

27th Annual Florida Marine Turtle Permit Holder Meeting Agenda

March 16th, 2024, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Eastern)

- 9:00 AM Welcome. Ron Mezich, FWC
- 9:05 AM Update on Florida’s Sea Turtle Stranding Trends. Morgan Wideroff, FWC
- 9:25 AM Update on the 2023 Marine Turtle Nesting Season in Florida. Simona Ceriani, FWC
- 9:55 AM Marine Turtle Management Update. Robbin Trindell, FWC
- 10:10 AM Pier Pressure: Incidental Captures of Sea Turtles at Gulf of Mexico Fishing Piers. Robby Brannum, FWC
- 10:25 AM *Break*
- 10:55 AM FWC Sea Turtle Lighting Team. Kristin Halley and Eric Seckinger, FWC
- 11:10 AM An Update on Imperiled Beach Nesting Bird Species Conservation Measures and Permitting Guidelines. Nick Vitale, FWC
- 11:30AM Federal Sea Turtle Updates. Karen Frutchey, USFWS, and Brian Stacy, NOAA
- 11:50 AM Questions from Morning Session
- 12:00 PM *Lunch*
- 1:30 PM Wildlife Alert. Cyndi Stinson, Wildlife Alert
- 1:35 PM Managing Florida’s Habitats and Species Under Changing Conditions. Logan Benedict, FWC
- 1:50 PM Sea Turtle Sex Ratio Research. Jeanette Wyneken, Florida Atlantic University
- 2:10 PM Loggerhead Breeding Sex Ratios Across Florida. Jake Lasala¹, Ian Silver-Gorges², Brian Shamblin³, Mariana Fuentes²
- 2:30 PM Sea Turtle Academy STEM: Empowering Students to Build Solutions to Sea Turtle Threats. Sarah Rhodes-Ondi, Sea Turtle Conservancy
- 2:45 PM Questions from Afternoon Session
- 3:00 PM *Break*
- Marine Turtle Grant Presentations**
- 3:30 PM Sea Turtle Tag Update. David Godfrey, Sea Turtle Conservancy
- 3:50 PM Behavioral Responses of Green and Loggerhead Sea Turtles to Fishing Gear and Bycatch Reduction Technologies. Janie Reavis, Inwater Research Group
- 4:05 PM Establishing Baseline Demographics and Health of a Globally Important Loggerhead Rookery. Sarah Hirsch and Justin Perrault, Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center

- 4:20 PM Critical Surgical Equipment for Intensive Care. Devon Rollinson-Ramia, The Sea Turtle Hospital at Whitney Laboratory
- 4:35 PM Integrating Multiple Bio-Logging Techniques to Study Sea Turtle Behaviors and Stress Responses. Mariana Fuentes, Ian Silver-Gorges, Sophie Rosengarten, Coral Hooper, Sophie Mills and Joshua Manning, Florida State University
- 4:50 PM Questions
- 5:00 PM Adjourn

FWC = Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

USFWS = U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

NOAA = National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

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