

# **Florida Panther Recovery Implementation Team Meeting Summary**

**May 6 and 14, 2014  
Teleconferences**

The primary purpose of these teleconferences was to prepare for the Panther Public Forum on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Archbold Biological Station.

## **Preliminary Meetings with Stakeholders**

Several Team members held two small group meetings with stakeholders (one with landowners and the other with representatives from conservation NGOs) to discuss the Payment for Ecosystem Services concept and the Alternative Options Matrix prior to the Forum so we could receive early feedback about each of those documents before presenting them to the public. The list of stakeholders who were invited to each of those meetings is attached, and attendees are highlighted.

We received a lot of good, diverse comments about the documents during discussions at both preliminary meetings. Several NGO representatives also submitted written comments. For consistency, the Team agreed to not change the documents prior to the Forum, and instead to incorporate some of the comments during the presentations. We will consider all comments received for revision of the documents after the Forum.

## **Stakeholder Forum Preparation**

The Team mainly discussed logistics in preparation for the FL Panther Public Forum. An announcement was posted on the Team website the end of April, and invitations were also sent to a number of landowners and associated organizations, as well as conservation organizations, local governments and State officials.

Perran Ross will serve as facilitator to provide the ground rules and keep us on schedule. Dawn will prepare an annotated agenda for the Team to use.

Agency staff will be assigned to assist with attendee sign-in, participant questions and comments (handling the microphone), making handouts, and taking notes.

## **Transportation Subteam**

Appointment letters will need to be signed by the Service's SE Regional Director – that authority could not be delegated, so Larry will send the letters to her.

### **Population Subteam**

Recommendations for the Population Subteam include researchers and others who have collected panther density and/or locality data (Darrell Land, Roy McBride, David Onorato, David Shindle) as well as a human dimensions specialist (Ann Forstchen) to help the public better understand how the population estimate will be derived. FWC will be discussing this at the June Commission meeting.

**Next meeting:** The Team will meet at Archbold on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. for final preparation of the Forum.

**FL Panther Recovery Implementation Team  
Preliminary Meetings to Discuss PES & Alternative Options Matrix**

**Landowner Meeting: April 21, 2014 @ Archbold Biological Station; 1-3 PM**

**PRIT Attendees:** Kevin Godsea, Erin Myers, Luis Gonzalez, Jennifer Korn, Dawn Jennings

**Landowner Attendees:**

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Cary Lightsey, Lightsey Ranch, [lightseybeef@yahoo.com](mailto:lightseybeef@yahoo.com)

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**Preliminary Meetings to Discuss PES & Alternative Options Matrix**

**NGO Meeting: May 5, 2014 in St. Petersburg; 10AM-1PM**

**PRIT Attendees:** Laurie Macdonald, Kipp Frohlich, Dawn Jennings, Kevin Godsea, Erin Myers, Jennifer Korn

**NGO Attendees:**

**Elizabeth Fleming**, Defenders of Wildlife, [EFleming@defenders.org](mailto:EFleming@defenders.org)

**Tom Trotta**, President, Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge, [tom.trotta@floridapanther.org](mailto:tom.trotta@floridapanther.org)

Manley Fuller, President, Florida Wildlife Federation, [wildfed@gmail.com](mailto:wildfed@gmail.com); he recommended sending **Nancy Peyton**

Eric Draper, Executive Director, Audubon Florida, [edraper@audubon.org](mailto:edraper@audubon.org); he recommended sending **Brad Cornell**

Michelle (Shelly) Lakly, Florida State Director, The Nature Conservancy, [mlakly@tnc.org](mailto:mlakly@tnc.org); she is sending **Gary Knecht**

Rob Moher, President & CEO, Conservancy of SW Florida, [robm@conservancy.org](mailto:robm@conservancy.org); he recommended sending **Jennifer Hecker**

Frank Jackalone, Florida Chapter Director, Sierra Club, [frank.jackalone@sierraclub.org](mailto:frank.jackalone@sierraclub.org); he recommended sending **Alexis Meyer**

**Jaclyn (Jacki) Lopez**, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity, [jlopez@biologicaldiversity.org](mailto:jlopez@biologicaldiversity.org)

Sara Fain, Executive Director, Everglades Law Center, [sara@evergladeslaw.org](mailto:sara@evergladeslaw.org); she sent **Jason Totoiu**

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