

Agenda Item 8 B
Imperiled Species Management Permitting Guidelines
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
February 7, 2018

Notice of Change to Burrowing Owl Permitting Guidelines

In response to public comment received, staff is proposing a minor change to the language appearing on page 19 of the previously published Burrowing Owl Permitting Guidelines.

The new language would be (words added are underlined):

“The FWC considers translocation of burrowing owls to be experimental and translocation is therefore not considered a mitigation option at this time to achieve conservation benefit, except in rare circumstances. A rigorous scientific research project comparing survival and productivity of translocated birds to those displaced by development is an acceptable option to achieve scientific benefit.

These options may be combined by the applicant when creating a mitigation package. None of the options above are mandatory components of any such package. Additional or alternative mitigation options may be considered by the FWC’s Protected Species Permitting Office, provided the applicant can provide sufficient justification of scientific or conservation benefit. Approved Wildlife/Habitat Management Plans may include these or alternative options.”

Commission consideration of the guidelines at their meeting on February 7, 2018 will include the amended language.

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