

Public Comment Period

September 17th – October 17th, 2021



Photo by Britt Brown, FWC

Species Guidelines Development

FWC is currently seeking public comments on draft Species Conservation Measures and Permitting guidelines for 4 species of imperiled beach-nesting birds in Florida's Imperiled Species Management Plan, including American oystercatcher, black skimmer, snowy plover, and least tern. These guidelines outline biological background, recommended survey methodology, and voluntary conservation practices designed to improve conditions for these species. The guidelines also include options for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation, along with information on the permitting process.

Webinars offered during the public comment period

Key information included in the Guidelines will be presented at four public webinars. The webinars also offer an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Each webinar will offer the same information. Participation in the webinar will require access to the internet. You may also view the public announcement of these meetings in the [Florida Administrative Register](#).

Webinars are scheduled for the following dates:

Tuesday, September 21st from 9:00am to 10:00am (ET)

The webinar will be broadcast online as a [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) OR
For audio-only, dial **(850) 270-2928** Conference ID: **657554240#**

Thursday, September 23rd, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm (ET)

The webinar will be broadcast online as a [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) OR
For audio-only, dial **(850) 270-2928** Conference ID: **59137545#**

Wednesday, September 29th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm (ET)

The webinar will be broadcast online as a [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) OR
For audio-only, dial **(850) 270-2928** Conference ID: **882838135#**

Monday, October 11th, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm (ET)

The webinar will be broadcast online as a [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) OR
For audio-only, dial **(850) 270-2928** Conference ID: **377263995#**

How to comment on draft Guidelines

Draft Guidelines are available for review online at:

<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/species-guidelines>

Written comments will be accepted between **September 17th and October 17th, 2021**. Please email comments (using Adobe's comment feature or in the body of an email) to Imperiled@MyFWC.com. If you would like to comment but are unable to do so in the specified timeframe, or if you require an alternate format in which to comment or review the draft Guidelines, please contact Imperiled@MyFWC.com.