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## HOLIDAY POT LUCK DINNER AND AUCTION



December's general meeting will be the Holiday Pot Luck Dinner. This year we are adding a silent auction as a fundraiser for the club. If you would like to donate an item or service for the auction or would like to volunteer to help with the dinner or the auction please call Loren Colburn at 954-761-1355. Bring a dish and some cash and join your fellow Sierrans for a holiday celebration on December 6th.

## WILL THERE ALWAYS BE FISH IN THE SEA?

By George Cavros, Energy Issue Chair



The first shot has been fired over the bow in the battle over the future health of our oceans. Recently, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced plans to weaken the "overfishing" rule, or National Standard One (NS1).

NS1 is the cornerstone of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. It is designed to prevent fish populations from collapsing due to overfishing. Overfishing occurs when we allow fishing vessels to catch fish at a faster rate than the fish can reproduce to replenish their population.

We once considered our oceans to be an infinite source of bounty, but the proliferation of commercial fishing vessels that can fish around the clock and remain out at sea for many months at a time, have depleted our oceans of fish stocks – taking some of them to the brink of extinction.

In fact, NMFS admits that about one-third of all fish stocks, for which NMFS has information, are experiencing overfishing or are overfished. There are 14 fish species that are experiencing overfishing off the S.E. Florida coast – posing a threat to our \$8 billion recreational fishing industry.



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## Broward Sierra Programs

**OCT 4th: "Five Years of CERP"; Where's the Restoration?"**

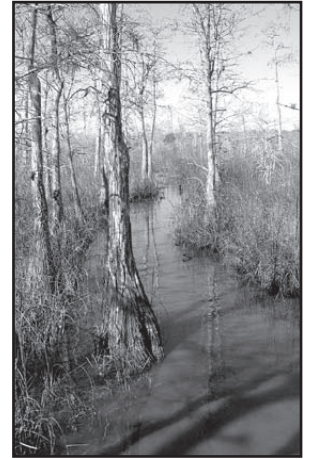
Rod Tirrell, Broward Sierra's Everglades Chair. Join us for Sierra's Everglades slide show followed by a frank discussion of why CERP (Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program) fails to provide the natural structural basis to restore clean Everglades seasonal flows. Growth and urban sprawl compete with sugar for the lifeblood of the Everglades. Growth riddles Naples. 6000 homes in FL City, the once touted East Everglades' "Buffer" is squandered by backdoor deals. CERP's failure to acquire a portion of Lake Okeechobee's floodplain exemplifies missing natural components crucial to restoring one of the world's great wetlands/fisheries.

Anne Kolb Nature Center is located on the North side of Sheridan Street, East of U.S. 1. Doors open at 7:00 PM. The meeting is open to the public at no charge.

## BIG CYPRESS ALERT

By Matthew Schwartz, Outing Leader

After years of hesitation, it appears that the National Park Service is about to take action on a general management plan for the 147,000 acres of semi and true wilderness that lies right at the doorstep of Broward County. The 'New Acquisition Lands' of Big Cypress National Preserve will soon be the subject of a National Park Service newsletter which will outline five 'alternative management plans' for the area – everything from a completely protected biological reserve open only to research, all the way to wide open use by off road vehicles and hunters. A 60 day period of public input will follow publication before a final decision is made.



**Now is the time to get involved by learning as much about this very special piece of land as possible.** To receive the newsletter and/or to ask questions about the various plans once they have been published, please contact Damon Doumlele (pronounced doom-lay-lee), Environmental Protection Specialist with the National Park Service at 1-239-695-1158, or e-mail [damon\\_doumlele@nps.gov](mailto:damon_doumlele@nps.gov). As the closest Sierra Club Group to this wonderful and priceless resource, with access generally less than an hour's drive from anywhere in the county, the Broward Sierra Club has a special responsibility here. Let's not lose the opportunity.

A complete background on the several years of planning and discussions which have already taken place on this topic, previous newsletters as well as extensive information on the Preserve can be found at the following National Park Service website: <http://planning.nps.gov/parkweb/what.cfm?RecordID=95>

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We hope you enjoy our newsletter. Why not join us right now? Come along on an outing. Get involved, learn about local issues and how they affect you and your community. Just use the membership form on the back cover.



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If further assistance is needed, please contact your local Membership Chair, Andrea Hagen 954-475-9399.

## Committee Meetings

### Executive Committee:

Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, in room 430a of the Broward County Governmental Center. For details call Loren Colburn at 954-761-1355 (or e-mail lorenac1101@hotmail.com).

### Broward Sierra Club Social:

We'll be taking the summer off for socials. The socials will start again in the fall on the 4th Wednesday of the month. If you would like to help out in organizing the socials or you have a great idea for a place to hold a social somewhere in Broward please contact Max Goldstein at 954-296-3411.

### Carrying Capacity Committee:

Contact Linda Brown, Carrying Capacity Chair at (954) 764-1470 or e-mail lbrown@communityusa.com.

## EXCOM ELECTIONS

It's that time of year again; time to elect the 2006 Executive Committee (EXCOM) for your Broward County Sierra Club.

The positions listed will be up for election in November. Ballots will be included in the November newsletter and will be counted following the December general meeting.

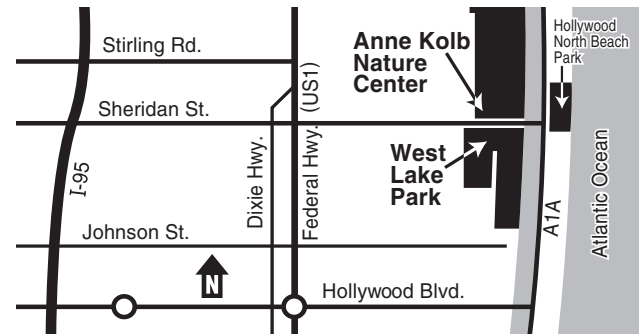
Please take a few moments to read through the position descriptions, and consider running for one of them. If you are tired of watching the war on the environment from the sidelines and want to get involved and make a difference, this is your opportunity. Sierra Club runs on volunteer support and spirit alone. Lets continue the tradition!!!

To get your name on the ballot or for more information on how to nominate someone for a position, contact Harold Hancock (954-566-9817) or Pedro Monteiro (954-525-3324). The deadline to get a name on the ballot is October 10th, 2005

**CHAIR:** The Chair is responsible for ensuring the smooth functioning of the group's overall goals, especially as they relate to conservation issues. The Chair is expected to delegate authority to other EXCOM members, Committee Chairpersons, their committees, and the general membership. The Chair is also responsible for keeping the lines of communication functioning within the group, and is the official spokesperson for the group.

**VICE-CHAIR:** The Vice-Chair is the support person for the Chair, with specific duties based upon the individual's experience and interests that are established by mutual agreement with the chair and the EXCOM. He/she also maintains the group's bylaws and permanent files of all official business of the group.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining an accurate record of the group's expenditures and deposits, and is co-signatory with the Chair on any of the group's bank accounts. The Treasurer makes monthly reports



## Broward Sierra Club General Meetings

Held on the first Tuesday of every month at Ann Kolb Nature Center (954-926-2480). Outings sign-up start at 7:00 p.m. and the general meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. All members welcome!

To get to Anne Kolb Nature Center: Take I-95 to the Sheridan St. exit. Go East past Federal Hwy. The entrance to Anne Kolb Nature Center will be on your left (After the sign for West Lake Park). The center is before the Intracoastal Bridge.



to the EXCOM and an annual report to the Chapter on the financial condition of the group, and is responsible for developing and tracking a budget with EXCOM that anticipates the gross annual receipts and expenditures of the club.

**CONSERVATION CHAIR:** The Conservation Chair organizes the group's committee, and chairs the committee's monthly meeting. The Conservation Chair is the chief environmental "Watch-dog" for the group, and is responsible for running conservation projects with the support of the committee and EXCOM. The Conservation Chair is responsible for writing a monthly column in the group's newsletter on conservation issues.

**OUTINGS CHAIR:** The Outings Chair develops and coordinates the group's outing schedule with the assistance of the group's Outing Leaders, and is responsible for the safety and welfare of the members who participate in the group's outings, and must be familiar with legal responsibilities such as insurance.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:** The Membership Chair is responsible for recruiting new members to the group and retaining its current members using the Club's promotional materials and membership drives. The Membership Chair responds to inquiries by members and prospective members about the group's programs and activities: greets new and prospective members at the general meetings and organizes occasional new member parties.

**POLITICAL CHAIR:** The Political Chair recommends political candidates to EXCOM for official endorsement by the group, and is in charge of making sure the group is following the endorsement

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process required by the National Sierra Club. The Political Chair keeps the group informed of the environmental voting records of politicians, and should coordinate the group's lobbying efforts with the Conservation Chair and EXCOM.

**FUNDRAISING CHAIR:** The Fundraising Chair coordinates fundraising events and activities with the support of the fundraising committee and EXCOM. The Fundraising Chair is responsible for assisting with the Club's attendance at community festivals, and planning/implementing special fundraising events such as dinners and garage sales.

**VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:** For newer members and older ones too who would like to learn about the Sierra Club by becoming more active, the club always needs help in one of the elected positions listed above, or the volunteer committees listed below. If you are interested in working on one of these volunteer groups, please call Anita Lind at 954-983-3709 to volunteer.

- **Newsletter Ads:** We need help in obtaining and processing newsletter ads to help offset the cost of the Broward Sierra News.
- **Newsletter Folding:** This group meets once a month to fold and attach address labels to the Broward Sierra News.
- **Programs:** Anyone interested in making suggestions about programs or have some personal contacts with prospective speakers are welcome.
- **Greeter:** Welcome people at the general meetings.

# Broward Sierra Group Outings

*To preserve a place, you must believe in it.  
To believe in it, you must see it.*



**SAT., OCT 15TH. EARLY BIRD WALK AT HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK.** (8-11 am) Join Kathleen for a leisurely bird walk to explore the park's recently restored wetlands and enjoy a hammock. Learn the difference in the birds these 2 habitats attract. Bring binoculars. Location: East Ft. Lauderdale. Rated: Leisure. *Cost: Mem. \$3 min. donation; Non-mem. min. \$5, plus a \$4 park entrance fee per vehicle.*  
Leader: Kathleen Rhoad 954 627-2665



**SAT. & SUN., OCT 22ND & 23RD. URBAN CAMPOUT SKILLS & HIKE AT SNYDER PARK.** Learn skills for minimal impact camping and hiking in a safe urban park, just north of the Ft. Lauderdale Airport. Leader will guide participants on safety, proper hiking and camping gear, tent set-up, fire building and care of the environment. Then we will join the park ranger for a guided walk to explore their nature trails, followed by an evening campfire and optional campout. Overnight camping is optional, but encouraged, to complete your outdoor experience. Rated: Leisure. *Cost: Mem. \$16; Non-mem. \$18 (for an additional \$8, the leader will provide Saturday dinner and breakfast on Sunday).* Participants are responsible for their own lunch, snacks and beverages, as well as camping gear. If you don't have all you need to campout, check with leader for a possible loan.  
Leader: Wendy Voss 954-476-8425  
Assistant Leader: Robert Burns 954-476-8425



**SAT., NOV 5TH. CORKSCREW SWAMP SANCTUARY WALK.** Explore the distinct native habitats that make up this Audubon-run sanctuary. View a short presentation in the 'Swamp Theatre' then join our guide to learn about the local flora and fauna that survive in this ecosystem, as well as 'The Living Machine' that purifies the waste water at the Sanctuary. Rated: Leisure. *Cost: Mem. \$15; Non-mem. \$17.*  
Leader: Loren Colburn 954-761-1355  
Assistant Leader: Lou Serra 954-442-0880



**SUN., NOV 6TH. RESTORATION DAY AT A BROWARD COUNTY PARK (TBA).** An opportunity to give something back to the community, your Sierra group and Mother Nature! Yep, we're talking volunteer work here, doing whatever is needed at a local park to restore it to it's natural beauty. Help keep it wild and clean. 3-4 hours on a Sunday morning. No experience needed. Bring water and sunscreen. *Cost: Free.*  
Leader: Loren Colburn 954-761-1355 [lorenac1101@hotmail.com](mailto:lorenac1101@hotmail.com)

We would like to invite you to come on one of our fine educational outings! If you have any questions about an outing, you can check with the certified Broward Sierra Outing Leader in charge of the outing. Some of the outings need no experience; others require some level of proficiency. All participants in Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the Liability Waiver before you choose to participate in an outing, contact the leader of the outing.

Make your check payable to: Broward Sierra Outings.  
Include the name and date of the trip on your check.  
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Mail all checks to:  
Jackie Fisher, 4992 S.W. 105 Way, Cooper City, FL 33328.

**You may call the Sierra Hotline for updates at 954-858-0160.**  
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A 2003 study by Canadian researchers concluded that industrial fishing operations have reduced worldwide populations of large predatory fish, such as sharks, swordfish, and tuna by 90% in just 50 years.

Two recent independent comprehensive reports on the health of our oceans, by the private Pew Oceans Commission and the public United States Commission on Ocean Policy, reached the same conclusion: our oceans are in trouble and overfishing is a main culprit – and urged stronger safeguards for dwindling fisheries.

The Bush administration initially embraced these recommendations and promised to pursue their implementation. Less than a year later, it contradicted both panels by proposing a major rollback of the federal guidelines that regulate overfishing. Some of the more egregious proposed rollbacks follow.

**• The proposed rule changes delay the rebuilding process.**

Currently, depleted stocks must be rebuilt within 10 years whenever biologically possible. This clear target establishes a prompt and efficient recovery process, and lets fishermen know precisely when fishing will be able to resume without added restrictions.

A new proposal, however, would allow fishery managers to set different rebuilding timelines for each stock under their control, though none of them would have to last fewer than 10 years and many could last longer. Unfortunately, extending the rebuilding requirement for many depleted stocks could undermine recovery efforts and push these fish to the brink of extinction.

**• The proposed rule only requires a 50% chance of recovery.**  
The proposed overfishing guidelines would accept recovery plans that have only a 50 percent chance of actually rebuilding a fishery, as opposed to the current requirement of a 90 percent chance of success.

**• The proposed rule ignores science-based recommendations.**  
Under current regulations, the councils are to define a minimum population size for each fish species. If a population falls below their minimum population size, they are considered overfished.

The proposed rule merely requires a “high probability of avoiding the minimum population size,” treating the minimum population size as a target rather than a strict limit – further placing vulnerable fish populations at risk.

The purpose of the NS1 guidelines is to establish clear standards and guiding principles for the fishery conservation and management process. Unfortunately, the proposed rules are a clear concession to large scale commercial fishing interests.

The comment period on the proposed rollbacks ends on October 21st. Please take a moment and preferably draft and mail a letter, or send an email to NMFS expressing your opposition to the proposed NS1 rule changes. Make your voice heard in the debate over the future health of our oceans!

**Please direct your comments to:**

Dr. William Hogarth, Director  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
ATTN: NS1 Comment  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

**Or email to:** nationalstandard1@noaa.gov

**For more information, please visit:**

Conserve Our Ocean Legacy – [www.oceanlegacy.org](http://www.oceanlegacy.org)  
United States Commission on Ocean Policy -  
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