



Captive Wildlife Rule Development Public Meetings

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will be hosting public meetings to encourage public input on captive wildlife regulations in Florida. The topics we are requesting input on are:

- Elephant Rides
- Administrative / Applications
- Public Contact / Unconfined Captive Wildlife

These meetings will give the public the opportunity to interact directly with staff of the Captive Wildlife Section and provide feedback on current rules, as well as recommendations for potential changes to regulations. There will not be any open forum discussions or presentations. The primary purpose of this meeting is for stakeholders to engage staff and make recommendations on the specified topics.

The meetings will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the dates and locations listed to the right.

Rule Development Goals

FWC will be reviewing rules related to the above topics in an effort to increase public safety, animal welfare and clarity of our rules. Our staff will be drafting rules in the future to address issues such as:

- Injuries from public contact with captive wildlife
- Injuries from unconfined captive wildlife
- Unclear application requirements
- Safety concerns with elephant rides

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

Palm Beach Gardens

April 8, 2019
Embassy Suites
4350 PGA Boulevard
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Tampa

April 9, 2019
Embassy Suites
10220 Palm River Road
Tampa, FL 33619

Ocala

April 10, 2019
Hilton
3600 Southwest 36th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34474

Tallahassee

March 28, 2019
FWC Bryant Building
620 S. Meridian Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301