



Conservation Committee Charter

Committee Name	Conservation Committee
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work to preserve and protect the natural resources of the state. To work with Group Conservation Committees to assist in furthering their conservation issues. To coordinate work with Sierra Club Chapter and National staff working on Florida conservation campaigns as well as other environmental and conservation groups to protect the natural resources of the state.
Type of Committee	Standing Committee
Membership	There are seven voting members on the Committee. The Committee works with the Group Conservation Committees. Committee members are appointed or reappointed annually by the Executive Committee at the March meeting for a two-year term. Committee members can be nominated by Executive Committee members or by Group Conservation Committees. The Florida Chapter Director, in consultation with the Chapter Chair and Conservation Chair, will appoint one or more staff working on conservation issues to serve as non-voting member(s) of the Committee.
Chairperson	The Chairperson and Vice Chair are elected annually by the Committee Members.
Activities, Duties, and Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with local Group Conservation Committees to identify strategies to further the local Groups conservation issues. Provide local Groups information, data, contacts and resource experts to assist the local Group in furthering their conservation goals. Assist in coordination efforts among Groups to further conservation issues that are of concerns to the Groups, but which extend beyond the Group’s defined boundary. Annually review the various conservation subcommittees to assess their status as active or dormant. Provide support for the creation and maintenance of chapter conservation subcommittees, including creating and updating long term conservation campaign plans. Work with the various chapter conservation subcommittees to fill vacancies. Advise the Political Committee on local, regional and statewide conservation issues. Assist the Legislative Committee on identifying legislative priorities. Work with local Groups and our database to identify a list of active volunteers for conservation issues. Coordinate with environmental and conservation organizations to support the Committee’s goals. Coordinate work with Chapter and National staff working on Florida conservation campaigns as well as other environmental and conservation groups to protect the natural resources of the state. Provide reports and updates to the Executive Committee. If a Committee member is unable to attend at least 2/3 of the meetings, they can be recommended to the Excom for removal by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Committee.



Delegation of Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Committee is authorized to speak on the behalf of the Florida Chapter of the Sierra Club on issues that have been approved by the Executive Committee.• The Committee is authorized to draft letters and mail them to local and state officials on the behalf of the Florida Chapter of the Sierra Club on issues that have been presented to the Executive Committee.• If new issues come up that require immediate attention by the Florida Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Chair or Vice Chair will call an emergency meeting of Conservation Committee to discuss the issue and pass their recommendation to the Chapter Chair on what actions should be taken.
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Committee normally meets via conference call monthly and at least twice a year in a physical location, generally in conjunction with the quarterly Chapter meetings. Committee members are expected to attend at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of scheduled meetings.
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