

Florida Panther Recovery Implementation Team Meeting

May 19, 2015 9am – 4pm
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The Florida Room
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9 am - 4 pm

- 9:00 AM Welcome – Erin Myers
- Introduce guests: Dana Hartley (FWS), David Shindle (Conservancy of SWF), Melanie Culver (USGS), Dawn Jennings, Dave Onorato (FWC), Elizabeth Fleming (Defenders of Wildlife), Amber Crooks (Conservancy of SWF)
- 9:15 AM Taxonomy of *Puma concolor* (D. Onorato)
- 9:45 AM Florida Panther Genetics/Taxonomy Presentation and Discussion (M. Culver)
- 10:30 AM Distinct Population Segment Presentation and Discussion (D. Hartley)
- 11:30 AM Lunch with Yuma
- 1:00 PM Brief SubTeam Updates
- 1:30 PM Deer Study Update (K. Godsea and D. Shindle)
- 2:00 PM Discussion: Team Priorities--Moving Recovery Forward; Communication

Recovery Actions:

- Better inventory and monitoring techniques that produce improved population estimates.
- Develop range expansion plans and evaluate the potential for reintroductions outside south FL
- Develop a genetic management plan.
- Develop programs that better integrate private landowners in FL panther recovery.
- Identify vehicular mortality areas and recommend improvements.
- Develop guidance for restoring and managing panther habitat.
- Review the panther recovery criteria and evaluate whether the current criteria can be reached.
- And, review the taxonomy of FL panthers.

- 2:30 PM Next Steps: Outline Goals, Timeline for progress, assign PRIT member
- Inventory and Monitoring: Status of new protocol for establishing minimum population count? (R. Boughton)
 - Private Lands: Funding for PES (Preproposal for RCPP funds due June 15th)
 - Transportation: Guidelines to FDOT? (L. MacDonald)
 - Recovery Plan: Review? (K. Frolich)
- 4:00 PM Adjourn for the Day