



FWC to host public webinars to discuss bear management

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The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is hosting three public webinars to discuss the FWC's black bear management program and answer questions. Topics to be addressed at the webinars include new bear population estimates, 2016 bear range updates, Bear Wise communities, results of the 2015 limited bear hunt, and input concerning a possible hunt in 2016.

The webinars will be held May 26, May 31 and June 2, each beginning at 6 p.m. EDT. Those interested in viewing the webinar must [register for the session of their choice](#). Webinar coordinators request that interested individuals sign up for only one webinar to ensure availability for other participants.

"These webinars give the public an opportunity to have their questions answered in real time," said David Telesco, bear management coordinator. "They also add to the FWC channels already in place for gathering public feedback including email, social media, phone, Ask FWC, bear stakeholder group meetings and commission meetings."

Participation in the webinar requires computer and telephone access. Those without a computer can listen by phone. Phone registrations must be made by calling 352-372-4747 and asking for Alexis Hampton.

The webinar agenda and other details will be available at MyFWC.com/Bear. For more information, contact Bear Management at 850-922-4330 or BearManagement@MyFWC.com.