

AGENDA
**JOINT MEETING OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
WORKING GROUP (WG) AND SCIENCE COORDINATION GROUP (SCG)**

Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel
1825 Griffin Road, Salons 1 and 2, Dania, FL 33004

October 21 - 22, 2008

Working Group Duties: *To assist the Task Force in providing intergovernmental coordination, exchanging information, facilitating the resolution of conflict, assisting members, and promoting public participation.*

Science Coordination Group Duties: *To assist the Task Force in providing intergovernmental coordination of the programmatic scientific aspects of restoration of the South Florida ecosystem.*

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

WG/SCG Joint Session

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| 1:00 – 1:10 | Opening Remarks and Administrative Items | Dan Kimball
Rock Salt |
| 1:10 – 1:30 | Follow-up From Task Force Meeting

<i>Purpose: To provide the members with a report on what occurred at the September Task Force meeting to include those items that require follow-up action. Preparations for the December Task Force meeting will also be discussed.</i> | Greg May |
| 1:30 – 4:30 | Snail Kite/Avian Ecology Update*

<i>Purpose: To provide an update of the population ecology and conservation of the Snail Kite and the ecological constraints on apple snail demography.</i> | Phil Darby
Wiley Kitchens |
| 4:30 – 5:30 | The Science/Management Connection
<i>Purpose: To provide an overview of an example of the successful integration of science into project planning. The synthesis of science and integration of scientific information into management decisions are important aspects of successful restoration at both the project and the system-wide level.</i> | Matt Harwell |
| 5:35 – 6:00 | Next Steps and Closing Comments | Dan Kimball
Rock Salt |
| 6:00 | Adjourn | |
| 6:30 | No Host Social | |

*Break is included

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Regular WG Meeting

8:30 – 8:40

Welcome and Introductions

The July and August meeting minutes will be presented for approval.

Dan Kimball
Greg Knecht

8:40 – 9:00

Member Whiparound and Current Events

Each member has the option of providing brief introductory remarks during this time.

9:00 – 9:45

Consultation Workshop

Purpose: *To provide an informational update on the Melaleuca Eradication and Other Exotic Plants Project. Consultation normally takes place during three points in the development of a Project Implementation Report (PIR): Scoping phase, Alternative Development phase and Draft PIR. The Task Force has delegated scoping and alternative formulation consultation to the Working Group. Consultations with the Task Force and Working Group are supplemented with information updates at key points.*

- **Melaleuca Eradication and other exotic plants**

Purpose: *The Melaleuca Eradication and Other Exotic Plants Project is a system-wide CERP project included in the Yellow Book. The focus of the effort is the mass rearing and release of biological control agents. The PIR is targeting four exotic plants which threaten the Everglades ecosystem: Melaleuca, Brazilian Pepper, Lygodium, and Australian Pine. The team is recommending an adaptive management approach for project implementation. The Draft PIR is scheduled for publication in the federal register in December 2008.*

Shauna Allen
John Morgan Jr.

9:45 – 10:30

Panther Protection Plan

Purpose: *To present an overview of an innovative way to protect Panthers and Panther habitat through a unique partnership of landowners and environmental groups.*

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