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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Manley Fuller



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Dear FWF Members and Supporters,

Florida Wildlife Federation is working with a group of Florida conservationists in support of Florida's Water and Land Legacy Amendment Campaign. We are promoting this campaign for the November 2014 ballot and need your help.

A constitutional amendment is the best way we can ensure that necessary funding is dedicated solely to restoring critical natural areas, like the Everglades; protecting Florida's magnificent waters and lands for future generations. Floridians understand the value of clean and abundant water for people and wildlife, and they cherish the natural areas that make Florida special. That's why the amendment should have a place in our state's constitution.

This important amendment:

**Ensures that our cherished beaches, rivers, lakes, springs and forests are protected for future generations.**

Vibrant and healthy natural areas supply us with clean water and improve our quality of life. Irreplaceable treasures like the Everglades and our world-class beaches also draw millions of visitors every year and form the backbone of our tourism economy. Yet almost 2 million acres of important water protection areas, beaches, springs and other vital natural areas remain vulnerable to unwise development decisions and deep funding cuts. This amendment creates stable and long-term funding for conservation programs like Florida Forever and Everglades restoration, ensuring that we safeguard our most treasured waters and lands for future generations.

**Directs one-third of existing state revenues from "doc stamps" to fund restoration and conservation projects in Florida's most critical water protection areas and lands.** The amendment will dedicate funding to conserve and restore Florida's most cherished waterways and natural areas using existing state revenues generated by real estate transactions. Fees on real estate transactions, aka "documentary stamps," have been assessed in Florida for decades to

pay for important programs including land conservation and affordable housing. Yet since 2009, these fees have been diverted to the state's general revenues while Florida Forever funding for water and land conservation projects has been **slashed by 97.5 percent**.

- In 2012, the Legislature allocated only \$8.5 million to protect important water protection areas and conservation lands. Compared to the state budget of \$70 billion, that means that for every dollar the state spends in 2012, **less than two-hundredths of a penny** will go to the Florida Forever program for water and land conservation. That's less than \$1 for every Floridian. This amendment, will restore our conservation lands funding.

- The amendment would provide approximately \$5 billion for water and land conservation in Florida over the next ten years and \$10 billion over the twenty-year life of the measure, all without any tax increase.

**Reinforces Florida's long-standing leadership on water and land conservation and outdoor recreation.** In Florida, conserving the water quality of our lakes, rivers and springs and acquiring lands necessary to protect drinking water sources historically has transcended party politics. Popular programs like Florida Forever—geared towards funding important conservation projects—

## 30th Anniversary of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act

As President Ronald Reagan said in October 1982 when he signed the "Evans-Chafee Bill," "It is a classic example of environmental legislation that is a triumph for National Resource Conservation and Federal Fiscal Responsibility."

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have been a priority of every Governor for the last four decades, including Governors Graham, Martinez, Chiles, Bush and Crist.

The amendment will provide long term funding for our conservation lands protection and management programs.

The amendment will provide places and opportunities for a variety of sustainable outdoor recreational activities including hunting, fishing, birding, boating, hiking and trail riding across Florida.

This amendment will provide habitat for our fish and wildlife including rare and wide-ranging species as well as more common species of fish and game.

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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

by Jenny Brock



## We Can Do This Together

As your newly installed chair, I am excited about the work that we, working together, can accomplish. We need your help!

You may remember, many years ago Florida had a program called Preservation 2000 and after that it's name was Florida Forever. More recently, it became almost nothing, with almost no funding. Before the programs were defunded, they protected over 2.4 million acres of wildlife habitat, greenways, parks, important water resources, natural areas and trails throughout Flori-

da. Don't worry, we have a chance to begin again. Florida's WATER AND LAND LEGACY, a coalition of the state's leading conservation organizations including the Florida Wildlife Federation, has launched a campaign to place the FLORIDA WATER AND LAND CONSERVATION AMENDMENT on the November 2014 ballot. This would assure that adequate funding is dedicated to restoring critical natural areas for future generations.

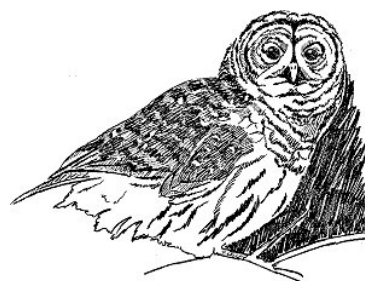
We need volunteers to help us gather 500,000 signatures to put this amendment on the November 2014 ballot. In just one month, the campaign has recruited more than 1,000 volunteers and we need another 1,000 as soon as possible. If passed, the amendment will keep the fund (about \$300 million per year) working for our future by protecting critical drinking water supplies and keeping natural areas intact for people and wildlife. Join the action and sign up to volunteer at [www.floridawaterlandlegacy.org/volunteer](http://www.floridawaterlandlegacy.org/volunteer).



Another important program of interest to Floridians who live in any of the Gulf Coast counties that were impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill is the RESTORE ACT. It appears that those counties will be receiving substantial funds for restoration activities. Exactly how the funds will be spent is to be decided by the local governments with the help of citizen committees to be ap-

pointed by the county commissions. If you have any expertise or interest in making sure that the funds are spent to do real restoration that will assure Florida of a sustainable Gulf for generations to come, please contact your local government to find out how to apply for a committee appointment. This is your chance to participate in one of the largest restoration efforts in the history of our country. We need to get it right!

Enjoy a wonderful fall season!



*Jenny Brock*

## Installation of 2012-2013 FWF Officers



On September 23, FWF held its annual Election of Officers and Directors. New Officers and Directors were sworn in by Jenny Brock, who is the NWF Region 4 Director, and the new Chair of the Florida Wildlife Federation.

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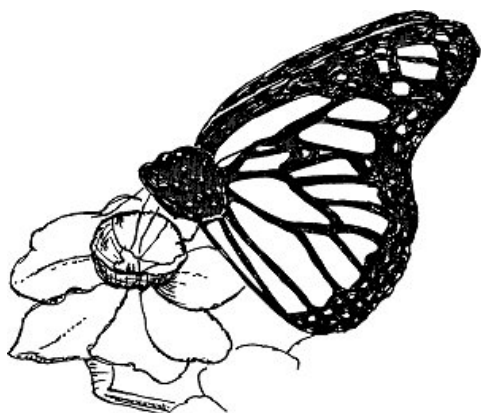
## New Life Members:

Jacqueline M. Elliott, Winter Haven

Robert Ing, Gainesville

**Thank you for your support!**

*\*Legacy Club Members are those who have donated \$5000 or more in a single gift.  
Eagle Club Members are \$1000 donors, and Life Members are \$500 donors.*



## 75 Club

Thank you to those who joined the 75 Club!

In August, David Theriaque, Presiding Officer of the FWF Life Members' Council, asked other Life Members to join him in a new "75 Club" by contributing \$500.00 or more to the Florida Wildlife Federation – "essentially doubling down on your initial investment" in the Florida Wildlife Federation. We truly appreciate the response from our Life, Eagle Club and Wildlife Legacy Club Members! Thank you, David, for assisting the Federation with fundraising efforts!

David Theriaque, Tallahassee  
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Nathaniel Reed, Hobe Sound  
Manley Fuller, Tallahassee

## FWF Scholarship Update

### FWF Scholarship Update - October 2012

Dear FWF Members,

We were so pleased to receive another donation recently of **\$2,500.00** from the **Ehrhart Family Foundation of Venice, Florida, for the FWF Scholarship Fund. This family foundation has donated consistently to the fund for the past eight years. We are so grateful for their generous support.** The gifts we have received in the past year have brought us much closer to our goal of \$100,000 which will make the fund eligible for a \$50,000 match from the State of Florida. The current value of the FWF Scholarship Fund is \$73,276.

I would like to thank the following individuals and foundations for their support in the past year.

**Ehrhart Family Foundation, Venice**  
**Nace Hopple, Jr., Gainesville**  
**James E. Pettus, Flagler Beach**  
**Mr. & Mrs. James Schortemeyer, Naples**  
**Robert Reid & Betsy Clark, Niceville**

Won't you please consider this as a way of furthering the education of our future fish and wildlife managers, land managers, researchers and biologists who are study in the University of Florida's Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation? This is the only department of its kind in the State of Florida university system specifically addressing the concerns of our state's fish and wildlife by educating and training skilled professionals who will shape the future for our natural heritage.

Our sincere thanks to all who have helped to build the FWF Scholarship Fund!

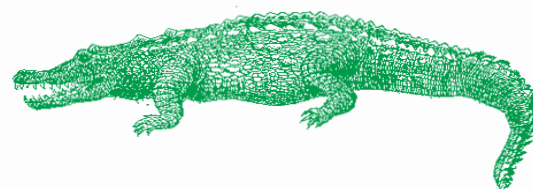
Sincerely,

*Manley*

**To make an online donation to the FWF Scholarship Fund, please go to:**

**[www.uff.ufl.edu/OnlineGiving](http://www.uff.ufl.edu/OnlineGiving).**

**Select IFAS under "colleges," and choose the FWF Scholarship Fund (013403) from the choices given.**



## SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REPORT

by Nancy Anne Payton, Southwest Florida Field Representative



tral Florida, and Molly Grace, University of Central Florida doctoral student, are in preliminary discussions with Ricky Pires on how the new cameras can be inte-

grated into a comprehensive crossings study planned for Southwest Florida. Barron Collier Companies is also involved by allowing access across its property to several underpasses proposed for study.

Dr. Smith and Ms. Grace selected Collier County for their research because there are numerous underpass-type structures and they vary in sizes, settings, and shapes. One camera is anticipated to be placed at the entrance to the panther crossing just installed on Oil Well Road near Camp Keais Strand in eastern Collier County. The City Gate underpass on CR 846 east of Immokalee, the TwinEagles underpass, and several Alligator Alley/I-75 underpasses are all potential study sites.

The comprehensive study has two goals. The first goal is to determine the least expensive and most effective structures for target species such as panthers and bears. The second goal is to evaluate the increase in use once wildlife becomes acclimated to the underpasses. The Alligator Alley/I-75 underpasses were last monitored twenty years ago, shortly after installation. A recently published study in Banff National Park, Canada, showed dramatic increases in use following a lag period of adjustment by animals following construction.



Ricky Pires, center, receiving the Federation's check for the purchase of cameras, accessories and gas. Board member Franklin Adams is on the left and Field Representative Nancy Payton is on the right. Members of the North Naples Elementary School Panther Posse joined the ceremony.

Credit: FGCU Wings of Hope Panther Posse

### Camera Grant Awarded to Panther Posse

Thank you to the many members who generously contributed to the Federation's recent camera appeal, which allows for photographs of panthers and other wildlife and their use of wildlife underpasses. The \$1,000 goal was exceeded by \$2,000, enabling the purchase of not one, but three cameras!

In September, Federation Board Member Franklin Adams and Southwest Field Representative Nancy Payton visited the Panther Posse room at Florida Gulf Coast University to present a check to Ricky Pires for the purchase of cameras, camera accessories, and gas. The donation was presented before the 60-member North Naples Elementary School Panther Posse.

The cameras will further the conservation education of the Panther Posse members across Southwest Florida and will assist the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Panther Team in monitoring panthers.

**Dr. Dan Smith, transportation ecologist at the University of Cen-**



Board Member Franklin Adams observes while Panther Posse members learn about the importance of panthers in the natural world.

Credit: FGCU Wings of Hope Panther Posse

### Best Management Guidelines Needed for Underpasses

With the advent of more wildlife underpasses, the Federation has observed that there are no Best Management Guidelines for their upkeep.

For example, road maintenance crews are unknowingly clear-cutting vegetation that provides the necessary cover to wildlife entering and exiting underpasses. Crew members are also using the underpasses for field latrines which results in wildlife avoiding the crossings due to human scent.

To educate those responsible for maintaining wildlife crossings, the Federation has asked Dr. Dan Smith, a noted wildlife crossings expert, to develop a one-page list of "Does and Do Nots." Collier County administrator Nick Casanguida readily agreed to distribute the guidelines to county road crews as soon as available from Dr. Smith.

Posting a simple "DO NOT MOW" sign on the fence that funnels wildlife to the underpass will be one of the protocols.

Dr. Smith's Best Management Guidelines will appear in this column in the near future. Feel free to share them with appropriate agencies.



An unintended and unwanted use of a wildlife underpass. Saw palmetto berry pickers are using a wildlife underpass to access public lands in Lee County. When pickers are spotted on conservation lands, Lee County staff immediately calls the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 1-888-404-3922 (24 hours). According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, "saw palmetto berries are critical to the survival of the Florida black bear and other wildlife."

Credit: FGCU Wings of Hope Panther Posse



### Big Questions Linger

Florida Department of Transportation sent Collier County a hard-hitting letter on July 16 questioning the county's continued pursuit of an interchange on Alligator Alley/I-75 at or near Everglades Blvd.

In its letter, the Florida Department of Transportation listed eight points including:

- The traffic volumes and travel patterns indicate that the vehicles accessing the interstate at the proposed interchange are exiting locally. The increase in short-distance trips on the freeway is contrary to Florida Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration policies of maintaining the interstate as a primary route for regional and interstate trips.
- There is no discussion related to impacts to panther habitat, existing wetlands, flood plains, and cultural features.
- The current proposal does not adequately evaluate other reasonable alternatives in lieu of the new interchange.
- The volumes at the proposed interchange are not high enough to warrant a new interchange.
- The existing interchanges appear to provide satisfactory access under the No Build scenario.

The champion of the proposed interchange lost his reelection to the Collier County Commission.

It is unclear if Collier County will continue its aggressive pursuit of the interchange and related roadway network in the coming year. The Federation will continue to monitor this issue.



## FWF Hall of Fame Inductee Receives Award



Juanita Greene

Recently Juanita Greene received her FWF Hall of Fame award in Tallahassee. Ms. Greene, who resides in a retirement community in Tallahassee, appreciated receiving the award statuette. The Hall of Fame award is the Federation's highest award and many of her friends and fellow residents in the retirement community asked about her accomplishments. The Florida Wildlife Federation's Diane Hines, Vice President of Administration, told them about Juanita's many years as a stellar journalist for the *Miami Herald* and her conservation efforts over several decades to save Florida's Everglades which helped lead to current day restoration programs, now being conducted by the state and federal governments.



## NORTHEAST FLORIDA REPORT

by Sarah Owen Gledhill, FWF's Northeast Florida Planning Advocate



### SJRWMD Surplus Land Assessment Concluding

In December, the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) governing board will vote on the vetted list of District-owned properties as to which will be designated as surplus

lands. The public has come out passionately in opposition to surplussing lands which are supposed to be conserved forever. The Northeast office is working through the process with the District staff, local governments and our partner conservation organizations. The next round of public meetings will be held to present the draft results from the process used to evaluate the conserva-

tion value and ultimately decide which parcels will be identified as surplus. We are encouraging our members to provide public input, either in person or on-line, on the draft results. If you are concerned about a property identified as surplus, the District staff and Governing Board needs to hear from you. Even if you are not opposed to the draft results, the District needs to hear that you support the

land acquisition program. The Governing Board does not want to anger the public. They need to hear your concerns as well as encouragements. The Northeast office will stay engaged and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. To see more information on public hearings near you go to the District's website at <http://floridaswater.com/landassessment/>.

#### SJRWMD Meetings

Palm Bay - Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 6 p.m.

Palatka - Thursday, October 25, 2012, 6 p.m.

Gainesville - Tuesday, October 30, 2012, 6 p.m.

Deland - Wednesday, November 7, 2012, 6 p.m.

Saint Augustine - Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 6 p.m.

Winter Garden - Thursday, November 15, 2012, 6 p.m.

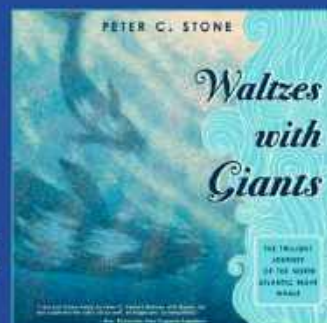
### Kick-off to the North Atlantic Right Whale Calving Season

The 2012 North Atlantic right whale calving season starts on November 15 and there is a lot going on to celebrate. The Northeast office is hosting a book-signing at the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (located at 450 Guana River Rd, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082) on November 15 with author/illustrator Peter Stone. Peter will be presenting his newest publication *Waltzes with Giants: The Twilight Journey of the North Atlantic Right Whale*. The evening will have two components: an early workshop for students and teachers and an evening reception for the general public. All are welcome to hear how Peter's passionate writing and paintings captivate readers of all ages by making science and the marvels of the oceans engaging and comprehensible.

**We invite all of our FWF members to attend these events November 15 and 17!**

Saturday, November 17 is the 3rd Annual North Atlantic Right Whale Festival in Jacksonville Beach. Lots of activities for the family with educational displays, live music, a run and of course FWF will be have a table set up. Please come by and say hello. For more information on this event, please visit [http://public.sea2shore.org/right\\_whale\\_festival/](http://public.sea2shore.org/right_whale_festival/).

The Florida Wildlife Federation invites you to meet celebrated author and illustrator, Peter Stone, and journey with him as he explores the evolutionary wisdom and interconnectedness of endangered creatures, cultures, and ecosystems. Guests will also have the opportunity to meet the author during a book signing of *Waltzes with Giants: The Twilight Journey of the North Atlantic Right Whale* prior to his presentation. Although the book will captivate all ages, *Waltzes with Giants* was recently selected for the Children's Book-of-the-Month Club. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided.



## You are Invited!

#### Agenda

4:00pm Doors open

4:30 - 5:00 Teacher/Student Workshop\*

5:00 - 6:00 Book Signing

6:00 - 6:30 Author Presentation

6:30 - 7:30 Meet Peter Stone

\*Space is limited please RSVP to reserve a spot



November 15, 2012, 4:00-7:30 pm at the  
GTMNERR Environmental Education Center  
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Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082  
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Preston Robertson  
Vice-President for Conservation &  
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## Kids Fishing Event a Success!

The Federation held its 2nd Annual Kids' Fishing Event at the FWF River Preserve on the Ochlockonee River on October 6. With perfect weather, happy children and even some laughing parents, the outing was a success. Supplied with free fishing poles courtesy of *Fish Florida*, the kids took to the dark water of the river, fishing for bream, catfish and bass. A couple of two-pound large mouths were caught and released (after some picture-taking). Several of the kids caught their first fish ever, and many enjoyed simply being out in the woods. It was wonderful to see children enjoying themselves without a video screen in front of them. They were wet, dirty and sweaty and got a look at the beauty of the real Florida.

Notable events included having a four-foot alligator come up on the river



Malik  
with  
his  
catch.



Riley  
(top)  
and  
Julia  
(bottom)  
Julia:  
"I'm  
gonna  
catch a  
fish  
this  
big!"

bank as well as a tussle with a large channel catfish that resulted in both mother and daughter going into the river. The catfish got away.

We hope that all participants not only enjoyed themselves, but also got an appreciation of our woods and waters. These youngsters may well be the conservation leaders of tomorrow.

Many volunteers from FWF helped make the day enjoyable. Thanks to Pat Pearson, Jay Liles, Tessa Kleck, Danny and Jake Gwynn-Shapiro, Neal George and Karl Humm.



## Get Outside – Become an Advocate

Preston Robertson  
Vice-President for Conservation &  
General Counsel

Every five years, the US Fish and Wildlife Service conducts a national survey to assess Americans' participation in outdoor activities, particularly fishing, hunting and wildlife-based recreation such as birding. The 2011 Survey's summary has just been released, and there are indications that more of us are taking part in the natural world. That is good news.

In 2011, over 90 million citizens age 16 or older, fished, hunted or otherwise enjoyed nature. That year, over \$145 billion in expenditures on these activities amounted to 1% of the entire gross national product of the United States. There were 13.7 million hunters across the nation, an increase of 9% since 2001. The average hunter spent approximately \$2,400 last year pursuing his or her sport. The number of big game hunters (e.g., deer, elk) increased, while small game and bird hunters decreased. As to anglers, 8.9 million people participated in saltwater fishing, which is especially important here in Florida.

Outdoor recreation based on wildlife viewing is gaining even more in popularity, with approxi-



mately 46.7 million Americans over 16 years of age enjoying this activity. From bird watching to wildlife feeding, millions of our fellow citizens have taken advantage of our natural wealth to increase the quality of their lives.

The size of these numbers is significant. The dollars involved make outdoor pursuits an economic issue that should be taken seriously on a national level. Moreover, the level of participation is an expression of the commitment of many Americans to the outdoors, no matter their political affiliation.



In the 1940's, Jay "Ding" Darling's political cartoons and activism galvanized conservation-minded Americans to put aside their petty differences and focus on the goal of actually protecting natural lands and cleaning our waters. Whether you are a consumptive user of wildlife, a tried and true birder, or simply a nature-lover, your voice is needed in the conservation movement here in Florida. Millions of us enjoy the outdoors and pay for the privilege. Let's make sure our elected representatives know that their constituents care about the "real Florida." Our Governor, State Senators and State Representatives, as well as our federal elected officials, need to hear from you that we need to protect and conserve our natural resources for ourselves and our children.

Preston T. Robertson







Jay Liles  
FWF Policy Consultant

## Sportsmen Want BP Fines Used for Fish and Wildlife Restoration in the Gulf

### For Hunters and Anglers, Conservation is a Deeply-Held Value

As this edition of *Fish and Wildlife News* is published we will be on the threshold of a treasured American tradition – the election of a President and Congress as well as those who will lead us at the state and local level for at least the next two years. This election is made even more profound by the fact that it occurs as the first election following re-districting, in which Florida picked up two new seats in Congress and the boundary lines of a number of state legislative districts were dramatically altered, such that your representative may be new to you even if that person is running as an incumbent. All the more reason that “every election is important,” - this one made more so by reapportionment.

That is why it is essential that those elected to represent us at every level of government know that sportsmen across the nation hold conservation very high on their list of priorities for public policy. Clean air and water, preservation of public lands with access to hunting and fishing trump calls for leasing to energy producers. Hunters and anglers want to see stronger enforcement of Clean Water Act protections, not roll-backs of our environmental laws. And important for Florida, as well as the rest of the Gulf Coast, they want to see BP held accountable to the maximum extent of the law when it comes to fines BP will pay to compensate for the Deepwater Horizon disaster of 2010. They want those fines (estimated to be as high as \$25 billion) to go to fisheries and wildlife restoration, not spent on unrelated infrastructure like roads, civic centers, ports and other government facilities normally funded through general revenue. The RESTORE Act directs the majority of fine money to the Gulf States.

We know where hunters and anglers stand on these issues because the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) regularly polls a national cross sample of outdoorsmen and women who self-identify as regular hunters and/or anglers. This year, as in the past, NWF commissioned the polling firm of Chesapeake Beach Consulting (a Republican pollster) to conduct the survey of 800 respondents\*.

“Hunters and anglers tend to be conservative politically, but many are split-ticket and independent voters. What’s clear from this poll is that sportsmen deeply value conservation and believe we have a moral responsibility to confront global warming to protect our children’s future,” said Bob Carpenter, president of Chesapeake Beach Consulting.

“As a hunter and as a board member of the National Wildlife Federation, I am personally reassured by the results of this poll,” said Jenny Brock, newly elected Chair of the Florida Wildlife Federation Board of Directors. Regardless of political affiliation, hunters and anglers, many of whom serve as first-line observers of the environment, know that good stewardship of our natural resources is a top priority.”

“I am particularly impressed by the strong support shown by the hunter /angler community for using RESTORE Act funds for real restoration of the Gulf, its fish and wildlife populations. Those closest to the disaster realize how important it is to use the BP fines for long-lasting ecological restoration that will make the Gulf sustainable for generations to come,” said Brock.

Among the poll’s key findings:

- Sportsmen strongly believe BP should be held accountable and fined the maximum amount allowed for the 2010 Gulf oil disaster (81 percent) and that those funds should be used exclusively to restore the fish and wildlife habitat of the Gulf of Mexico and its fishing and hunting heritage and not for unrelated infrastructure projects such as roads, ports and convention centers (87 percent).
- A supermajority say Congress should restore Clean Water Act protections to wetlands and waterways, including smaller creeks and streams, to protect our health and important fish and wildlife habitat (79 percent favor).
- Two in three sportsmen polled (66 percent) believe we have a moral responsibility to confront climate change and address sea level rise to protect our children’s future. Additionally, 69 percent agree the U.S. should reduce its carbon emissions that contribute to climate change and threaten fish and wildlife habitat.

“Florida’s hunter and angler conservationists care deeply about protecting healthy fish and wildlife habitats and the ability to access and enjoy the outdoors,” says FWF President, Manley Fuller. “Sportsmen and women vote and it’s important for us to know that our elected officials are committed to habitat protection and restoration, including restoration of the Everglades and the Gulf. Conservationists promote the management of Florida’s natural habitats, protecting public and private conservation lands and support policies that promote our enjoyment of Florida’s environment which also boosts our natural resource-based economy.”

Participation in wildlife-associated recreation increased in 28 states since 2006, according to the findings of the 2011 *National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation State Overview Report* released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In all, an estimated 6,354,000 people took part in hunting, fishing, birding and other wildlife related activities in Florida alone just last year, spending over \$9 billion on these pursuits.

Yet when it comes to getting the next generation out in the woods or on the water, hunters and anglers see a potentially dangerous disconnect. Nearly 9 in 10 hunters and anglers (87%) believe it is a serious problem that children are not spending enough time outdoors and away from television, computers and video games. They worry that if today’s children don’t build a connection to nature now, they won’t value public lands protection and wildlife conservation when it’s their generation’s turn to lead.

America’s hunters and anglers expect our political leaders to lay out their plans for protecting our air, water, wildlife and public lands. Officeholders at all levels should answer this simple question, “What’s your plan for leaving a better world for our children’s future?”

A full briefing on the poll may be found at [NWF.org/Sportsmen](http://NWF.org/Sportsmen).

*\*This national public opinion poll conducted among 800 self-identified hunters and anglers was conducted by Chesapeake Beach Consulting from August 27 through September 1, 2012 for the National Wildlife Federation. The sample for this survey was randomly drawn from a list of self-identified hunters and anglers. To qualify, a respondent must have indicated they were a hunter, an angler or both as well as a registered voter. All interviews were conducted by telephone, including 15 percent of the interviews by cell phone. The margin of error for this study is plus or minus 3.2 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.*

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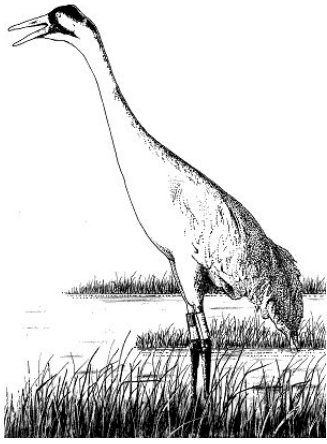
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## Why Florida's Hunters, Anglers and Outdoor Recreationists benefit from the Florida Water and Land Legacy Amendment

Since 1990, both Republican and Democratic Governors have endorsed setting aside a portion of tax money generated from the transfer of real property to be used to protect and conserve our state's remaining lands and waters. Florida's landmark land protection programs - Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever - have helped save millions of sensitive acres from Pensacola to the Florida Keys. Unfortunately, recent legislative actions have greatly diminished the resources going towards conservation, so in order to safeguard what remains of wild Florida a constitutional amendment has been proposed that would earmark a percentage of existing documentary stamp taxes for environmental purposes. Taxes would not be raised.

Under the amendment, funds would be used to acquire new properties for resource-based outdoor recreation, including hunting. Buffering areas surrounding estuaries would be protected and restored, enhancing fisheries. Moreover, public properties would be better managed, insuring better experiences for those who use them and funds would benefit Everglades Restoration.

These are but a few of the benefits of the amendment, and it is important that we act now. Florida's population is projected to grow by more than six million people by the year 2040. In percentage terms, that means that Florida's population will grow by nearly a third in approximately the next 25 years. Funds will be allocated to protect and restore our wetlands and waters. Simply put, we

are running out of time to protect critical environmental ecosystems before they are converted to housing subdivisions or carved up and drained. Indeed, the documentary stamp tax is an appropriate funding mechanism since it is a tax that is, by and large, levied on the growth that is threatening these natural systems.

Nothing in the amendment prohibits hunting on any of the properties acquired. In fact, many of the properties will be available for hunting. Current governmental processes will be used to determine usage. The amendment will benefit a wide variety of outdoor recreational interests as well as protect significant habitat statewide.

Please support this effort by going to [www.FloridaWaterLand-Legacy.org](http://www.FloridaWaterLand-Legacy.org) and see how you can help. The time is now to take the necessary steps to protect the natural wonders that make our state so special. We especially need volunteers willing to collect petitions signed by registered Florida voters and we need contributions.

Respectfully,

Rick Dantzler, Manley Fuller and Preston Robertson\*

*\*Rick Dantzler is the author of three books, and a former Florida State Representative and State Senator. Manley Fuller is the President of Florida Wildlife Federation and Preston Robertson is its Vice President of Conservation and General Counsel. All three are active outdoor recreationists who enjoy hunting and fishing in Florida.*

PRESIDENT from page 1

### Volunteer today!

Deep funding cuts have put the great work Floridians have been doing for decades to protect our waters and restore important conservation lands in serious jeopardy.

The Water and Land Legacy Conservation Amendment is the best way to safeguard funding necessary to keep our waters healthy, and to protect Florida's beaches, springs and other natural areas for future generations enjoyment.

To get this important amendment on the November 2014 ballot, we need volunteers to gather 500,000 signed petitions—**that's why we need your help!**

<http://floridawaterlandlegacy.org/volunteer>

### How can I help?

**Volunteers are needed** to collect at least **half the total number of signatures** required to place this important measure on the ballot. You can order petitions by contacting the campaign headquarters at **(850) 629-4656** or by completing the online volunteer form. We greatly need volunteers to gather signatures at events and stores, because **80 percent** of signatures will be collected at public locations like these. You can also volunteer to gather signatures from friends, family and neighbors. Campaign staff will provide all the materials and training you need to get started.

You can also help us spread the word about the campaign and recruit volunteers! Download the outreach toolkit and other materials for ideas on how you can let your friends and neighbors learn more about the campaign.

Finally, you can also contribute financially to the campaign. A statewide campaign of this size is expensive and your contribution will help conserve water and land for future generations!

Thank you,

*Manley*



### FLORIDA KIDS' QUIZ



1. Why should we be careful about what we plant in our yards?



2. Are Grizzly Bears native to Florida?



3. What is the job of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission?

See page 15 for answers, and more information.



# Full Amendment Text

## TITLE:

**Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands**

## SUMMARY:

**Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years..**

## FULL TEXT:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA THAT:

Article X, Section 28, Florida Constitution, is created to read:

SECTION 28. Land Acquisition Trust Fund.--

a) Effective on July 1 of the year following passage of this amendment by the voters, and for a period of 20 years after that effective date, the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall receive no less than 33 percent of net revenues derived from the existing excise tax on documents, as defined in the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, as amended from time to time, or any successor or replacement tax, af-

ter the Department of Revenue first deducts a service charge to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of the excise tax on documents.

b) Funds in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall be expended only for the following purposes:

1) As provided by law, to finance or refinance: the acquisition and improvement of land, water areas, and related property interests, including conservation easements, and resources for conservation lands including wetlands, forests, and fish and wildlife habitat; wildlife management areas; lands that protect water resources and drinking water sources, including lands protecting the water quality and quantity of rivers, lakes, streams, springsheds, and lands providing recharge for groundwater and aquifer systems; lands in the Everglades

Agricultural Area and the Everglades Protection Area, as defined in Article II, Section 7(b); beaches and shores; outdoor recreation lands, including recreational trails, parks, and urban open space; rural landscapes; working farms and ranches; historic or geologic sites; together with management, restoration of natural systems, and the enhancement of public access or recreational enjoyment of conservation lands.

2) To pay the debt service on bonds issued pursuant to Article VII, Section 11(e).

c) The moneys deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, as defined by the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, shall not be or become commingled with the General Revenue Fund of the state.

**To help: Fill out form or visit <http://floridawaterlandlegacy.org/volunteer>**



**Florida's Water and Land Legacy campaign needs your help to gather one million signatures from Florida voters to get the Florida Land Conservation amendment on the Nov 2014 ballot.**

Together with concerned citizens around the state, leading conservation organizations like The Trust for Public Land, Audubon Florida, Florida Wildlife Federation, Sierra Club, and others are launching a statewide campaign to put the Water and Land Conservation Amendment on the November 2014 ballot.

Since 2009, the Florida state legislature has slashed funding for conservation programs by 97.5 percent. We simply can't afford to turn our back on the Everglades, neglect water quality in our rivers, lakes and streams, and miss the chance to save Florida's last remaining natural lands. To put this important measure on the ballot, we need to gather one million signatures.

### **Will you help us protect Florida's waters and lands for future generations?**

We have just 14 months to gather **one million** signatures from Florida voters. With your help, we can do it! Contact our campaign headquarters to see how you can participate in the biggest environmental campaign of our lifetimes!

### **Please call (850) 629-4656 to volunteer so we can:**

- Protect and restore clean water in Florida's lakes, streams, rivers and springs.
- Complete the restoration of our magnificent Florida Everglades.
- Conserve natural areas and habitat critical for fish and wildlife.
- Protect our beaches and the special places that are an important part of our natural heritage, economy, and quality of life.

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1700 N. Monroe St., Ste. 11-286, Tallahassee, FL 32303

### **Yes, I want to help volunteer!**

☐ I can help gather signatures at events and stores.

☐ I'd prefer to gather signatures from friends and family.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Mail this completed form to:**

**Florida's Water and Land Legacy**

**316 Williams St.**

**Tallahassee, FL 32303**

**campaign@FloridaWaterLandLegacy.org**

**www.FloridaWaterLandLegacy.org**

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# Call For 2013 Conservation Awards Nominations

The Florida Wildlife Federation is again calling for nominations for the Annual Conservation Awards Program, the oldest conservation awards program in the state. The recipients of this year's awards will be honored at the Annual Conservation Award Banquet which will be held in June 2013. A resume of the achievements of nominees should and

include organizational memberships and affiliations, published papers, news clippings and other references, along with a typewritten narrative describing the accomplishments of each nominee. You may also include letters of support from others. The narrative and accompanying material should not exceed three pages.

**You must be an FWF member to make a nomination.** Nominations will be accepted through March 1st, 2013, and should be submitted to:  
The Florida Wildlife Federation  
P.O. Box 6870  
Tallahassee, FL 32314-6870  
FAX (850) 942-4431  
Attn.: Diane Hines.  
[dhines@fwfonline.org](mailto:dhines@fwfonline.org)

## CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Nominees should have made a contribution which has a statewide impact, or be an example of selfless dedication towards the advancement of a conservation issue.

## YOUTH CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Nominees can be anyone under the age of 21, or a Youth Organization that has made a significant contribution toward improving the environment or the cause of conservation.

## WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

This category includes nominees who haven made significant contributions in protecting or improving Florida's fish or wildlife habitat, or who have made an important contribution towards the conservation of native wildlife.

## FOREST CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Nominees should have made contributions in sound forest management practices, including those protecting and managing for the perpetuation of Florida's native ecosystems.

## LAND CONSERVATION AND PLANNING AWARD

This category includes efforts of citizens, government entities or employees in developing sound land use planning. Also eligible are individual land owners who participate in land conservation practices.

## CONSERVATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

This category is open to citizens or educators who have made a significant contribution toward educating the public on Florida's conservation issues.

## CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

Nominees can include clubs, societies or councils which have had a significant conservation achievement during the past year.

## WATER CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Nominees should have made a contribution in protecting the water resources of Florida through pollution abatement, water management or through efforts leading to laws or regulations which protect or enhance Florida's water resources.

## CONSERVATION LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

Nominees should be legislators who have made an important contribution towards the passage of conservation legislation, or for efforts against legislation which would have an adverse affect on wildlife or the environment. This category is also open to legislative committee staff members and members of the public who provide the impetus towards the passage of conservation legislation.

## FISH AND WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Nominees should be employed as law enforcement officers for a state or federal resource agency who have demonstrated dedication to protecting Florida's fish and wildlife resources through either law enforcement or community involvement.

## BURK "BIFF" LAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR

All radio, television, newspapers, magazines or other communications media are included in this category which is open to individual reporters who have

given an extra measure of time and effort in research and in-depth reporting in order to bring the conservation message before the public.

## FRANCIS S. TAYLOR OUTDOORSMAN OF THE YEAR

This award honors a person who has exemplified the highest principles of good sportsmanship and whose leadership abilities have made a significant impact for conservation. The award is named for Francis S. Taylor who passed away in 1982, was an avid outdoorsman and the first builder of all aluminum riveted custom built airboats.

## "LIVING GREEN" AWARD

The "Living Green" award is to be presented to an individual, organization, municipality, institution of learning or corporation that, during the past year, has demonstrated extraordinary vision and action in implementing a program, product and/or positive behavioral change that utilizes environmentally responsible initiatives.

## CONSERVATION NOMINATION FORM

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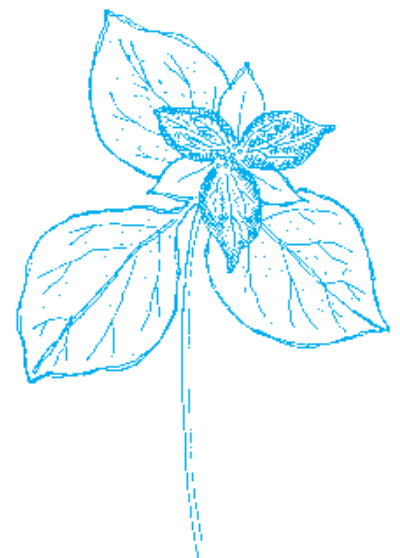
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Nominee's Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form and written narrative to: Diane Hines, Florida  
Wildlife Federation, P.O. Box 6870, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6870,  
fax to 850-942-4431 or e-mail [dhines@fwfonline.org](mailto:dhines@fwfonline.org)

**Deadline for receiving nominations is March 1st, 2013.**



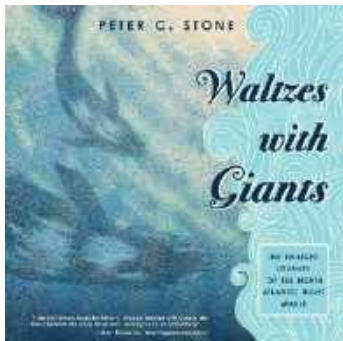


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## Waltzes with Giants\*

by Peter C. Stone



Waltzes with Giants, The Twilight Journey of the North Atlantic Right Whale (Skyhorse, Fall 2012), is a moving portrait of one of the earth's largest endangered mammals. Mystical and provocative, the book is inspired by a real North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*) and her threatened migrations from Atlantic Canada to her calving grounds off the coasts of Georgia and Florida. Blending sound science and art with a literary voice, Peter C. Stone takes the reader beneath the waves to reveal how we have historically decimated many species of whales and other species of fish and aquatic mammals for material gain, even though they are an integral part of the ecosystems upon which we depend. Supported by a

glossary of scientific and book-specific words, as well as a list of resource links for the North Atlantic right whale and other marine mammals, Waltzes with Giants is built upon questions. It will captivate readers of all ages by making science and the marvels of the oceans engaging and comprehensible.

Hardback, 112 pages. 50 color paintings and 9 b/w drawings.

FP - 516 Price \$17.95 Member Price \$15.95

\*Please see page 5 for details about a book signing event on November 15 in Northeast Florida.

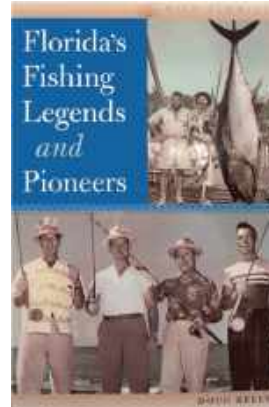
## Florida's Fishing Legends and Pioneers

by Doug Kelly

"If you are a serious fisherman, Doug Kelly's book will be of interest to you. It is an essential history of Florida fishing, its many colorful characters, guides and promoters. The easily read chapters range from the early days up to the present. Anyone who has been fortunate enough to fish Florida's waters both fresh and salt for an extended period of years will recall the former abundance of the fishery and the changes in fishing technology." Book review by Franklin Adams, FWF District VIII Director.

Hardback, 288 pages. FP-496

Price \$26.95, Member Price, \$24.45.



## Everglades Patrol

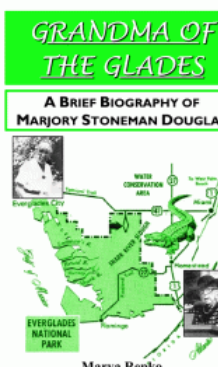
by Tom Shirley



"Tom Shirley retired after 30 years as a game warden with the old G&FWFC. For me it was an enjoyable read since it was about the Glades and his many potentially dangerous enforcement situations. There is no

question that he loved the Glades and took his oath seriously to preserve and protect. He also talks about high water damage and does not hesitate to tell it like he saw and experienced it." Book Review by Franklin Adams, District VIII Director.

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## Grandma of the Glades: A Brief Biography of Marjory Stoneman Douglas

by Marya Repko

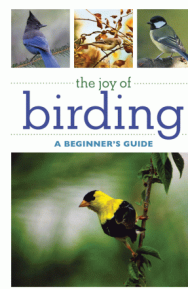
This concise biography summarizes the achievements of Marjory Stoneman Douglas as a conservationist and writer – she is author of the popular, well-received book about the Everglades, "River of Grass" – and chronicles the changes she experienced through her 108 years of life (1890-1998). Included in the book are old photographs, commentary from friends and recommended reading.

Paperback, 80 pages. FP-494

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## The Joy of Birding

by Kate Rowinski



The Joy of Birding by Kate Rowinski is a great book for anyone who loves birds and wants to learn more about their behavior, their markings, wing shape, beak shape, how to photograph them, and more. The book is a colorful and unique guide which combines the best of all birding books. There are tips for attracting birds to your yard as well as a key for identifying birds. The narrative is very enjoyable, too! (Review by Diane Hines, VP of Admin, FWF)

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## 2013 Fishing Planner

from Florida Sportsman

Florida Sportsman 2013 Fishing Planner Inshore and off-shore hot fish of the month for each Florida region plus exclusive tips on the tackle, bait, and techniques you'll need to catch them.

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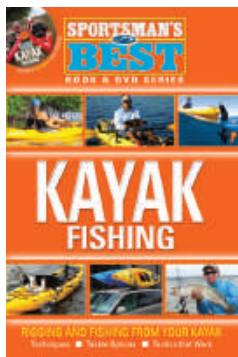
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## Sportsman's Best: Kayak Fishing **NEW!**

by Jeff Weakley, **Book and DVD**

Kayak fishing is among the hottest trends in fishing today. It's affordable and enjoyable for anglers of all ages, on all waters: the saltwater coast, inland lakes, and freshwater rivers. In this new book from the publishers of Florida Sportsman magazine, award-winning photojournalist Jeff Weakley covers this fast-growing sport with expert reporting and rich, full-color photography on every page. The book offers advice on selecting, outfitting and transporting fishing kayaks, technique-specific instruction for catching all kinds of fish and is a fascinating window into the evolution of kayak fishing. Dozens of leading kayak anglers from around the U.S. are featured in this book. Included DVD features instruction by author and interviews with anglers profiled in the book, with fishing action from Florida Sportsman and Shallow Water Angler TV. Paperback, 243 pages. DVD Length, 43 minutes. **FP-519**

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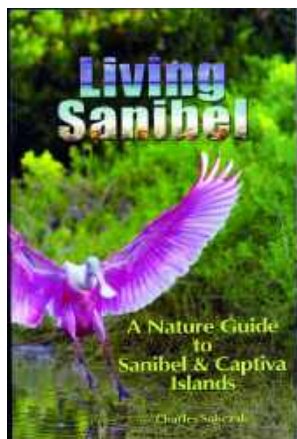


## Living Sanibel

A Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands

by Charles Sobczak

*Living Sanibel* is the most complete nature guide to Sanibel and Captiva Island ever compiled. With more than 650 full color photographs and illustrations by award-winning nature photographers and artists, this single volume is the only book you will ever need



while visiting Florida's fabled barrier islands. The guide contains a total of 291 species of birds, with 105 species having color plates and detailed information making it easy to identify the various resident and migratory species that inhabit J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge and the many other preserves located on Sanibel and Captiva. "Living Sanibel" also includes a extensive shell guide, complete with color photographs of more than 70 of the most commonly found shells on the pristine beaches of Sanibel and Captiva. The photos include a ruler beside each shell, making it simple to find even the smallest of shells. **LIVING SANIBEL** starts with a detailed and concise Environmental History of Sanibel and Captiva. This brief natural history puts the amazing accomplishment of preserving these barrier islands into its true historical perspective. The book also contains a complete section on the mammals and sea mammals found on Sanibel and Captiva. These include manatees, bottle-nose dophin and Atlantic spotted dolphin. For those interested in reptiles and amphibians, there are more than fifty pages of snakes, lizards, alligators and crocodiles. Also included are the various fresh water turtles, as well as five species of sea turtles that nest on Sanibel and Captiva's beaches.

Paperback, 498 pages. **FP- 448**

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## Living Gulf Coast

A Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands

by Charles Sobczak

*The Living Gulf Coast* is the first comprehensive nature guide to Florida's Southwest region. It is divided into two sections with the first half being a detailed field guide and the later being divided by counties and arranged in a north-to-south plan. The book covers six counties: Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Glades and Hendry. There are more than 160 parks, preserves and eco-destinations covered in this work, with sixty-one of them described in great detail. Not only does the book describe these outstanding destinations, it also covers all the major birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians found throughout the region. The bird section includes 291 species with 120 of the most commonly encountered birds covered in exacting detail. It also includes all the major mammals and eighty-eight snakes, lizards, turtles and crocodilians found in the unique ecosystems of Southwest Florida. With more than 600 full-color photographs of wildlife, campgrounds, rivers and parks this is an essential tool for exploring everywhere from the Florida Everglades to the aquarium at Mote Marine. This book is an absolute must have for any nature lover, birder, biker, hiker, kayaker, canoeist or naturalist planning to visit Southwest Florida.

Paperback, 512 pages. **FP- 500**

Price \$26.95, **Member Price \$24.45**



## FWF's 2012 Holiday Cards

The 2012 Holiday card series features outstanding photographs by Charles "Chuck" Littlewood from Silver Springs, Florida. Chuck is a well-known wildlife photographer who concentrates on North Central Florida wildlife and bird photography. To view more of his photos please visit: [www.CharlesLittlewood.com](http://www.CharlesLittlewood.com). The Holiday Card packets include 12 cards and 12 envelopes and include a holiday inscription inside each card. We are pleased to be able to bring this set of greeting cards to our members and friends. They are available on the FWF website at: [www.fwfonline.org](http://www.fwfonline.org).



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## Atlas of Florida's Natural Heritage

"The Florida Natural Areas Inventory is pleased to announce the publication of the *Atlas of Florida's Natural Heritage: Biodiversity, Landscapes, Stewardship and Opportunities*. This high-quality, full-color Atlas is sure to become a standard reference for anyone involved in the conservation, management, study, or enjoyment of Florida's rich natural resources. We hope the Atlas will inspire, educate, and raise awareness of and interest in biodiversity and conservation issues."

Paperback, 196 pages, 10" x 12" format

**FP-501, Price \$49.99,**

**Member Price, \$47.99**



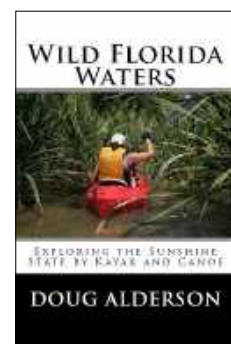
## Wild Florida Waters

by Doug Alderson

*Wild Florida Waters* places Florida's unsurpassed beauty and abundant wildlife in the forefront, from the mangrove labyrinth of the Ten Thousand Islands to the springfed Ichetucknee River. It also includes an exciting dose of paddling adventures, whether it's tipping over in the Suwannee River's Big Shoals rapids, surfing wind-generated waves while paddling the remote Apalachee Bay, or meeting up with a different form of "wild life" on a scenic waterway. Through all of the adrenalin, a strong conservation message permeates the volume, and useful how-to information is included at the end of each chapter. "It is past time somebody wrote a book of this caliber. A treasure trove of information for nature enthusiasts." --Bill Richards, Executive Director, Paddle Florida

Paperback, 266 pages. **FP-499**

Price \$14.95, **Member Price \$14.62**



## A Field Guide to the Southeast Coast & Gulf of Mexico

by Noble S. Proctor & Patrick J. Lynch



This superb book, with its unique focus on the entire marine coastal environment, is the most comprehensive and up-to-date field guide available on the southeastern Atlantic Coast and the Gulf Coast. Not just for beachgoers, the book is essential for birders, whale watchers, fishers, boaters, scuba divers and snorkelers, and shoreline visitors. Features of the guide: Entries on 619 coastal and ocean species; More than 1,100 color illustrations; 450 up-to-date range maps; Overviews of key ecological communities, including mangroves, salt marshes, beaches, sand dunes, and coral reefs; Special attention to threatened and endangered species; Discussions of environmental issues, including such catastrophic events as Hurricane Katrina and the Deepwater Horizon blowout.

Paperback, 386 pages. **FP-510 Price \$22.95, Member Price \$21.00**

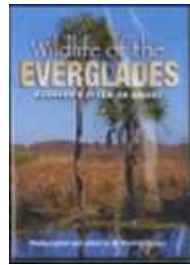


## Wildlife of the Everglades: Florida's River of Grass

Dr. Manfred Dangel invites you to a paradise known as the EVERGLADES. This video is the final contribution of the world renowned naturalist, Dr. Manfred Dangel. This amazing video is narrated by Manfred during his last few weeks. It identifies 144 plants and animals. It is a compilation of 15 years of safaris in the Everglades as a guide for Everglades Day Safari. This is Manfred's legacy. Please enjoy this DVD and appreciate the vast knowledge contained within.

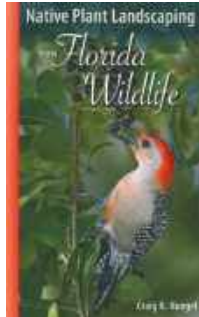
Length: 64 minutes. **FP - 518**. Price \$19.95

**NEW!**



## Native Plant Landscaping for Florida Wildlife

by Craig N. Huegel



Attract wildlife back to your yard with this clear, practical guide! Ecologist and consultant Craig Huegel draws on his considerable experience as both a gardener and a professional wildlife biologist to explain how anyone can easily create an attractive landscape

plan that is also an inviting habitat for wild animals. He provides specific information on the wildlife value of approximately 150 native trees and shrubs and gives clear and precise direction on incorporating each into your garden. Featuring nearly 200 brilliant color photos, Huegel's guide will help you to identify and select the plants you need--no matter where you live in Florida.

Whether you want to invite birds, deer, rabbits, frogs, turtles, or foxes, transforming your yard into a sustainable, wildlife-friendly environment won't require difficult or dramatic changes. Pick up this handy and inspiring book today and discover how easy it is to redevelop any landscape into an attractive habitat for wildlife.

Paperback, 285 pages. **FP - 514**  
Price \$24.95, **Member Price, \$23.55**

## A Brief History of the Fakahatchee

by Marya Repko

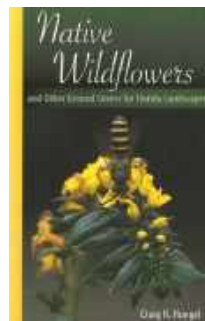
The author gives an overview of Southwest Florida's past, the drainage and development, and then delves in detail into the history of this area. The book includes old photographs, a large list of references, a timeline, stories from local residents, and first-hand accounts of the formation of the Park from some of the people involved.

Paperback, 58 pages. **FP-486**,  
Price \$10.00, **Member Price \$9.00.**



## Native Wildflowers and Other Ground Covers for Florida Landscapes

by Craig N. Huegel



Florida gardens and lawns are full of flowering plants and turfgrass, most commonly exotic species. Recently, however, statewide water restrictions and a rekindling of environmental awareness have increased interest in native

plants, which are better adapted to the local climate and require less maintenance. In this engaging and authoritative guide, ecologist and avid gardener Craig Huegel offers valuable information to anyone interested in integrating native ground covers into an outdoor space. As many of the plants featured in this book are not frequently or adequately discussed elsewhere, Native Wildflowers and Other Ground Covers for Florida Landscapes is a singular resource for homeowners and commercial growers alike. Brilliantly illustrated with nearly 300 color photos, this handy book provides clear instructions on how to garden with more than 17 native ferns, 17 native grasses, and 175 wildflowers--all commercially available plants that work well together in the landscape.

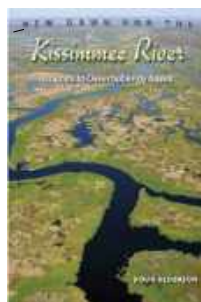
Paperback, 327 pages. **FP - 513**  
Price \$24.95 **Member Price, \$23.55**

## New Dawn For The Kissimmee River

by Doug Alderson

In New Dawn for the Kissimmee River, Doug Alderson uses this twelve-day paddling excursion as a thread to explore the history and ecology of the region, while highlighting the most successful restoration project of its kind in the world, the model for the overall Everglades restoration plan.

Hardback, 152 pages. **FP - 478**  
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# OUTSTANDING FILMS:

## Kissimmee Basin: the Northern Everglades

**NEW!** Produced and Directed by Elam Stoltzfus



The Florida Wildlife Federation is proud to announce this outstanding film which is being aired on PBS across the country; check your local listings! FWF was pleased to support Live Oak Productions in the making of this film.

Travel with filmmaker Elam Stoltzfus along the Kissimmee River and surrounding regions. Meet the "Keepers of the Land" and experience a sense of place in the vast open spaces in the cattle country of Florida's private and public lands. Throughout the centuries, the Everglades

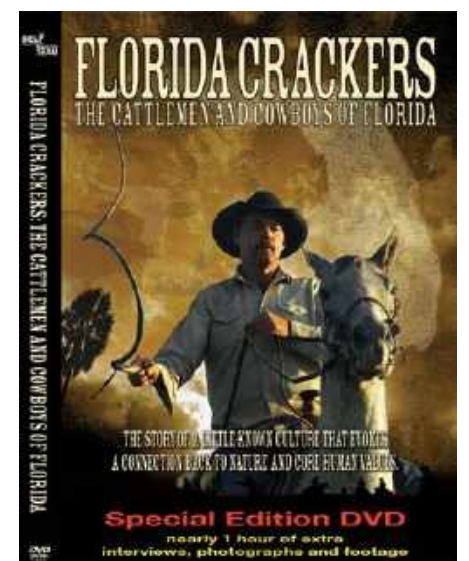
have inspired strong emotion and debate among soldiers and poets, politicians and citizens. Its history is as broad and sprawling as the River of Grass itself. Although many stories have been told about the Everglades -- from drainage to restoration -- few have been told about where it all begins: the Kissimmee River Basin. Restoration and protection of the natural values of this vast, watery landscape may well hold the key to restoration of the Greater Everglades ecosystem.

Length: 60 minutes. **FP - 515**. Price \$19.95

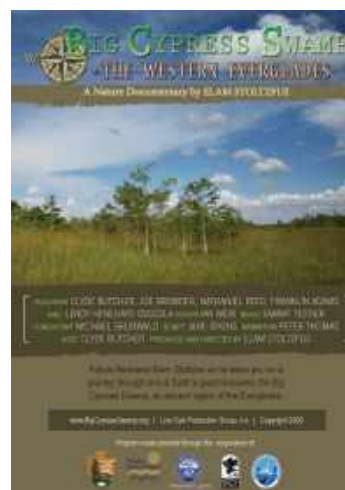
## Florida Crackers: Cattlemen and Cowboys of Florida

The movie, "Florida Crackers: the Cattlemen and Cowboys of Florida," captures the story of Florida's real-life cowboys; their history, their culture, and the uncertain future they face as they strive to preserve their way of life in a fast-paced modern world. Covering a wide range of topics related to cattle ranching in Florida, the story includes how the landowners strive to preserve the wildlife, land and water. Captured in hi-definition, this one-of-a-kind documentary is a long overdue tribute to Florida's great pioneer culture and lifestyle as well as the Sunshine State's beautiful natural resources and wildlife.

Length: 87 minutes. **FP - 497**  
Price \$19.95



## Big Cypress Swamp - The Western Everglades



Follow filmmaker Elam Stoltzfus as he takes you on a journey through one of Earth's great treasures; the Big Cypress Swamp, an ancient region of the Everglades. Big Cypress Swamp: the Western Everglades a visual masterpiece that tells the story of Florida's river of grass, highlighting people who share their passion for this wild place, seasons of scenery that pull you into the rhythm of the swamp, and a chorus of nature sounds scored into a symphony. From grand landscapes to the smallest insect or drop of dew, Stoltzfus brings us into the Big Cypress Swamp its like being there.

Length: One hour. **FP - 479**  
Price \$19.95



## Nesting Boxes Available for A Donation

With the holiday season approaching rapidly, now is the time to select gifts that will please your recipients, benefit wildlife and financially support FWF. The bird nesting boxes are hand crafted pro bono for FWF from native Florida cypress by director Bob Taylor fit each of these requirements. Bob has now constructed more than 600 of these boxes and several have been shipped as far away as New England and to Washington State (and one to Sweden) where they were readily accepted and used by local birds. Four sizes are available. The small is designed for blue birds and other birds of similar size. The most popular size (medium) attracts wood ducks, screech owls and kestrels, while the large size is designed to accommodate the larger black bellied whistling ducks that are becoming increasingly common in the lakes and ponds of south



and central Florida. An extra large nesting box meant for barred owls can also be made but only by special order and requires a month advance notice.

To make a donation to the Federation and to order your gift nesting boxes, please download and fill out



*Frances Howell Coleman and Bob Taylor on a trip to install donated nest boxes along with volunteers. Read more about this trip and see additional pictures on our blog at <http://www.fwfonline.org/blog/2012/09/20/softmud-to-the-rescue/>*

the order form online at <http://www.fwfonline.org>, or call the Federation office at 850-656-7113. The donation amounts per box are \$30, \$60, \$80 and \$150 respectively for the several sizes plus the cost of shipping. Bob can direct the shipments either to you or directly to your recipients.

For those who want to contribute but do not have adequate space on your property, if you would like to donate a nest box to be placed in an appropriate location on public land in Central Florida by Bob Taylor, this is also an option.

## Drawing for the 22nd Annual Boating Sweepstakes is December 13

The Grand Prize for the 22nd Annual Boating Sweepstakes is your choice of an Angler 204 FXLE off-shore boat, the Angler 2000 Grande Bay nearshore and inshore bay boat, the Hewes Redfisher flats boat, the Ray E-Boat Explorer 21 with the Ray electric outboard motor, or \$25,000 in cash. In addition to the Grand Prize, you can also win a Wilderness Systems "Tarpon" 12-foot Sit-On-Top Kayak, a Mad River "Adventure" 16-foot Canoe or a monoMaster, Waste Monofilament Storage Device.

Ticket contributions are \$5.00 each, or five tickets for a \$20.00 contribution that will give you an extra chance to win. Other ticket combinations are available online. You may enter anytime you like by going to <http://www.fwfonline.org> and clicking on the Sweepstakes button at the top of any page. You can also enter by mailing in your tickets you have recently received in the mail.

The drawing will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at Florida Wildlife Federation headquarters, 2545 Blairstone

Pines Drive, Tallahassee, Florida. The drawing will be supervised by Carroll and Co. Inc., Certified Public Accountants.

In addition, the Florida Wildlife Federation's 2012 Sixth Annual "Green" Car Sweepstakes is giving away an outstanding choice of one of four fuel-efficient automobiles or \$25,000 in cash on December 6 at Federation headquarters in Tallahassee. To check out this year's models click on <http://www.fwfonline.org/Sweeps-Archive/Car/2012-Green-Car-Sweepstakes.aspx>. The "Green" Car Sweepstakes, in conjunction with the Federation's 22nd Annual Boating Sweepstakes represents one of the most important fundraising programs for FWF. The proceeds help us maintain our efforts in promoting fish and wildlife habitat conservation on both public and private lands, wetland protection, sound coastal conservation policy, clean air and water initiatives, Everglades restoration and conservation land protection.

If you would like a set of tickets



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*The ANGLER 204 FXLE (20-feet 4-inches) is ideal for both offshore and inshore fishing or cruising. The center console design has a console that's large enough for a step down head compartment. Standard features include hydraulic steering, automatic bilge pump, T-Top, leaning post, rod holders and rod racks. The package includes a fuel-efficient, 150 HP Evinrude E-TEC low-emission outboard engine and a tandem-axle aluminum trailer with radial tires and disc brakes.*



# Longtime Board Member and past FWF Chair Walt Brandon Passes Away

By Preston Robertson

Walt Brandon, Sr., born in Charleston, SC in 1928, and after moving to South Florida, served on the Board of the Florida Wildlife Federation for over 53 years. He joined FWF in 1959 after serving in the 101st Airborne, Army Combat Engineers. Walt passed away at age 85 on September 16, 2012, leaving behind his wife of 62 years, Mae "Mink" Brandon. Walt was by far the longest serving member of the Federation Board and he will be deeply missed. His passion for the conservation of the Everglades region, hunting and fishing, were without peer. He was also dedicated to getting children out into nature, and was a key player in the success of the Everglades Youth Camp.

Walt was one of the remaining "old timers" of the Federation, a South Florida sportsman who took pleasure in enjoying the area's natural lands and waters and acted to protect them. In 1957, he had helped found the Wildlife Conservation League of Palm Beach County, serving as president for five terms. In 1960, he was appointed to the Board of the Everglades Coordinating Council and in 1973, Governor Reuben Askew appointed him to the Everglades Recreational Board. As a member and leader of the Palm Beach Airboat and Halftract Conservation Club, a stalwart affiliate of the Federation, Walt delighted in accessing the 'Glades in these unique, and many times, homemade, vehicles.

While a painting contractor by profession, Walt was deeply involved in many civic organizations, including the Masonic Order, serving as Master of Palm Lodge #327. He was active in the South Florida Fair, where he created the conservation exhibit in 1995, and served on the Board of Directors of the fair. He also served on the Friends of Corbett board to benefit his favorite Wildlife Management Area, the JW Corbett WMA.

As Chair of FWF in 1979, Walt went to Washington, DC and met personally with President Jimmy Carter to recognize Carter for conserving lands in Alaska. As a true outdoorsman, Walt expressed many times what a thrill it was to get to share the message of conservation with a President of the United States.

In 2009, the Federation inducted Walt into its Hall of Fame. He had truly dedicated his life to protecting Florida's natural wonders and he richly deserved this honor.

It is difficult to imagine a Federation board meeting without Walt in attendance. Over the years, he had moved from chewing on cigars to chewing on toothpicks, but his sense of humor never changed. Walt was not only a true individual he was also a true friend for those fortunate enough to know him. He never lost his delightful Charleston dialect or the sparkle in his eye.

The Federation will surely miss Walt, but we know he had a life well-lived. God speed, friend.



Florida Wildlife Federation "FWF"



## We welcome you!

To join FWF, a conservation organization dedicated for 75+ years to the health of Florida's fish and wildlife, its waters, native habitats, and sustainable outdoor recreation. We support scientifically based, professional management of natural resources and nature based recreation including hunting and fishing. Ecosystem restoration and recovery of depleted species are also primary objectives. We appreciate your support! Please join today!

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## Conservation Calendar

**Nov. 6, 2012**

**Election Day – Be sure to Vote!**

**Nov. 28-29, 2012**

**FWC Commission Meeting**  
**Apalachicola**

[www.MyFWC.com](http://www.MyFWC.com)

**Dec. 8, 2012**

**River of Grass Gala**  
**The Arthur R. Marshall**  
**Foundation**

**FWF will receive 2012**  
**Champion of the Everglades**  
**Award**

**Jan. 10-13, 2013**

**Everglades Coalition Annual**  
**Conference**

**The Biltmore, Coral Gables**  
[www.evergladescoalition.org](http://www.evergladescoalition.org)

**Jan. 25-27, 2013**

**FWF Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Gainesville**  
[dhines@fwfonline.org](mailto:dhines@fwfonline.org)

**Feb. 13-14, 2013**

**FWC Commission Meeting**  
[www.MyFWC.com](http://www.MyFWC.com)

## Answers to Florida Kids' Quiz

*1. Why should we be careful about what we plant in our yards?*

We should be careful about yard plants for two reasons. First, we should not plant anything that is invasive. "Invasive" means that this kind of plant reproduces (makes other plants like itself) rapidly, and crowds out native plants and other good and well behaved plants that we may enjoy having in our gardens. Second, we should plant some things that will help wildlife like bees and butterflies to thrive, and these are mostly native plants. There is a list of the 10 most invasive plants for Florida in the habitat section of FWF's website [www.fwfonline.org](http://www.fwfonline.org) in the PowerPoint there about how to make a wildlife habitat.

*2. Are Grizzly Bears native to Florida?*

No. We won't find any Grizzly Bears in the woods in Florida. The only bear that is native to Florida is the black bear. There may be some Grizzly Bears kept in zoos in Florida, but they don't count as native, because they don't live here naturally.

*3. What is the job of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission?*

The job of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (often called just "Fish and Game") is to protect and regulate all naturally occurring wild animals and fish in the state. They are an agency of Florida's government, and have their main office in Tallahassee, with area offices around the state. They employ park rangers and game wardens who uphold the state laws, and many other people who help the legislature understand what regulations are needed to keep Florida's critters and fish alive and healthy.

*How did you do, Florida Kid??!!*



# Where There's a Will, There's a Way...

## For Wildlife



*Sarah Bailey with Federation president, Manley Fuller*

Sarah Bailey grew up on a farm in Western Kentucky. Tree climbing and seining the creeks for crayfish and salamanders, she spent most days outdoors, and delighted in bringing home various animals, including a box of baby snakes that escaped (inside!). That young love for the natural world matured into a fervent desire to protect land, not only to benefit her beloved wildlife, but to ensure a sustainable future for her children and grandchildren.

After a stint as an art director in New York City, Sarah met her late husband, John Matthews Bailey, of the family who pioneered Sanibel Island in the 1890s. John graduated from the University of Florida in Animal Husbandry, and he and Sarah went on to establish an award-winning cattle operation in Arkansas. Raising livestock and Quarter Horses has remained a lifelong passion, and today the Bailey herd is registered Florida Cracker Cattle. To help preserve their ranch in St. Johns County, the Baileys created a special trust with the University of Florida Foundation, which will benefit several conservation charities including the Florida Wildlife Federation—a gesture that will continue her special relationship with the land and the outdoors after she is gone.

During years of trail riding all over Florida, “I came to see how important it is to save land. We saw the devastation of South Florida wetlands, and what it was doing to our native plants and wildlife.” Her sentiments reflect not just her personal feelings, but her lifelong commitment to conservation. Working with statewide land trust programs such as Endangered Lands, C.A.R.L., and Florida Forever; the St. Johns County Board of Commissioners; and the FWF Board of Directors, Sarah contributed to the preservation of many Florida properties including Big and Little Talbot Islands, Guana State Preserve and the Julington-Durbin Creeks Peninsula. Among her most cherished awards for her long-term activism is the eagle sculpture she received as the ninth inductee into the Florida Wildlife Federation Hall of Fame.

*Please join with Sarah and help make sure we and future residents can enjoy a healthy clean and abundant Florida, which helps not only our environment, but also our economy.*

*A bequest to the Florida Wildlife Federation or a charitable trust like Sarah's is easy to arrange, makes creative use of assets and can benefit your family as well as help the Federation.*

For more information on how your estate plan can benefit both you and wildlife, please contact **Tim Bachmeyer**, FWF Development Consultant, at **561-801-5752** or Manley Fuller, Diane Hines or Preston Robertson, at **850-656-7113**.

### The Coastal Barrier Resources Act, 30 years of Common Sense Bipartisan Conservation on America's Shores

*By Manley Fuller*

*Florida Wildlife Federation President*

In these times of hard ball politics we sometimes forget how much good can be accomplished by working across party lines on common sense matters. I want to give you a prime example; thirty years ago this autumn the US Congress passed almost unanimously and President Reagan signed the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) which helps protect critical undeveloped coastal habitats, reduces the public's exposure to catastrophic storm damages, pro-

motes public safety and helps to protect and buffer the built environment. Barrier islands and associated wetlands provide critical habitats for fish and shellfish. CBRA has saved, and continues to save, American taxpayers billions of dollars. It helps protect sea turtles and shore birds as well as public beaches and shores where people fish, swim and enjoy our coast. CBRA areas constitute approximately 3,000,000 acres of beach, shores and barrier islands on America's East and Gulf Coast as well as portions of the Great Lakes and approximately 750,000 acres in Florida.

How did this happen and how does CBRA work? In the late 1970s former Congressman Tom Evans, Senator John Chafee and their colleagues in Congress began working on early versions of what would become law in 1982. What did they seek to achieve? They wanted to develop new and effective tools to help protect undeveloped areas along America's coast by removing federal incentives to develop these areas.

Why do so? These areas have significant natural values and are also prone to costly and predictable storm damages from hurricanes, flooding and northeasters. If developed, these low-lying, storm-prone areas ability to buffer storm damages are reduced, habitat values are degraded and the public is put on the hook to pay costly and recurring public subsidies for infrastructure including new roads, federal flood insurance, sewer grants, beach replacement and more.

The goal is to eliminate public subsidies for development of vulnerable undeveloped areas along our coasts. Private developments of these areas could still occur but without public subsidies. A private individual or developer could develop their parcels without additional regulations but on their own nickel. Tom Evans and John Chafee worked with Democrats and Republicans and gradually put this monumental legislation together. You can imagine it wasn't easy to do because people generally like

subsidies for their activities. Evans in the House and Chafee in the Senate kept at it though. Many coastal parcels now known as CBRA units, that were free of development were identified for the legislation and were finally put together in a bill that brought people together to help save environmental values and the taxpayers' money. President Reagan signed it.

It made sense then, and it still does. In fact, with rising seas it makes even more sense today. To learn more about America's Coastal Barrier Resources Act and maps of the areas within the CBRA system go to the US Fish and Wildlife Service Website (<http://www.fws.gov/>). We wish to acknowledge the great lasting work and foresight of conservation leaders like Congressman Evans, the late Senator John Chafee and their colleagues and encourage current and future members of Congress to learn the lesson that you can protect the environment and save taxpayer money at the same time.