

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Legislative Affairs Office 2020 Session Report – Week 9

Overview

FWC's legislative package in the House is found in HB 549 (Pub. Rec./Site-specific Location Information of Endangered and Threatened Species), sponsored by Representative Overdorf; and in the Senate in SB 812 (Public Records/ Endangered and Threatened Species), sponsored by Senator Hutson. These bills would exempt from public record the specific site location information of state threatened species, federally endangered species, and federally threatened species.

CS HB 549

- Filed on November 6th
- Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee, and State Affairs Committee on November 15th
- HB 549 was heard on February 4th in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee and passed unanimously as a committee substitute (CS)
- The second committee reference (Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee) was removed, and it is now in State Affairs Committee, its final committee of reference
- CS HB 549 was heard in State Affairs Committee on February 27th and passed unanimously
- It is now on 2nd reading, waiting to be placed on the Special-Order Calendar
- CS HB 549 was placed on Special Order for March 6th
- It was read a second time and placed on third reading for March 9th
- CS HB 549 was read a third time on March 9th and passed the House unanimously
- It was received in Senate Messages on March 9th
- It was read a second time on March 10th, substituted for CS SB 812 and read a third time on March 11th where it passed the Senate
- Enrolled text was filed on March 11th



CS CS SB 812

- filed on November 6th
- referred to Environment and Natural Resources, Governmental Oversight and Accountability, and Rules on November 21st
- on January 13th, it was heard in Environment and Natural Resources and passed unanimously as a CS
- CS SB 812 was heard on February 3rd in Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and passed unanimously as a CS
- CS CS SB 812 is now in Senate Rules Committee, its final committee of reference
- CS CS SB 812 is scheduled to be heard in Senate Rules Committee on March 2nd
- CS CS SB 812 was heard in Senate Rules Committee on March 2nd and voted favorable
- CS CS SB 812 was placed on Special Order for March 6th and temporarily postponed on second reading (waiting for HB 549 to come over in Messages); it has been retained on the Special-Order calendar
- CS CS SB 812 was read a second time on March 10th
- It was substituted for CS HB 549 and laid on the table

Other Bills of Interest to FWC that Passed the Florida Legislature

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Bill	Description	Action Summary
<p>CS HB 327 by Representative Smith CS CS SB 688 by Senator Wright</p>	<p>Illegal Taking, Possession, and Sale of Bears These identical bills increase the penalties for illegally taking a bear or possessing a freshly killed bear during the closed season. If a person takes a bear or possesses a freshly killed bear during the closed season, he/she commits a Level 3 violation (first degree misdemeanor) and forfeits any FWC license or permit issued for three years after the date of the violation. If a person commits a subsequent offense, he/she is permanently ineligible for issuance of any FWC license or permit. The bill also specifies that a person who</p>	<p>Week 1: CS HB 327 was heard in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on January 15th. It was voted favorable and is now in State Affairs. No action for CS SB 688.</p> <p>Week 2: CS HB 327 was heard in State Affairs on January 23rd. it was voted favorable and has been placed on the calendar, on second reading. No action for CS SB 688.</p>



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	<p>possesses for sale or sells a bear taken during the closed season commits a Level Four violation (third degree felony).</p>	<p>Week 3: CS HB 327 was placed on the special-order calendar for February 5th to be heard by the full House. CS SB 688 is on the agenda to be heard in Environment and Natural Resources on February 3rd.</p> <p>Week 4: CS HB 327 was read a second and third time and passed the full House unanimously on February 5th. CS SB 688 was heard in Senate Environment and Natural Resources on February 3rd. A CS was introduced and passed favorably. It is scheduled to be heard in Criminal Justice on February 11th.</p> <p>Week 5: CS HB 327 was received in Senate Messages on February 12th and was referred to Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee, Criminal Justice Committee, and Rules Committee. CS SB 688 was heard in Criminal Justice Committee on February 11th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. It is now in Rules Committee.</p> <p>Week 6: No action.</p> <p>Week 7: No action for CS HB 327. CS CS SB 688 is scheduled to be heard in Senate Rules Committee on March 2nd.</p> <p>Week 8: No action for CS HB 327. CS CS SB 688 was heard in Senate Rules Committee on</p>



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		<p>March 2nd and voted favorable. It has been placed on Special Order for March 10th.</p> <p>Week 9: CS HB 327 was withdrawn from its Senate committees, substituted for CS CS SB 688, and read a second time on March 10th. It was read a third time on March 11th and passed the Senate unanimously. It was in returning messages on March 11th and received from messages on March 12th. It concurred with amendments and passed. The engrossed and enrolled texts were filed that same day. CS CS SB 680 was read a second time on March 10th. It was substituted for CS HB 327 and laid on the table.</p>
<p>CS HB 659 by Representative Fischer CS SB 822 by Senator Albritton</p>	<p>Drones These identical bills create an exception from the prohibition against law enforcement agencies using drones to gather information. The bills authorize the use of drones by a non-law enforcement employee of FWC or of the Florida Forest Service for the purpose of managing and eradicating invasive exotic plants or animals on public lands and suppressing and mitigating wildfire threats.</p>	<p>Week 1: HB 659 was introduced and heard in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee on January 15th. It was voted favorable and is now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee. SB 822 was introduced and heard in Environment and Natural Resources on January 13th. It was voted favorable and is now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability.</p> <p>Week 2: HB 659 is scheduled to be heard in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on January 28th.</p>



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		<p>SB 822 is scheduled to be heard in Governmental Oversight and Accountability on January 27th.</p> <p>Week 3: HB 659 was heard in the Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on January 28th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. It is now in State Affairs. SB 822 was heard in the Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee on January 27th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. It is now in Rules.</p> <p>Week 4: No action.</p> <p>Week 5: CS HB 659 was heard in the State Affairs Committee on February 13th. It was voted favorable and was placed on the Calendar, on its second reading. No action for CS SB 822.</p> <p>Week 6: CS HB 659 was placed on Special Order for February 26th. No action for CS SB 822.</p> <p>Week 7: CS HB 659 was read a second and third time and passed the House unanimously. CS SB 822 is scheduled to be heard in Senate Rules Committee on March 2nd.</p>



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		<p>Week 8: CS HB 659 was received in Senate Messages on March 3rd. It was placed on the calendar, on second reading, substituted for CS SB 822, and was read a second time on March 5th. It was read a third time, passed the Senate unanimously, and ordered enrolled on March 6th. Enrolled text was filed on March 7th. CS SB 822 was heard in Senate Rules Committee on March 2nd. On March 3rd, it was placed on Special Order for March 5th. It was read a second time and substituted for CS HB 659.</p> <p>Week 9: No action.</p>
<p>SB 7032 by Criminal Justice HB 7015 by Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee</p>	<p>OGSR/ Body Camera Recordings obtained by Law Enforcement Officers These identical bills amend a provision which provides an exemption from public records requirements for body camera recordings obtained by law enforcement officers under certain circumstances. It removes the scheduled repeal of the exemption.</p>	<p>Week 1: SB 7032 was introduced and heard in Criminal Justice on January 14th. It was submitted as a committee bill and voted favorable. Committee bill text was filed on January 15th and it was referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability and Rules. HB 7015 is scheduled to be introduced and heard in the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on January 21st.</p> <p>Week 2: SB 7032 is scheduled to be heard in Governmental Oversight and Accountability on January 27th. HB 7015 was heard in Criminal Justice Subcommittee on January</p>



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		<p>21st. It was voted favorable and is now in State Affairs.</p> <p>Week 3: SB 7032 was heard in the Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee on January 27th and voted favorable. It is now in Rules. HB 7015 was heard in State Affairs on January 30th. It was voted favorable and has been placed on the calendar, on second reading.</p> <p>Week 4: No action.</p> <p>Week 5: No action.</p> <p>Week 6: No action for SB 7032. HB 7015 was placed on Special Order for February 26th.</p> <p>Week 7: SB 7032 is scheduled to be heard in Senate Rules Committee on March 2nd. HB 7015 was read a second and third time and passed the House.</p> <p>Week 8: SB 7032 was heard in Senate Rules Committee on March 2nd and voted favorable. On March 5th, it was placed on Special Order for March 9th. HB 7015 was received in Senate Messages on March 5th.</p> <p>Week 9: SB 7032 was read a second time on March 9th. It was substituted for HB 7015 and laid on the table. HB 7015 was read a second time on March 9th, substituted for SB 7032,</p>



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		and placed on third reading for March 10 th . It was read a third time on March 10 th and passed the full Senate. It was ordered enrolled and then enrolled text was filed March 10 th .
<p>CS HB 777 by Representative Gregory CS CS CS SB 1414 by Senator Mayfield</p>	<p>Fish and Wildlife Activities These similar bills would prohibit certain harassment of hunters, trappers, and fishers in or on any public lands, public waters or fish management areas. The bills expand the number of free fishing days from four to six. The bills add tegus and green iguanas to the conditional list and prohibits a person or entity from keeping, possessing, importing, selling, bartering, trading, or breeding a species listed as conditional except for educational, research, eradication, or control purposes. The bills specify that a person or entity who had a documented inventory of green iguanas or tegus on an application for an exhibition or sale license in 2019 and held such license on January 1, 2020, may continue to exhibit, sell, or breed green iguanas and tegus commercially for as long as the license remains active. The bills allow the sale of inventory of the species only outside of the state and prohibits import of the species into the state. The bills require FWC to adopt rules to establish reporting requirements, biosecurity measures to prevent the escape of the species, and grandfathering provisions for persons that are currently in possession of green iguanas or tegus who do not qualify for the grandfathering provisions applicable to sale or exhibition.</p>	<p>Week 1: HB 777 was discussed during the Office of EDR’s Revenue Estimating Impact Conference. No votes were taken.</p> <p>SB 1310 is scheduled to be heard on January 21st in Commerce and Tourism. No action for SB 1414.</p> <p>Week 2: No action for HB 777.</p> <p>SB 1310 was not considered by Commerce and Tourism. No action for SB 1414.</p> <p>Week 3: No action for HB 777. No action for SB 1310. SB 1414 is scheduled to be heard in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee on February 3rd.</p> <p>Week 4: No action for SB 1310. No action for HB 777. CS SB 1414 was heard in Environment and Natural Resources on February 3rd. A CS was introduced and passed favorable. It is scheduled to be heard in Agriculture on February 11th.</p> <p>Week 5: No action for HB 777. CS SB 1414 was heard in the Senate Agriculture Committee on</p>



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		<p>February 11th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. It is now in Rules Committee.</p> <p>Week 6: A Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for HB 777 is scheduled to be heard in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee on February 25th. CS CS SB 1414 is scheduled to be heard in the Rules Committee on February 26th.</p> <p>Week 7: HB 777 was heard in House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee on February 25th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. A CS was filed on February 25th, its reference to Ways & Means Committee was removed, and was placed in State Affairs Committee. It was heard in State Affairs on February 27th and voted favorable. CS HB 777 has been placed on the Calendar, on second reading. CS CS SB 1414 was heard in Senate Rules Committee on February 26th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable.</p> <p>Week 8: No action for CS HB 777. CS CS CS SB 1414 was placed on Special Order for March 4th. On March 4th, it was read a second time, an amendment was adopted, ordered engrossed, and placed on third reading for March 5th. On March 5th, it was read a third</p>



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		<p>time, passed unanimously by the Senate, and received in House Messages.</p> <p>Week 9: CS HB 777 was laid on the table March 10th. CS CS CS SB 1414 was received in House Messages on March 9th, read a second time on March 10th, and placed on third reading for March 11th. It was read a third time on March 11th and passed the full House unanimously. It was ordered enrolled on March 11th.</p>

Marine Fisheries Management

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<p>CS HB 401 by Representative Jacobs CS CS CS SB 680 by Senator Hutson</p>	<p>Shark Fins These bills cite the act as the “Kristin Jacobs Ocean Conservation Act”. It prohibits the import, export, and sale of shark fins except for commercial fishermen who harvested sharks from a vessel holding a valid federal shark fishing permit on January 1, 2020 or to a wholesale dealer holding a valid federal Atlantic shark dealer permit on January 1, 2020. In addition, the bill requires FWC to evaluate the potential economic impact to the commercial shark fishing industry associated with the prohibition of the import, export, and sale of shark fins in Florida. Based on any identified negative economic impacts to the commercial shark fishing industry, FWC shall identify actions to lessen or offset impacts on the industry to the extent practicable. FWC also shall review the potential impact on shark</p>	<p>Week 1: HB 401 was heard in Business & Professions Subcommittee on January 15th and voted favorable. It is now in State Affairs. No action for SB 680.</p> <p>Week 2: No action.</p> <p>Week 3: No action for HB 401. SB 680 is scheduled to be heard in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee on February 3rd.</p> <p>Week 4: No action for HB 401. CS SB 680 was introduced and heard in Environment and Natural Resources on February 3rd. A CS was</p>



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	<p>populations associated with the prohibition of the import, export, and sale of shark fins in Florida. Also, FWC may review and include any other information it believes is relevant to the management of shark fisheries. FWC shall report its findings to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31, 2021. After the report is submitted, the Legislature may, based upon the findings of the report, impose a ban on the domestic production of shark fins.</p>	<p>introduced and voted favorable. It is now in Commerce and Tourism.</p> <p>Week 5: HB 401 was heard in State Affairs on February 13th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. CS SB 680 is scheduled to be heard in Commerce and Tourism on February 18th.</p> <p>Week 6: CS HB 401 was placed on the Calendar on second reading. CS SB 680 was heard in the Commerce and Tourism Committee on February 18th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. CS CS SB 680 is scheduled to be heard in the Rules Committee on February 26th.</p> <p>Week 7: No action for CS HB 401. CS CS SB 680 was not considered by Senate Rules Committee on February 26th but is scheduled to be heard in Rules on March 2nd.</p> <p>Week 8: No action for CS HB 401. CS CS SB 680 was heard in Senate Rules Committee on March 2nd. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. On March 3rd, it was placed on Special Order for March 4th (it was temporarily postponed). On March 5th, CS CS CS SB 680 was read a second time, two amendments were adopted (it was ordered engrossed) and placed on third reading for March 6th. It was read a third time on March 6th and passed the</p>



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		<p>Senate. It was received in House Messages and placed on Special Order for March 9th.</p> <p>Week 9: CS HB 401 was laid on the table, March 9th. CS CS CS SB 680 was read a second time on March 9th with adopted amendments. The rules were waived, and it was read a third time that same day, passing the full House. It was returned to Senate Messages on March 9th and received on March 12th. It concurred with the adopted House amendments and passed the full Senate again. The engrossed and enrolled text were filed on March 13th.</p>
<p>SB 1042 by Senator Albritton CS CS HB 1061 by Representative Massullo, Jr.</p>	<p>Aquatic Preserves These compare bills create the Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve and specifies that the preserve consists of the state-owned submerged lands continuous with the southern boundary of the Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve and the northern boundary of the Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve. The bills also describe the boundaries of the preserve, outlines the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund in respect to the preserve, requires the board to adopt rules, and prohibits the establishment and management of the preserve from infringing upon the riparian rights of upland property owners adjacent to or within the preserve.</p>	<p>Week 1: SB 1042 is scheduled to be introduced and heard in Environment and Natural Resources on January 21st. No action for HB 1061.</p> <p>Week 2: SB 1062 was heard in Environment and Natural Resources on January 21st. It was voted favorable and is now in Government Oversight and Accountability. No action for HB 1061.</p> <p>Week 3: SB 1042 is scheduled to be heard in Governmental Oversight and Accountability on February 3rd. HB 1061 is scheduled to be introduced and heard in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee on February 4th.</p>



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		<p>Week 4: SB 1042 was heard in Governmental Oversight and Accountability on February 3rd. It was voted favorable and is now in Rules. HB 1061 was introduced and heard in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee on February 4th. It is scheduled to be heard in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on February 11th.</p> <p>Week 5: No action for SB 1042. HB 1061 was heard in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on February 11th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. It is now in State Affairs.</p> <p>Week 6: No action.</p> <p>Week 7: SB 1042 is scheduled to be heard in Senate Rules Committee on March 2nd. CS HB 1061 was heard in State Affairs Committee on February 27th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable.</p> <p>Week 8: SB 1042 was heard in Senate Rules Committee on March 2nd and voted favorable. On March 4th, it was placed on Special Order for March 6th. On March 6th, it was temporarily postponed on second reading, but then retained on Special Order again. CS CS HB 1061 was placed on Special Order for March</p>



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		<p>6th. It was read a second time and placed on third reading for March 9th.</p> <p>Week 9: SB 1042 was read a second time on March 10th, substituted for CS CS HB 1061, and laid on the table. CS CS HB 1061 was read a third time and passed the full House on March 9th and was received in Senate Messages that same day. It was read a second time on March 10th, substituted for SB 1042, and placed on third reading for March 11th. It was read a third time on March 11th and passed the full Senate. It was ordered enrolled and the enrolled text was filed on March 11th.</p>

Information Technology		
Bill	Description	Action Summary
<p>CS CS CS SB 1870 by Senator Hutson CS CS CS HB 1391 by Representative Grant, J.</p>	<p>Technology Innovation The Division of State Technology (DST) within the Department of Management Services (DMS) oversees information technology governance and security for the executive branch of state government. The bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abolishes DST, establishes the Florida Digital Service (FDS) in its place, and creates the Division of Telecommunications within DMS. 	<p>Week 1: No action.</p> <p>Week 2: No action.</p> <p>Week 3: No action for SB 1870. HB 1391 is scheduled to be heard in the Insurance & Banking Subcommittee on February 4th.</p> <p>Week 4: SB 1870 is scheduled to be heard in Innovation, Industry, and Technology on</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Places new duties and responsibilities under the newly created FDS and expands the duties and responsibilities currently assigned to DMS and DST, including the development and implementation of standards for the enterprise with a focus on interoperability and enforcement of the state’s cloud-first policy. Requires FDS to create and maintain a comprehensive data catalog that lists the data elements housed within each state agency, as well as directs FDS to create a data dictionary. Allows cabinet agencies to adopt alternative information technology architecture, project management, and reporting standards than those developed by FDS. Removes DST as the head of the E911 system in Florida and places the Division of Telecommunications as its new head. 	<p>February 10th. CS HB 1391 was heard in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee on February 4th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. It is scheduled to be heard in Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee on February 11th.</p> <p>Week 5: SB 1870 was heard in Innovation, Industry, and Technology on February 10th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. It is now in Banking and Insurance Committee. CS HB 1391 was heard in Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee on February 11th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. It is now in State Affairs.</p> <p>Week 6: CS SB 1870 was heard in the Banking and Insurance Committee on February 19th. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. No action for CS CS HB 1391.</p> <p>Week 7: CS CS SB 1870 is scheduled to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee on March 3rd. No action for CS CS HB 1391.</p> <p>Week 8: CS CS SB 1870 was heard in Senate Appropriations Committee on March 3rd. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. On March 5th, CS CS CS 1870 was placed on Special Order for March 9th. CS CS HB 1391</p>



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		<p>was heard in State Affairs Committee on March 2nd. A CS was introduced and voted favorable. It was placed on Special Order for March 6th. On March 6th, it was read a second time and placed on third reading for March 9th.</p> <p>Week 9: CS CS CS SB 1870 was read a second time on March 9th, substituted for CS CS CS HB 1391, and laid on the table. CS CS CS HB 1391 was read a third time and passed the full House on March 9th and was received in Senate Messages that same day. It was read a second time on March 9th, substituted for CS CS CS SB 1870, and placed on third reading for March 10th. It was read a third time on March 10th and passed the full Senate. It was ordered enrolled on March 10th.</p>

