

Notice of Meeting

The Florida **Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission** announces four public meetings to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, October 14, 2009; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Agriculture Center, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, Florida

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 15, 2009; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Old City Hall, 315 Avenue A, Fort Pierce, Florida

DATE AND TIME: Monday, October 19, 2009; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Longwood Park Community Center (Room B), 6050 Longwood Run Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 20, 2009; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 300 Tower Road, Naples, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Discussion of potential changes to permits the Commission issues to commercial fishers and professional fishing guides authorizing some activities to be performed at higher speeds than otherwise allowed in manatee protection zones. These permits are issued pursuant to existing rules in Chapter 68C-22, F.A.C. The Manatee Management Plan approved by the Commission in 2007 recommends amending the rules to scale back the types of activities that can be covered by these permits. The purpose of the meetings is to gather information from the public and current permit holders regarding this potential change and to answer any questions that arise.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ms. Lisa Davis at (850) 922-4330 or from the FWC website at: http://www.myfwc.com/WILDLIFEHABITATS/Manatee_rulemaking.htm.

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For more information, you may contact: Mr. Scott Calleson at (850) 922-4330 or see the information posted on the FWC website at: http://www.myfwc.com/WILDLIFEHABITATS/Manatee_rulemaking.htm.