

**COMMISSIONERS' AREAS OF EMPHASIS
UPDATE ON THE FUTURE OF SALTWATER FISHING
Division of Marine Fisheries Management
December 22, 2006**

Commission staff has scheduled a series of meetings with stakeholders to review and comment on a draft vision document for the future of saltwater fishing in Florida. The meeting locations and dates are pending public notice and are subject to change. Following are tentative dates and locations:

January 16, 2007	Brevard Agricultural Center, Cocoa
January 17, 2007	FWRI, St. Petersburg
January 24, 2007	Pensacola Junior College, Pensacola
January 25, 2007	Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City
February 15, 2007	Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville
February 21, 2007	TBD, Ft. Lauderdale/Miami
February 22, 2007	Marathon Government Center, Marathon
February 27, 2007	Bryant Building, Tallahassee and Regional Office remote video locations

Commission staff is in the process of posting the draft vision report on the FWC website. This web page will include supporting reports and recommendations of the 3 main stakeholder subgroups, and all information should be available for public review in early January.

Following the public meetings and continued input from stakeholders, a final draft vision statement and "road map" will be presented to the Commission for review and approval at the April 2007 meeting in Tallahassee.