



Captive Wildlife Rule Development for Reporting Requirements Public Meetings

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will be hosting public meetings to encourage input on captive wildlife regulations in Florida regarding reporting requirements for injuries, bites and escapes, to clarify requirements regarding open top enclosures and barriers to prevent escapes, and to include a prohibition on unauthorized persons breaching safety barriers.

These meetings will give the public the opportunity to interact directly with FWC Captive Wildlife Section staff and provide feedback. The primary purpose of this meeting is for stakeholders to engage staff and make recommendations on reporting requirements for injuries, bites and escapes involving captive wildlife.

Rule Development Goals

The FWC will be reviewing rules related to the above topics in an effort to increase public safety, animal welfare and clarity of rules.

Staff looks forward to working with all stakeholders as we move forward in this process and encourages participation from anyone interested in captive wildlife in Florida.

MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Gainesville

Tuesday April 12, 2022
Hilton University of Florida
Conference Center Gainesville
1714 SW 34th Street
Gainesville, FL 32607

Winter Garden

Monday, April 25, 2022
Springhill Suites Orlando at
Flamingo Crossing
13279 Hartzog Road
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Palm Beach Gardens

Tuesday April 26, 2022
Homewood Suites
4700 Donald Ross Road
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

FWC staff is engaging the public and individuals who hold captive wildlife permits to solicit input on reorganizing and updating rules related to captive wildlife. In consideration of our geographically diverse stakeholders, public engagement meetings will be held in three locations throughout the state. We encourage attendance at these meetings to facilitate involvement with staff as they develop possible rule amendments. Interested stakeholders unable to attend will also be able to provide comments in writing or on the FWC web page.