



# Draft Position Statement: Direction for Program Priorities

Discussion

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Division of Habitat and Species Conservation



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## Florida Panther Recovery & Management: Strategic Priorities

- Draft position paper was presented at June Commission meeting
- Public submitted comments via email and letter as well as testimony at June Commission meeting
- Staff was directed to revise the document based on input received from Commissioners as well as considering public comment
- Revised draft was posted for further review and discussion



## Draft Position Statement: - take home messages



- Intended to strengthen cooperative panther recovery and conservation and will not reduce the FWC's commitment to protecting panthers as provided under current laws
- Focus FWC management and research within the core breeding population
- Address human-panther conflicts and minimize panther depredation
- Restore lost or degraded panther habitat
- Coordinate with partners to install wildlife/panther road crossings
- Support incentives for private landowners
- Accelerate use of latest research and monitoring technologies



# Commission Direction

- Staff seek guidance and direction from Commission

