelo gave a briefing on the process of submitting a petition to the USFWS requesting a determination of the status of a species. This was very informative and helpful for me, as I’ve talked with Dr. Gilmore on numerous occasions about his efforts in the past. His latest effort began about 5 years ago, as I recall, and was prompted by the Martin County Commission, which may have provided him some funding support for his efforts. I believe their support was removed in the last year or so, with turnover of members of the Commission, therefore, Dr. Gilmore’s efforts with the USFWS in trying to determine the best way to proceed.

One requirement of a petition, now, is that it be for only a single species. Therefore, there was discussion at the briefing that various groups may draft a petition for a specific species for their area of interest. Following the meeting presentation, I had the chance to talk with Jim Moir and he was certainly interested in participating with the FSSR in petitioning for species specific to the St. Sebastian River. There are more than two that Dr. Gilmore feels would qualify for listing in the River. So we might work with the MRC and possibly others, and submit multiple petitions for the number of species needing protection. The conditions and habitat information for the River should be pretty much the same for each species, depending on their habitat requirements.

Dr. Gilmore is eager to work with any of these organizations that is willing to undertake the effort of submitting a petition, and in fact would need to provide the details of the status of the species, and specifics on their habitat requirements and biology. Much of this information has been published in the past, but he also conducted more research as part of his undertaking with the Martin County Commission. He also said that there may have been holes in the data and perhaps more research would be required, until he recently received a huge amount of data from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on several species of fish in the state.

So Dr. Gilmore feels there is plenty of data available to make the case for petitioning the USFWS to review the status of these fishes, requesting that they be listed as endangered. It would require us to flesh out the details of impacts affecting water quality, such as septic systems, increased development, even the Graves Brothers annexation that was allowed by the City of Sebastian without consideration to better protections for the waterways. We would need to make the case for better protection, and restoration of, the waterways in our area to help improve water quality.

Please see the attached documents provided at by the USFWS on the process of petitioning for endangered species status.



Listing a Species as Threatened or Endangered

Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended, is one of the most far-reaching wildlife conservation laws ever enacted by any nation. Congress, on behalf of the American people, passed the ESA to prevent extinctions facing many species of fish, wildlife and plants. The purpose of the ESA is to conserve endangered and threatened species and the ecosystems on which they depend as key components of America’s heritage. To implement the ESA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) works in cooperation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), other Federal, State, and local agencies, Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and private citizens.

Before a plant or animal species can receive the protection provided by the ESA, it must first be added to the Federal lists of threatened and endangered wildlife and plants. The List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife (50 CFR 17.11) and the List of Endangered and Threatened Plants (50 CFR 17.12) contain the names of all species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fishes, insects, plants, and other creatures that have been determined by us and NMFS (for most marine life) to be in the greatest need of Federal protection.

What does “endangered” species mean? What does “threatened” species mean?

A species is listed under one of two categories, endangered species or threatened species, depending on its status and the degree of threat it faces. An “endangered species” is one that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range. A “threatened species” is one that is likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range. To help conserve genetic diversity, the ESA defines “species” broadly to include subspecies and (for vertebrates) distinct populations.



Susanne Miller, USFWS

Listed in 2008 as threatened because of the decline in sea ice habitat, the polar bear may spend time on land during fall months, waiting for ice to return.

What are the criteria for deciding whether to add a species to the list?

A species is added to the list when it is determined to be an endangered or threatened species because of any of the following factors:

- the present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range;
- overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;
- disease or predation;
- the inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms;
- other natural or manmade factors affecting its survival.

What steps are involved in listing a species?

We follow a strict legal process known as a rulemaking (or regulatory) procedure. Federal agencies follow this procedure to propose and adopt regulations that have the effect of law and apply to all persons and agencies under U.S. jurisdiction.

As a first step in assessing the status of species, we publish notices of review that identify species that we believe meet the definition of a threatened species or an endangered species. We

refer to these species as “candidates” for listing. Through notices of review, we seek biological information that will help us to complete the status reviews for these candidate species. We publish notices in the *Federal Register*, a daily Federal Government publication. The full list of candidate species is available at <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/candidate-species>.

How do we decide which species to list?

Because of the number of candidates and the time required to list a species, we developed a priority system designed to direct our efforts toward the plants and animals in the greatest need. In our priority system, the degree or magnitude of threat is the highest criterion, followed by the immediacy of the threat and the taxonomic distinctiveness of the species (monotypic genus, then species, then subspecies, variety, or vertebrate population). The ESA gives no preference to popular species or so-called “higher life forms.”

We strive to conserve candidate species to prevent the need for listing. Candidate Conservation Agreements are partnerships involving the Service and States or U.S. Territories, Federal agencies, private agencies, and you or

your neighbor to reduce or remove the threats to species on the brink of listing.

How can you comment on a listing proposal?

We or the NMFS (for most marine species) publish listing proposals in the *Federal Register*. We sometimes publish multi-species proposals when several candidate species share a common ecosystem. At this stage, any interested person can comment and provide additional information on the proposal -- generally during a 60-day comment period -- and submit statements at any public hearings that may be held.

To promote awareness of a proposal, we issue news releases, conduct special mailings, and inform the scientific community and other Federal and State agencies. In addition, we publish a summary of any proposal as a legal notice in newspapers serving each area in which the species is believed to occur. We may hold public hearings in cases of high public interest or if an interested party asks us to do so within 45 days of the proposal.

What do we do with comments and biological information?

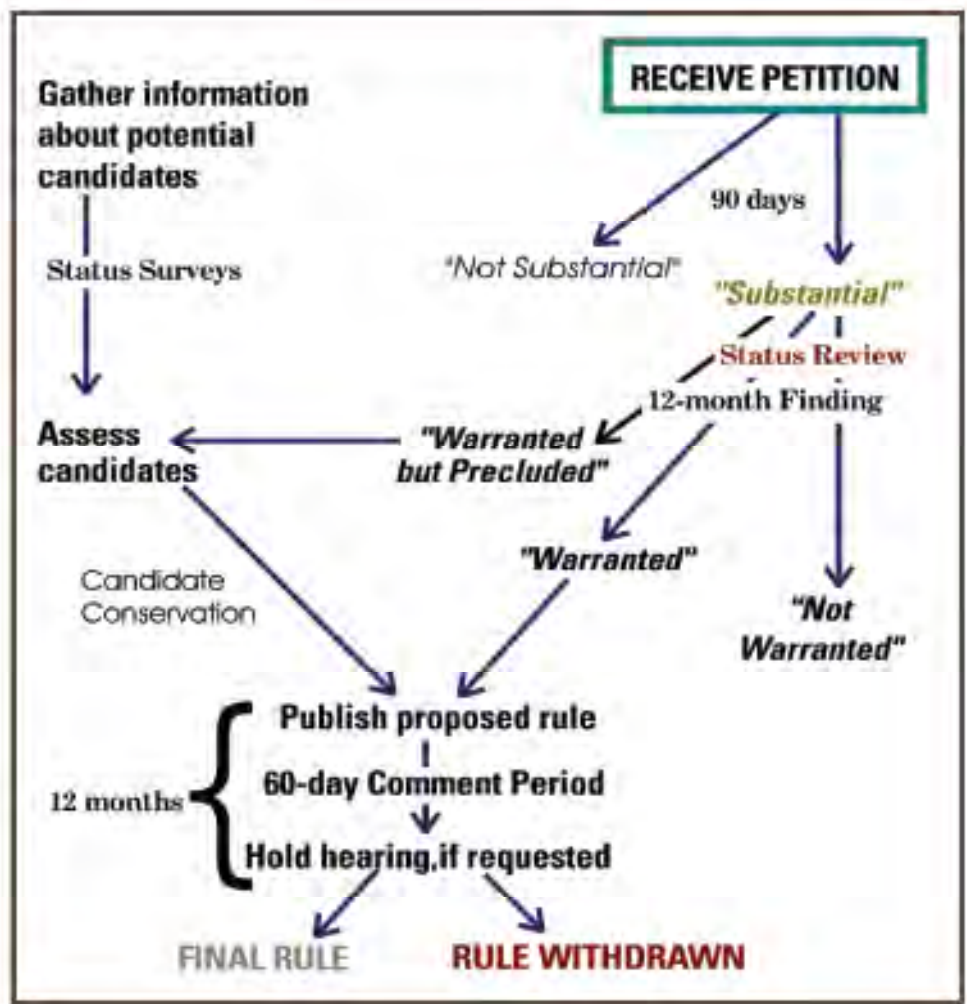
In our final rulemaking, we analyze information received in public comments and testimony. Within one year of a listing proposal, we may:

- 1) publish a final listing rule as originally proposed or later revised because the best available biological data support it;
- 2) withdraw the proposal because the biological information does not support the listing; or
- 3) extend the proposal if there is substantial disagreement within the scientific community concerning the biological appropriateness of the listing. After a six-month extension, we are required to make a decision on the basis of the best scientific information available.

A final listing rule generally becomes effective 30 days after publication in the *Federal Register*.

Can you nominate a species for listing?

Although we may initiate listing proposals, we also may start the listing process with a petition from any member of the public. However, petitions need the support



of biological data. We consider any information submitted on the biology, distribution, or threats to the species when making our decisions.

What are petitions for listing?

Petitions are formal requests to list a species. The ESA requires that we make and publish specific findings on a petition. We or the NMFS (for most marine species) are required to make a finding within 90 days of receiving a petition (to the extent practicable) as to whether there is "substantial information" indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. If this preliminary finding is positive, we conduct a status review. Within one year of receipt of the petition, we must make a finding whether listing is warranted. A positive 12-month finding may be incorporated into a proposed listing. However, if a prompt proposal is precluded by higher priority listing activities, we may defer the proposal. Then the species becomes a candidate for listing and is added to our candidates list. These "warranted but precluded" findings require subsequent 12-month findings on each succeeding anniversary of the petition until we

either undertake a proposal or make a "not warranted" finding.

What does "listing" mean for a species?

Once we add an animal or plant to the List, protective measures apply. These measures include protection from adverse effects of Federal activities (through consultations under section 7 of the ESA); restrictions on taking, transporting, or selling a species; authority for us to develop and carry out recovery plans; authority to purchase important habitat; and Federal aid to State and Commonwealth wildlife agencies that have cooperative agreements with us. These efforts contribute to species' survival and assist in achieving the ultimate goals -- conserving plants and animals and maintaining their natural diversity and the ecosystems upon which they depend.

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Public Advisory: Information to Consider When Submitting a Petition under the Endangered Species Act

Under the Endangered Species Act (Act¹) anyone can submit a written petition requesting one of the following actions:

- Add a species to (“list”) or delete a species from (“delist”) the Lists of Endangered or Threatened Wildlife and Plants;
- Change the status of (“reclassify”) a species already on one of the lists from an endangered species to a threatened species or a threatened species to an endangered species; or
- Revise an existing critical habitat designation.

Once a petition is received, either the Secretary of the Interior (acting through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)) or the Secretary of Commerce (acting through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)) will review the petition, depending on which agency has jurisdiction over the species that is the subject of the petition. FWS has jurisdiction primarily over terrestrial and freshwater species while NMFS primarily has jurisdiction over marine and anadromous species. There are some instances when there is joint agency jurisdiction, such as in the case of certain anadromous fish or sea turtles. However, in such instances, even if the petitioner only sends the petition to one agency, both agencies will coordinate on sharing jurisdiction to appropriately address the requested action.

Under the Act, a “species” is defined as any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plant, or any “distinct population segment” (DPS) of any species of vertebrate fish or wildlife which interbreeds when mature.

Petitions to designate critical habitat (for species without existing critical habitat) or adopt special rules under sections 4(d), 4(e) or 10(j) of the Act to provide for the conservation of a species are authorized by the Administrative Procedure Act, and are not addressed here. See 50 C.F.R. § 424.14(d).

Please note that petitioners may request listing on an emergency basis; however, the Act does not provide for emergency listing petitions; therefore, the Services treat such a request as regular listing petition and to follow the statutory timelines for responding to the petition as a regular listing petition. At any time, if one of the Services determines that there is an emergency posing a significant risk to the well-being of a species, it is within that Service’s discretion under Section 4(b)(7) to consider promulgating a regulation that takes effect immediately.

Petition Guidelines

The regulations that apply to petitions submitted under the Act are found in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.); the contents of petitions to list, delist, or reclassify species are addressed in 50 C.F.R. § 424.14(c) and (d), and the contents of petitions to revise critical habitat are addressed in § 424.14(c) and (e). (The full text of the C.F.R. is available online at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>). Please note that, additionally, petitioners are required to notify States of their intent to file a petition addressing species occurring within those States, under § 424.14(b), and to include copies of notification letters or emails when submitting a petition. The following is a summary of the minimum regulatory requirements for petitions, as

¹ The full text of the Endangered Species Act is available online at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/laws-policies/index.html>.

well as recommendations for information that you should include to facilitate thorough and timely review of the issues raised in your petition.

Requirements for all petitions

The required notification of States of intent to file a petition (50 C.F.R. § 424.14(b)) is as follows:

For a petition to list, delist, or reclassify a species, or for petitions to revise critical habitat, petitioners must provide notice to the State agency responsible for the management and conservation of fish, plant, or wildlife resources in each State where the species that is the subject of the petition occurs. This notification must be made at least 30 days prior to submission of the petition. This notification requirement shall not apply to any petition submitted pertaining to a species that does not occur within the United States.

The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA), which is a professional association for State, provincial and territorial fish and wildlife agencies, is a helpful resource in determining contact information for State agencies ([See *http://www.fishwildlife.org/index.php?section=social-media*](http://www.fishwildlife.org/index.php?section=social-media)).

Further, in researching the information to support the petitioned request, the petitioner should look for range information, and thereby find the State(s) in which the species occurs.

The required elements for all petitions (50 C.F.R. § 424.14(c)) are as follows:

1. The name, signature, address, telephone number, if any, and the association, institution, or business affiliation, if any, of the petitioner;
2. The scientific name and any common name of a species of fish or wildlife or plants that is the subject of the petition. Only one species may be the subject of a petition, which may include, by hierarchical extension based on taxonomy and the Act, any subspecies or variety, or (for vertebrates) any potential distinct population segments of that species;
3. A clear indication of the administrative action the petitioner seeks (e.g., listing of a species or revision of critical habitat);
4. A detailed narrative justifying the recommended administrative action that contains an analysis of the information presented;
5. Literature citations that are specific enough for the Services to readily locate the information cited in the petition, including page numbers or chapters as applicable;
6. Electronic or hard copies of supporting materials, to the extent permitted by U.S. copyright law, or appropriate excerpts or quotations from those materials (e.g., publications, maps, reports, letters from authorities) cited in the petition;
7. For a petition to list, delist, or reclassify a species, information to establish whether the subject entity is a “species” as defined in the Act;
8. For a petition to list a species, or for a petition to delist or reclassify a species in cases where the species’ range has changed since listing, information on the current and historical geographic range of the species, including the States or countries intersected, in whole or part, by that range; and
9. For a petition to list, delist or reclassify a species, or for petitions to revise critical habitat, copies of the notification letters or electronic communication which petitioners provided to the State agency or agencies responsible for the management and conservation of fish, plant, or wildlife resources in each State where the species that is the subject of the petition currently occurs. (Please note that these letters/emails should clearly indicate the petitioner’s contact

information, the name of the State office or agency to whom the notification was addressed, and the date the letter or email was sent.)

Evaluation of petitions to list, delist, or reclassify species

We evaluate whether a petition to list, delist, or reclassify species presents substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. For this purpose, “substantial scientific or commercial information” refers to credible scientific or commercial information in support of the petition’s claims such that a reasonable person conducting an impartial scientific review would conclude that the action proposed in the petition may be warranted. Conclusions drawn in the petition without the support of credible scientific or commercial information will not be considered “substantial information.” The Service’s determination as to whether the petition provides substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted will depend in part on the degree to which the petition includes the following types of information (50 C.F.R. § 424.14(d)):

1. Information on current population status and trends and estimates of current population sizes and distributions, both in captivity and the wild, if available;
2. Identification of the factors under section 4(a)(1) of the Act that may affect the species and where these factors are acting upon the species;
3. Whether and to what extent any or all of the factors alone or in combination identified in section 4(a)(1) of the Act may cause the species to be an endangered species or threatened species (i.e., the species is currently in danger of extinction or is likely to become so within the foreseeable future), and, if so, how high in magnitude and how imminent the threats to the species and its habitat are;
4. Information on adequacy of regulatory protections and effectiveness of conservation activities by States as well as other parties, that have been initiated or that are ongoing, that may protect the species or its habitat; and
5. A complete, balanced representation of the relevant facts, including information that may contradict claims in the petition.

The Services may also consider information readily available at the time the determination is made. It is appropriate for the Services to consider readily available information that provides context in which to evaluate whether or not the information that a petition presents is timely and up-to-date, and whether it is reliable or representative of the available information on that species, in making its determination as to whether the petition presents substantial information.

Further, the Services are not required to consider any supporting materials cited by the petitioner if the cited document is not provided in accordance with paragraph (c)(6) of this section. Where a petitioner believes a source material to be protected by copyright laws, they should consider including limited excerpts or quotations from such material that they believe support their statements. This will fulfill the petitioners’ obligation to present information to support the statements in the petition, without creating potential conflicts with copyright protections. Where materials are subject to copyright protection, the Services may not be able to obtain such materials.

Evaluation of petitions to revise critical habitat

We evaluate whether a petition to revise critical habitat presents substantial scientific information indicating that the revision may be warranted. For this purpose, “substantial scientific information” refers to credible scientific information in support of the petition’s claims such that a reasonable person conducting an impartial scientific review would conclude that the action proposed in the petition may be warranted. Conclusions

drawn in the petition without the support of credible scientific or commercial information will not be considered “substantial information.” The Service’s determination as to whether the petition provides substantial scientific information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted will depend in part on the degree to which the petition includes the following types of information (50 C.F.R. § 424.14(e)):

1. A description and map(s) of areas that the current designation does not include that should be included, or includes that should no longer be included, and a description of the benefits of designating or not designating these specific areas as critical habitat. Petitioners should include sufficient supporting information to substantiate the requested changes, which may include GIS data or boundary layers that relate to the request, if appropriate;
2. A description of physical or biological features essential for the conservation of the species and whether they may require special management considerations or protection;
3. For any areas petitioned to be added to critical habitat within the geographical area occupied by the species at time it was listed, information indicating that the specific areas contain one or more of the physical or biological features (including characteristics that support ephemeral or dynamic habitat conditions) that are essential to the conservation of the species and may require special management considerations or protection. The petitioner should also indicate which specific areas contain which features;
4. For any areas petitioned for removal from currently designated critical habitat within the geographical area occupied by the species at the time it was listed, information indicating that the specific areas do not contain the physical or biological features (including characteristics that support ephemeral or dynamic habitat conditions) that are essential to the conservation of the species, or that these features do not require special management considerations or protection;
5. For areas petitioned to be added to or removed from critical habitat that were outside the geographical area occupied by the species at the time it was listed, information indicating why the petitioned areas are or are not essential for the conservation of the species; and
6. A complete, balanced representation of the relevant facts, including information that may contradict claims in the petition.

In addition, petitioners may include information on impacts (economic, national security, or other relevant impacts) as well as benefits that they believe result from the inclusion of specific areas in the existing critical habitat designation, for the Services to consider in evaluating inclusion or exclusion under Section 4(b)(2), as well as information on whether or not inclusion of an area is necessary to avoid extinction. Petitioners may also include descriptions of permitted and non-permitted conservation plans or agreements by States and other parties, that have been initiated or that are ongoing, that may protect the species’ habitat, and that should be considered in any future exclusion analyses. Similarly, petitioners may provide information about anticipated actions that may affect such habitat.

The Services may also consider information readily available at the time the determination is made. It is appropriate for the Services to consider readily available information that provides context in which to evaluate whether or not the information that a petition presents is timely and up-to-date, and whether it is reliable or representative of the available information on that species, in making its determination as to whether the petition presents substantial information.

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Adding Additional Information to a Petition

A petitioner submitting supplemental information later in time from their original petition has the option to specify whether or not the information being submitted is intended to be part of the petition.

Specifying that the supplemental information is intended to be part of the petition will have the consequence that the Services will be obligated to consider it in the course of reaching a finding on the petition. It will also, however, have the related consequence that the timeframes under section 4 of the Act for when findings are due will be reset and begin from the time the supplemental information is received. In contrast, if the petitioner does not specify that the information is intended to be part of the petition, the Services will treat the supplemental information as they would any readily available information from any source. The Services have discretion to consider such information as appropriate to place the petition in context, but are not required to consider such information. Because the Act requires that the 90-day finding evaluate whether the petition presents substantial information to indicate that the petitioned action may be warranted, the submission of new information intended to supplement a petition is in effect a new petition. It is thus reasonable and necessary to reset the timeframe when new information intended to supplement the petition is received. This ensures that the Services have adequate time to consider the supplemental information relevant to a petition, and that the process is not interrupted by receipt of new information that may fundamentally change the evaluation. Also, by providing clear notice of this process, the Services are encouraging petitioners to assemble all the information necessary to support the petition prior to sending it to the Services for consideration, further enhancing the efficiency of the petition process.

How the Services Will Respond to Petitions

If a request fails to contain all of the required elements of a petition as outlined above, it will be returned within a reasonable timeframe, with an explanation of what specific elements were lacking.

Once a request is accepted as a petition, it will be indicated on the appropriate Service's website.

To the maximum extent practicable, within 90 days of receiving a petition to add a species to the lists, remove a species from the lists, or change the listed status of a species, the Services will make a finding as to whether the petition presents substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. The Services will publish the finding in the **Federal Register**.

Please note that when the Services have already conducted a finding on, or review of, the listing status of that species (whether in response to a petition or on the Services' own initiative), the Services will evaluate any petition received thereafter seeking to list, delist, or reclassify that species to determine whether a reasonable person conducting an impartial scientific review would conclude that the action proposed in the petition may be warranted despite the previous review or finding. Where the prior review resulted in a final agency action, a petitioned action generally would not be considered to present substantial scientific and commercial information indicating that the action may be warranted unless the petition provides new information (or a new interpretation of that information) not previously considered.

The next steps following a 90-day petition finding are outlined in Section 4(b)(3) of the Act and in our regulations at 50 C.F.R. § 424.14 (h) and (i). In general, if we deny the petition (make a "not substantial" finding), we take no further action. For petitions to list, delist, or reclassify, if the finding is positive

(substantial), we then assemble the best available scientific and commercial information and conduct a thorough review of the status of the species (see section 4(b)(3)(A) of the Act). When the status review is complete, we must then make and publish one of three possible findings within 12 months after the date we received the petition (a “12-month finding”), per Section 4(b)(3)(B):

1. The petitioned action is not warranted (no further action is taken);
2. The petitioned action is warranted (in which case we are required to publish a proposed regulation to implement the petitioned action; once we publish a proposed rule for a species, section 4(b)(5) and 4(b)(6) of the Act govern further procedures); or
3. The petitioned action is warranted, but (a) the immediate proposal and timely promulgation of a final regulation implementing the petitioned action is precluded by other pending proposals to list, delist, or change the listed status of species; and (b) expeditious progress is being made to list, delist, or change the listed status of qualified species. We refer to this as a “warranted-but-precluded finding.”

When we make a warranted-but-precluded finding on a petition, we are to treat such a petition as one that is resubmitted on the date of such a finding. Thus, we are required to review our previous finding and publish a new 12-month finding on this “resubmitted” petition once each year until we either (i) decide the petitioned action is not warranted or (ii) propose a regulation to implement the petitioned action (e.g., a proposed rule to add the species to the List of species protected under the Act in the case of a petition to list a species). See Section 4(b)(3)(C) of the Act.

For petitions to revise critical habitat, if the Services find that the petition presents substantial information that the requested revision may be warranted, the Services will determine, within 12 months of receiving the petition, how to proceed with the requested revision, and will publish notice of such intention in the **Federal Register**. This notice may take a form similar to one of the findings described above.

Withdrawal of a Petition

A petitioner may withdraw the petition at any time during the petition process by submitting such request in writing. If a petition is withdrawn, the Services may, at their discretion, discontinue action on the petition finding, even if the Services have already made a 90-day finding that there is substantial information indicating that the requested action may be warranted.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: We are disclosing the following according to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501): In accordance with the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) we are authorized to collect this information. We use the contents of petitions to determine whether the petition presents substantial information indicating that the requested action to list, delist, or reclassify species or revise critical habitat may be warranted. We estimate that the public reporting burden for this information can average 120 hours per response, although individual responses will vary widely depending on the complexity of the petition. Our estimate includes time for gathering information, and for completing, reviewing and submitting the information. You may send your comments about these instructions to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041. Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

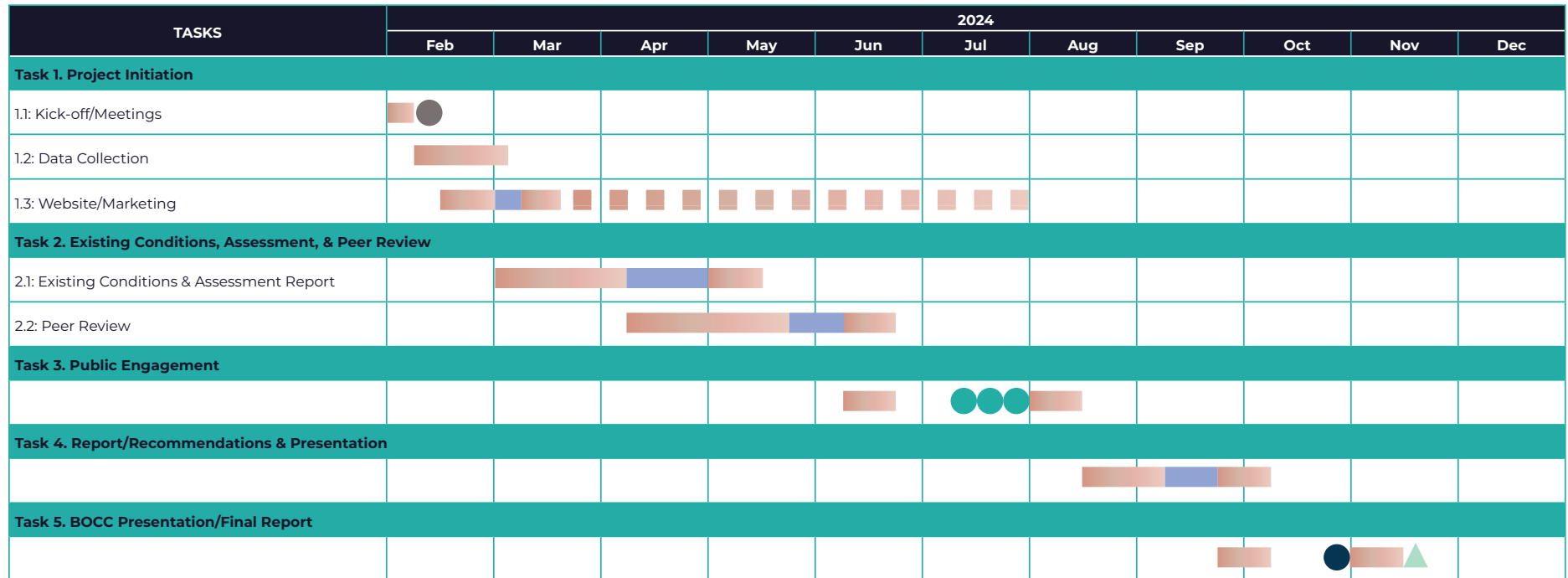
Good afternoon,

The County has chosen its consultant for the Urban Boundary Study, Inspire Placemaking Collective Inc. In the coming weeks, the County and the Consultant will have kick-off meetings to delve into the project. This project aims to evaluate and analyze the Urban Service Boundary (USB) and determine whether any adjustments need to be made. The study will focus on when, where, and how the boundary should be adjusted. Since any changes to the USB can significantly impact the community, it is crucial to gather public feedback through workshops and other means. The study will provide recommendations that can be incorporated into the County's Comprehensive Plan at a later stage.

A report on the Urban Service Boundary Study will be prepared and delivered by the Consultant, which will address the objectives of the Planning & Development Services Department. These objectives include but are not limited to, the following: providing an inventory of land within the current USB, including a breakdown of developed vs. vacant lands zoned for residential, commercial, and industrial uses; an inventory of existing residential units outside the USB; an analysis of the land required to accommodate projected residential, commercial, and industrial growth; an analysis of existing infrastructure capacity, including future needs based on projected growth; identification of areas for expanding the USB and preserving agricultural/conservation/natural lands; identification of at least two comparable areas in Florida that have moved their USB, and provide a relative comparison of the conditions in those instances to the conditions in Indian River County (based on the analysis of vacant/developed lands included in this study).

Community involvement is crucial in this process, and we need your participation. Throughout the project, there will be public workshops and online interactive activities. Please keep an eye on the website as well as your emails. If you know anyone who would like to be added to the interested parties list, please ask them to email me at cbalter@indianriver.gov. On the next page is a tentative schedule for the project. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

05 | Project Schedule



- Production
- Staff Review
- Meetings with Staff
- Meetings with Public
- BOCC
- ▲ Final Deliverable



BLUE-GREEN ALGAL BLOOM WEEKLY UPDATE

REPORTING FEB. 23 - FEB. 29, 2024

Satellite imagery provided by NOAA - Images are impacted by cloud cover.

A value of 0.004 is nominally equivalent to approximately 20-30 ug/L chlorophyll a of cyanobacteria, and 0.06 would be in the 300-500 ug/L chlorophyll a range. Please keep in mind that bloom potential is subject to change due to rapidly changing environmental conditions or satellite inconsistencies (i.e., wind, rain, temperature or stage).

Caloosahatchee Estuary
Feb. 28, 2024

The most recent usable satellite imagery for the Caloosahatchee Estuary is from 2/28 and shows highly scattered low to moderate bloom potential.

Lake Okeechobee
Feb. 28, 2024

The most recent usable satellite imagery for Lake Okeechobee is from 2/28 and shows low to moderate bloom potential on 15% of the lake, predominantly along the western and southern shorelines of the lake.

St. Lucie Estuary
Feb. 28, 2024

The most recent usable satellite imagery for the St. Lucie Estuary is from 2/28 and shows no bloom potential.

St. Johns River
Feb. 27, 2024

The most recent usable satellite imagery for the St. Johns River from 2/27 is partially obscured by scattered cloud cover, but shows lightly scattered low to moderate bloom potential throughout Lake George and the mainstem of the river down to the city of Jacksonville.

SUMMARY

There were 10 reported site visits in the past seven days with 10 samples collected. Algal bloom conditions were observed by samplers at six of the sites.

On 2/26 - 2/29, The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff collected five Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) response samples. Dominant algal taxa and cyanotoxin results follow each waterbody name.

Blanton Lake - South Lobe: *Microcystis aeruginosa* and *Microcystis wesenbergii* co-dominant; 5.0 parts per billion (ppb) microcystins detected.

Lake Uihlein at Lakewood Ranch: *Microcystis aeruginosa*; trace level (0.99 ppb) microcystins detected.

St. Lucie River - North Carolina Drive Canal: No dominant algal taxon; no cyanotoxins detected.

St. Lucie River - Northwest of Roosevelt: Results pending.

St. Lucie River - Banyan Tree Drive: Results pending.

On 2/28, Orange County staff collected one HAB response sample at **Lake Pearl - Center**; *Microcystis aeruginosa* and *Pseudanabaena mucicola* co-dominant; 1.6 ppb microcystins detected.

On 2/27, St. Johns River Water Management District staff collected four routine HAB monitoring samples. Dominant algal taxa and cyanotoxin results follow each waterbody name.

Fellsmere Water Management Area - Center: *Microcystis aeruginosa*; no cyanotoxins detected.

Lake Monroe - Center: *Microcystis aeruginosa*; no cyanotoxins detected.

Stick Marsh - North: *Microcystis aeruginosa*; no cyanotoxins detected.

Blue Cypress Lake - Center: No dominant algal taxon; no cyanotoxins detected.

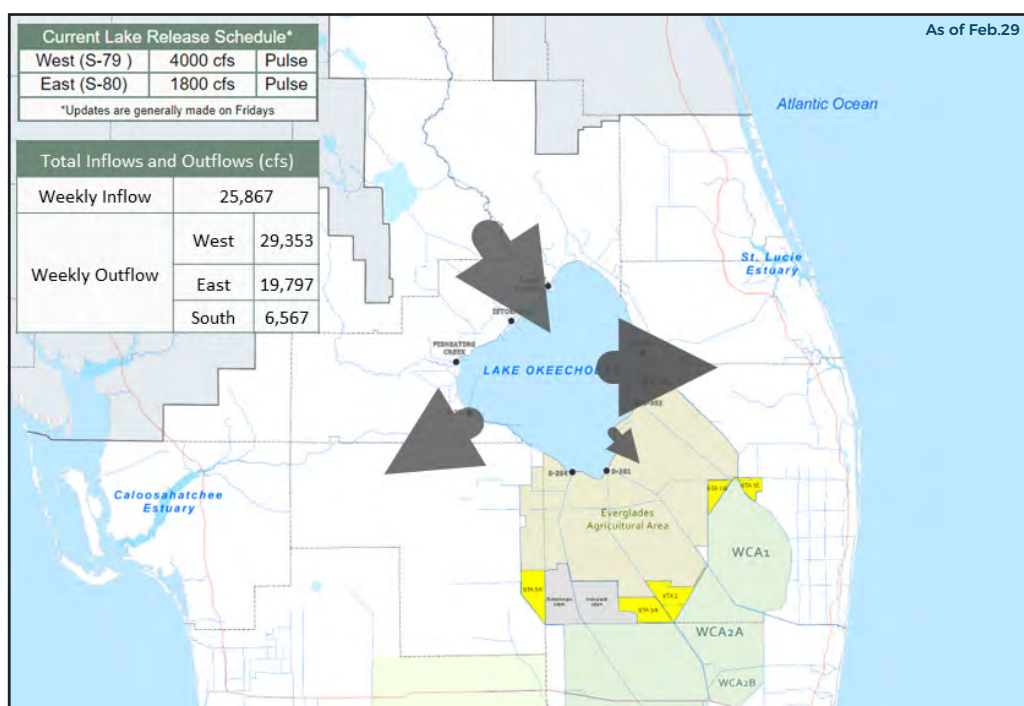
Last Week:

On 2/22, DEP staff collected a HAB response sample at **Lake Harris - East Central Shore**; *Microcystis aeruginosa* and *Cylindrospermopsis raciborskii* co-dominant; no cyanotoxins detected.

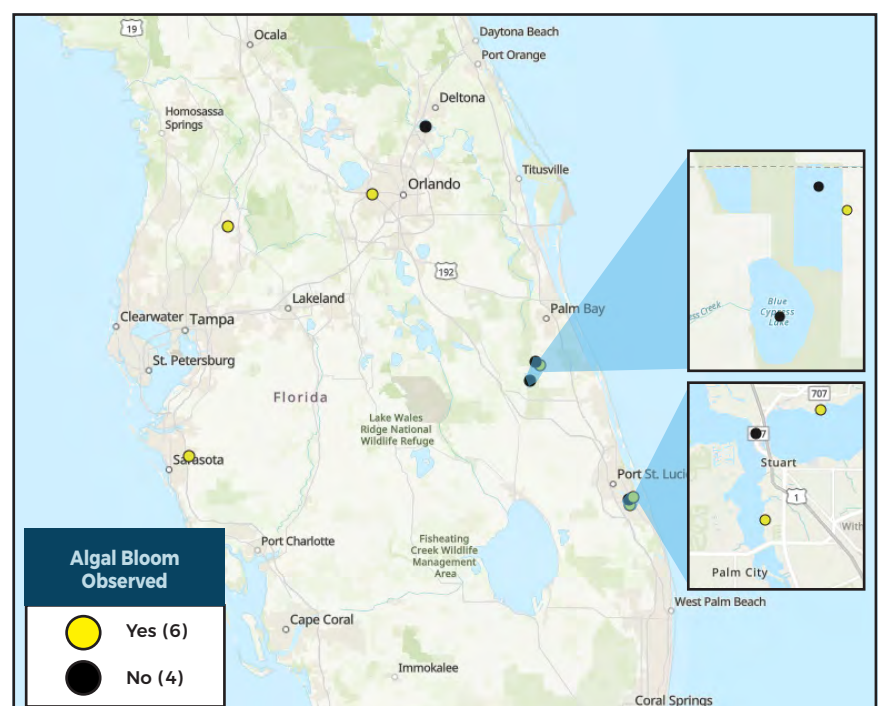
Results for completed analyses are available at FloridaDEP.gov/AlgalBloom.

This is a high-level summary of the sampling events for the reported week. For all field visit and analytical result details, please refer to the complete algal bloom map with data table by clicking the "Field and Lab Details" Quick Link from the Algal Bloom Dashboard. Different types of blue-green algal bloom species can look different and have different impacts. However, regardless of species, many types of blue-green algae can produce toxins that can make you or your pets sick if swallowed or possibly cause skin and/or eye irritation due to contact. We advise staying out of water where algae is visibly present as specks or mats or where water is discolored pea-green, blue-green or brownish-red. Additionally, pets or livestock should not come into contact with algal bloom-impacted water or with algal bloom material or fish on the shoreline.

LAKE OKEECHOBEE OUTFLOWS



SITE VISITS FOR BLUE-GREEN ALGAE



SIGN-UP FOR UPDATES

To receive personalized email notifications about blue-green algae and red tide, visit

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ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov

REPORT PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

HUMAN ILLNESS

Florida Poison Control Centers can be reached 24/7 at 800-222-1222
(DOH provides grant funding to the Florida Poison Control Centers)

OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS

CONTACT DOH
(DOH county office)
FloridaHealth.gov/all-county-locations.html

REPORT ALGAL BLOOMS

SALTWATER BLOOM

- Observe stranded wildlife or a fish kill.
- Information about red tide and other saltwater algal blooms.

CONTACT FWC
800-636-0511 (fish kills)
888-404-3922 (wildlife Alert)
MyFWC.com/RedTide

FRESHWATER BLOOM

- Observe an algal bloom in a lake or freshwater river.
- Information about blue-green algal blooms.

CONTACT DEP
855-305-3903
(to report freshwater blooms)
FloridaDEP.gov/AlgalBloom



Friends of St. Sebastian River <friendsofstsebastian@gmail.com>

It's not too late! Deadline Extended on 2024 Earth Day Shirts

1 message

Earth Day Shirts <earthdayshirts@cm.earthdayshirts.com>
Reply-To: Earth Day Shirts <earthdayshirts@cm.earthdayshirts.com>
To: info@fssr.org

Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 8:44 AM

earthdayshirts.com

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Extended by Popular Demand

You've got 2 more weeks to order this year's Earth Day Shirts! This is the **last chance** for shipment before April 22nd.

Perfect for spring events, whether it's clean up, team races, activity fairs, or just spreading the word about conservation.

SHOP NOW

\$10.00 SHIPPING + **SAVE \$2 EACH**
 on online orders of 24+ in contiguous US on featured shirts (applied in cart)

When placing your order, use Promo Code: **SF3269E**

Deadline for this promotion is **March 14, 2024.**

Top Picks for 2024



Protect Preserve Respect
 Antique Sapphire T-Shirts



Be Kind to the Earth
 Blackberry T-Shirts



Earth Day is Every Day
 Royal Blue T-Shirts



Speak for the Earth
 Navy T-Shirts

**STUDENT DESIGN
CONTEST WINNER**

The Original Tree Hugger

Heather Navy T-Shirts

*Congratulations to Peyton, 12th
grader from Texas, for her winning
concept.*



Reminder: One Week Left!

These designs are only available through March 7th.



Who Let the Frogs Out
Save the Frogs Day • April 28



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Lime T-Shirts



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March 07, 2024

Friends of St. Sebastian River

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COMMERCIAL PACKAGE POLICY

Insurance Company: Federal Insurance Company (Chubb)
Policy Number: TBD
Policy Term: TBD

Premises Summary

1) 7780 85TH ST, VERO BEACH (INDIAN RIVER COUNTY), FL 32967

General Liability Limits

General Aggregate Limit	\$2,000,000
Products-Completed Operations Aggregate	subject to the General Aggregate
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence Limit	\$1,000,000
Medical Expense Limit	\$ 10,000
Damage to Premises Rented to You	\$1,000,000

Non-Owned & Hired Car Liability: \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

Hired Car State: FL

Rating Basis:

Premises/Operations

Clubs, Social – No Buildings or Premises Owned/Leased Except, (NPF) 124 Number of Persons

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Policy Forms

80-02-6541	03-05	Condition - Premium Audit
80-02-6566	04-04	Exclusion - Asbestos
80-02-2367	05-07	Additional Insured-Scheduled Person or Organization
80-02-0010	04-94	Liability Declarations
80-02-2000	04-01	General Liability
80-02-2010	04-94	Non-Owned and Hired Car Liability
80-02-2301	04-01	Additional Insured - Club Members
80-02-2658	04-01	Exclusion - Privacy
80-02-6403	01-15	Cap On Certified Terrorism Losses
80-02-6420	02-08	Exclusion - Scheduled Activity, Contract, Event, Premises, Product, Service or Work Exclusion for Any of the Following Events Where Attendance is more Than 1,000: Meetings and Seminars Picnics and Dinners Festivals and Concerts Bike Races and Treks Foot Races and Treks Golf Tournaments Silent Auctions
80-02-6428	08-04	Exclusion-Professional Liability, Total
80-02-6528	01-13	Exclusion - Information Laws, Including Unauthorized or Unsolicited Communications
80-02-8282	07-09	Exclusion - Aircraft, Autos or Watercraft, Except Owned Watercraft – Scheduled All Watercraft Provided That It: 1. Is Less Than Twenty-Five (25) Feet Long 2. Does Not Transport Persons or Cargo for a Charge 3. Is Used With Your Permission
80-02-8290	05-10	Exclusion - Intellectual Property Laws or Rights
80-02-8327	04-12	Exclusion - Abuse Molestation - Actual Alleged Threat
80-02-8422	04-12	Exclusion - Pollution
80-02-8423	04-12	Exclusion - Loss of Use Electronic Data
80-02-8425	01-14	Exclusion - Alcoholic Beverage Type Businesses
80-02-8559	03-17	Exclusion - Access To or Disclosure of Confidential or Personal Information - Advertising Injury / Personal Injury
80-02-8635	11-17	Coverages - Product Withdrawal Expenses and Crisis Assistance Expenses
80-02-8636	11-17	War - Exclusion

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Crime Insurance:

Employee Theft \$ 10,000

Deductible: \$ 1,000

Policy Form

80-02-0020 04-94 Crime Declarations
80-02-3000 07-03 Crime
80-02-3002 04-22 Social Engineering Fraud & Privacy & Data Breach Exclusions Added

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UMBRELLA POLICY

Insurance Company: Federal Insurance Company (Chubb)
Policy Number: TBD
Policy Term: TBD

Limits of Liability

Excess Coverage Other Aggregate Limit (as applicable)	\$1,000,000
Umbrella Coverage Aggregate Limit	\$1,000,000
Products / Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	Included
Advertising Injury & Personal Injury Aggregate Limit	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence Limit	\$1,000,000

Crisis Assistance Coverage Limit

The lesser of 3% of the "Each Occurrence Limit or \$300,000

Underlying Coverage

General Liability

Federal Insurance Company (Chubb)
\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
\$2,000,000 General Aggregate
Included Products/Completed Operations
\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury

Non-Owned and Hired Auto Liability

Federal Insurance Company (Chubb)
\$1,000,000 Each Accident

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Policy Form

99-10-0792	09-04	Important Notice – OFAC
99-10-0820	02-05	Florida Notice - Risk Management Program Availability
99-10-0872	06-07	AOD Important Policyholder Notice
99-10-0951	09-15	Important Notice - Terrorism
07-02-2267	02-09	Commercial Excess and Umbrella Declarations
07-02-0922	07-01	Schedule of Underlying Insurance
07-02-0815	07-01	Chubb Commercial Excess & Umbrella Insurance
07-02-1988	02-04	Compliance with Applicable Trade Sanctions
07-02-2011	04-02	Conditions Florida Cancellation
07-02-2440	12-10	Coverage-Crisis Assistance Excess and Umbrella
07-02-0837	07-01	Care, Control or Custody - Policy Exclusion
07-02-0852	07-01	Employee or Worker Injury Exclusion
07-02-0861	07-01	Foreign Liability Exclusions/ Umbrella Coverage B Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Advertising Injury/Personal Injury
07-02-0864	07-01	Professional Services Exclusion
07-02-0871	01-14	Exclusion/Umbrella coverage B - Alcoholic beverages
07-02-0884	07-01	Personal Injury Exclusion - coverage. B
07-02-0885	07-01	Pollution Exclusion - Excess Follow-Form coverage. A
07-02-0890	07-01	Products Completed - Coverage B Exclusion
07-02-0950	07-01	Premium Installments - Condition
07-02-1146	07-01	Intellectual Property Laws or Rights
07-02-1552	07-01	Special Events - Coverage. B Exclusion
07-02-1944	10-02	Policy Definition - Personal Injury-Privacy Eliminated
07-02-2172	01-13	Policy Exclusion - Information Laws Including Unauthorized or Unsolicited Communication
07-02-2184	01-05	Limits - Excess Coverage Other Aggregate Limit
07-02-2455	12-10	Crisis Assistance Service Providers
07-02-2741	03-17	Policy Exclusion - War
07-02-2853	03-21	Coverage A Exclusion – Access Or Disclosure And Electronic Data-Related Liability With Exceptions Coverage B Exclusion – Access Or Disclosure And Electronic Data-Related Liability

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VOLUNTEER WORKERS ACCIDENT POLICY

Insurance Company: Federal Insurance Company (Chubb)
Policy Number: TBD
Policy Term: TBD

Insured Persons: All Volunteers of the Policyholder

Rating Basis: 18 Volunteers

Hazards: Volunteer Duties

Volunteer Duties Hazard means circumstances arising from and occurring while an Insured Person is:

1. Participating in volunteer duties pursuant to a formal program supervised by the Policyholder whether on or off premises; or
2. Traveling directly to and from such volunteer duties.

Accidental Death & Dismemberment Principal Sum: \$ 75,000

Accidental Medical Expense Maximum Benefit Amount: \$ 15,000

Aggregate Limit of Insurance: \$1,500,000

Select Policy Form Exclusions:

- Owned/Leased/Operated Aircraft
- Aircraft Pilot/Crew
- Disease or Illness
- Incarceration
- Intoxication
- Narcotics
- Suicide or Intentional Injury
- War
- Service in the Armed Forces
- Trade Sanctions

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PREMIUM SUMMARY

All premiums shown are quoted as annual sums and are valid for 30 days unless otherwise noted.

COMMERCIAL PACKAGE	\$	656
UMBRELLA LIABILITY	\$	613
VOLUNTEER ACCIDENT	\$	219

CONTINGENCIES TO BIND:

- All coverages quoted in this proposal are subject to currently signed and dated applications and clear loss run report at time of binding.

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Acknowledgement of Coverages Quoted

Organization: Friends of St. Sebastian River

Date of Proposal: 3/6/2024

We have reviewed the proposal presented by Alliant to include the terms and conditions of the coverages presented. We are requesting the following:

Coverage Line	Bind Coverage	Decline Coverage	Decision Postponed
Commercial Package			
Umbrella Liability			
Volunteer Accident			

This Authorization to Bind Coverage also acknowledges receipt and review of all disclaimers and disclosures, including exposures used to develop insurance terms, contained within this proposal.

Signature of Authorized Representative _____
Date

Title

Printed / Typed Name

THIS FORM IS DUE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE PROPOSAL.

This proposal does not constitute a binder of insurance. Binding is subject to final carrier approval. The actual terms and conditions of the policy will prevail.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO POLICYHOLDER TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT

You are hereby notified that pursuant to the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (the "Act") we are making available to you insurance for losses arising out of certain acts of terrorism. Terrorism is defined as any act certified by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, to be an act of terrorism; to be a violent act or an act that is dangerous to human life, property or infrastructure; to have resulted in damage within the United States, or outside the United States in the case of an air carrier or vessel or the premises of a United States Mission; and to have been committed by an individual or individuals as part of an effort to coerce the civilian population of the United States or to influence the policy or affect the conduct of the United States Government by coercion.

You should know that the insurance provided by your policy for losses caused by acts of terrorism is partially reimbursed by the United States of America under the formula set forth in the Act. Under this formula, the United States of America pays 85% of covered terrorism losses that exceed the statutorily established deductible to be paid by the insurance company providing the insurance. Beginning in 2016, the Federal Share will be reduced by 1% per year until it reaches 80%, where it will remain.

However, if aggregate insured losses attributable to terrorist acts certified under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act exceed \$100 billion in a calendar year, the Treasury shall not make any payment for any portion of the amount of such losses that exceeds \$100 billion.

If aggregate insured losses attributable to terrorist acts certified under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act exceed \$100 billion in a calendar year and we have met our insurer deductible under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, we shall not be liable for the payment of any portion of the amount of such losses that exceeds \$100 billion, and in such case insured losses up to that amount are subject to pro rata allocation in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The portion of your annual premium that is attributable to insurance for such acts of terrorism is:
See policies for details.

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LEGAL NOTICE:

This proposal is for information purposes only and does not amend, extend or alter the policy in any way. Please refer to the policy form for completed coverage and exclusion information.

Alliant embraces a policy of transparency with respect to its compensation from insurance transactions. Details on our compensation policy, including the types of income that Alliant may earn on a placement, are available on our website at www.alliantinsurance.com. For a copy of our policy or for any inquiries regarding compensation issues pertaining to your account you may also contact us at: Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., Attention: General Counsel, 701 B Street, 6th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

*Analyzing insurers' over-all performance and financial strength is a task that requires specialized skills and in-depth technical understanding of all aspects of insurance company finances and operations. Insurance brokerages such as Alliant Insurance typically rely upon rating agencies for this type of market analysis. Both A.M. Best and Standard and Poor's have been industry leaders in this area for many decades, utilizing a combination of quantitative and qualitative analysis of the information available in formulating their ratings.

A.M. Best has an extensive database of nearly 6,000 Life/Health, Property Casualty and International companies. You can visit them at www.ambest.com. For additional information regarding insurer financial strength ratings visit Standard and Poor's website at www.standardandpoors.com.

To learn more about companies doing business in your state, visit the Department of Insurance website of that state.

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Business Profile interactions ⓘ
 ↘ -2.4% (vs Feb 2023)

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Claim your credit

How people discovered you ⓘ

82

👁 People viewed your Business Profile
 ↘ -28.1% (vs Feb 2023)

Platform and device breakdown
 Platform and devices that people used to find your profile

- 45 • 55%
Google Search – mobile
- 25 • 30%
Google Search – desktop
- 10 • 12%
Google Maps – mobile

🔍 Searches showed your Business Profile in the search results

Searches breakdown
 Search terms that showed your Business Profile in the search results

1. friends of st. sebastian river < 15

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232 customer interactions

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Create an offer: Let customers know about your sales and discounts

Add exterior photo: Help customers locate your storefront

Add address autocomplete: Help customers enter the right address for a faster checkout

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Friends of St. Sebastian River
http://www.fssr.org

Friends of St. Sebastian River (FSSR) - Home

The Friends of St. Sebastian River is an environmental, non-profit organization on the central east coast of Florida. Our primary mission is to protect the ...

About Us

The mission of the Friends of St. Sebastian River is to help ...

Meeting Info/Events

FSSR Volunteer Workday - South Prong Preserve. 7780 85th ...

Contact Information

Education/Outreach - Diana Bolton & Bob Stephen, Co-Chairs ...

Our River

Manatees and other endangered species need better protection ...

Photo Gallery

Sebastian River, of the 699 images in the Collection. Many of the ...

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www.fssr.org The mission of the Friends of St Sebastian River is to maintain and improve the environmental health and beauty of the St Sebastian

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Friends of St. Sebastian River, Inc. - Roseland, FL

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Non-profit organization in Roseland, Florida

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From Friends of St. Sebastian River

"The Friends of St. Sebastian River is a small, grass-roots organization working and advocating to help maintain and improve the health and beauty of the St. Sebastian River."

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TED MOORHEAD LAGOON HOUSE

20th Birthday Party

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

4-7PM CUPCAKES, REFRESHMENTS, AND TOURS
5PM CELEBRATION CEREMONY

The Center of the Lagooniverse

AT AIS LOOKOUT POINT

(HONORING THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF OUR REGION)

OVERLOOKING THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON

IN PALM BAY, FLORIDA

3275 DIXIE HWY NE

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW

321.725.7775 OR COUNCIL@MRCIRL.ORG

2ND ANNUAL Sustainability Fair

HOSTED BY THE CITY OF PALM BAY'S SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

5 PM TO 8 PM

FRED POPPE REGIONAL PARK

JOIN US FOR FOOD TRUCKS, ECO-VENDORS, SUSTAINABLE DEMONSTRATIONS, AND MORE! END THE NIGHT WITH A SPECIAL EARTH DAY MOVIE IN THE PARK, SPONSORED BY THE PALM BAY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



SCAN THE CODE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION!



BE THE SOLUTION!



INTERESTED IN BEING A VENDOR?

PLEASE CONTACT DANIEL WAITE, RECREATION SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR AT
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Sebastian's 2024 Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration

1 message

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Tue, Jan 30, 2024 at 2:52 PM

Good afternoon,

The City of Sebastian and the Natural Resources Board cordially invite you to participate in our Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration, taking place on Saturday, April 20th, 2024 from 9am-4pm. There will be live entertainment, children's activities, & more! Remember that set up time begins as early as 7am that day.

As always, participation is FREE!

Follow the link below to complete your online application, if you have not already done so.

[Vendor Application](#)

Once your application has been reviewed, you will receive a letter indicating if you have been selected as a vendor.

For more information about the event, please send us a message or visit the event website. <https://www.cityofsebastian.org/412/Annual-Earth-Day-Arbor-Day-Celebration>

We hope we can count on you to join us this year. If you know of any other organizations or businesses who would be well suited to this event, please let us know! As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any comments, questions, or concerns. I look forward to reviewing your applications.

With hope,

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