

2019 Legislative Session: Legislative Proposals



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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

This presentation provides an overview on the 2019 Legislative Session, including a request for Commission approval of the proposed agency legislative package.

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CSO Reauthorization

- During the 2015 Legislative Session, statutory provisions were added to all State Agency Citizen Support Organizations (CSOs) requiring a review by the Legislature, or be repealed on October 1, 2019.
- This proposal would repeal the October 1, 2019 sunset provision of the Commission's CSOs:
 - Wildlife Alert Reward Association
 - Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida



Section 379.223, F.S., permits the Commission to authorize the creation of CSOs to provide assistance, funding, and promotional support for the programs of the Commission.

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Clarification of Authority – Residential Conservation Programs

- This proposal would give the Commission explicit statutory authority to organize, operate, staff, and equip residential programs, including the ability to provide meals and meal services.



The Commission and its predecessor agency, the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, have a long history of hosting fish and wildlife conservation residential camps, programs, and trainings, going back into the 1950s.

This proposal clarifies that the Commission has the explicit statutory authority to organize, operate, staff, and equip residential programs, including the ability to provide meals and meal services.

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Staff Recommendation

- Approve the CSO Reauthorization and Residential Conservation Programs proposals to be submitted to the Legislature for the 2019 Legislative Session.
- Authorize the Executive Director, in consultation with the Chairman, to make adjustments on these proposals and advise on other legislation, as needed, through the 2019 Legislative Session.



Staff recommends that both proposals be approved for submission to the Legislature for the 2019 Session.

In addition, staff requests that the Executive Director, in consultation with the Chairman, be allowed to make adjustments on these proposals and advise staff on other legislation, as needed, through the 2019 Session.