

Agenda

Meetings to discuss potential changes to permits allowing commercial fishers and professional fishing guides to operate at higher speeds in manatee protection zones

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (all four meetings)

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Place: Agriculture Center
3695 Lake Drive
Cocoa, Florida

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2009

Place: Old City Hall
315 Avenue A
Fort Pierce, Florida

Date: Monday, October 19, 2009

Place: Longwood Park Community Center (Room B)
6050 Longwood Run Blvd
Sarasota, Florida

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Place: Rookery Bay NERR
300 Tower Road
Naples, Florida

These meetings are open to the public

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is holding four public meetings to discuss potential changes to permits the Commission issues to commercial fishers and professional fishing guides authorizing some activities to be performed at higher speeds than otherwise allowed in manatee protection zones. These permits are issued pursuant to existing rules in Chapter 68C-22, F.A.C. The [Manatee Management Plan](#) approved by the Commission in 2007 recommends amending the rules to scale back the types of activities that can be covered by these permits. The purpose of the meetings is to gather information from the public and current permit holders regarding this potential change and to answer any questions that arise.

1. Opening remarks
2. Overview of current situation to include:
 - A. Content and purpose of the Manatee Management Plan (MMP)
 - B. MMP recommendation regarding changes to permits
 - C. Anticipated timeline for considering changes
 - D. Review of meeting purpose
3. Public comment and questions
4. Adjournment

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