



**NOVEMBER PROGRAM &
GENERAL MEETING:**



When: Wednesday November 12 2014

5:30 pm Growth Mgmt Committee

6:30 pm Social Time and New Member Orientation

7:00 pm Program: **Protecting Florida's Forage Fish**

Location: Seminole Heights Public Library, 4711 Central Ave. Tampa (just south of Hillsborough Ave. and west of I-275, corner of W Osborne Ave.)

All Tampa Bay Sierra Club meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Kent Bailey Kent.Bailey@florida.sierraclub.org. Like us on FACEBOOK!

Speaker: Cameron Jaggard, Senior Associate with the U.S. Oceans division at the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Program: Protecting Florida's Forage Fish

Forage fish are an important food source for Florida's seabirds, fish, and other top predators. Please join Cameron Jaggard to learn about the critical role these small fish play in the marine food web. Learn how you can help safeguard



Matthew D Potenski 2011 mangrove shoal

healthy forage fish populations for the benefit of Florida's environment and economy. For more information please visit <http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/multimedia/data-visualizations/2014/protecting-floridas-forage-fish>.

Cameron Jaggard is a Senior Associate with the U.S. Oceans division at The Pew Charitable Trusts. Before joining the Southeast Forage Fish Conservation Initiative at Pew, Cameron worked for more than four years on a campaign to reduce unwanted catch of marine life in the U.S. surface longline fishery. Cameron holds a BA in Environmental Policy from Rollins College and an environmental science certificate from Florida Atlantic University.

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NO DECEMBER PROGRAM: ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!

No General Meeting in December! Please Join Us for the Annual Holiday Party.

DATE: Wednesday December 10, at 6:00 pm.

Location: Spaghetti Warehouse, 1911 13th Street in Ybor City

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Annual Holiday Party on Wednesday December 10. This year we have reserved a room at the Spaghetti Warehouse, 1911 13th Street in Ybor City. Social hour (cash bar) from 6:00-6:30, dinner and awards from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. You may have your choice of four entrees: spaghetti (four ways), famous 15 layer lasagna, four cheese baked ziti, grilled chicken alfredo, or chicken parmigiana. There

will be door prizes, a silent auction, films of our Sierra Club events, and a short awards ceremony to recognize all the volunteers who make Tampa Bay Sierra possible.

Please RSVP to either Michael (813) 381-2620, or michael.newett@florida.sierraclub.org or Rocky (813) 966-9785, or rocky.milburn@florida.sierraclub.org.

A donation of ten dollars for dinner is suggested.

Convenient parking in the public garage across the street on the west side of 13th Street is just one dollar for three hours. The phone number for the Spaghetti Warehouse is (813) 248-1720.



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To participate in the Sierra Club's Outings, you need to sign a liability waiver, call: (415) 977-5630 or www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/



OUTINGS



Join our **MEETUP PAGE** online where all outings are posted. Go to www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Groups-of-the-Greater-Tampa-Bay-Florida-Area/ and click on Join Us! Anyone can join the Meetup page to get regular notices when new outings are added. Or for outings throughout the state go to florida.sierraclub.org/outings_browse.asp

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The Tampa Bay Sierra Club Group 2014-2015 Executive Committee (Ex-Com) Candidates for election.



Pat Kemp: I am a lawyer practicing immigration and family law in Tampa. I have served on the Tampa Bay Group Executive Committee for 3 years. As of this writing, I am a candidate for the Hillsborough County Commission. I worked as the news director at WUSF public radio for a decade. I have been an activist for many decades working in the Florida Legislature for Sara Romeo and the Hillsborough County Commission for Kathy Castor. I have also served as Chair of the Hillsborough County Democratic Committee. I founded a neighborhood organization in Tampa and fought the widening of Hillsborough Avenue through Seminole Heights.

Laretta O'Dell: I am a full time biology instructor at Hillsborough Community College/Brandon Campus with a master's degree in zoology. I have been a member of the Sierra Club for many years, here in Florida and when I live in New York. For the last two years I have served as Secretary of the Tampa Bay Group and I would like to continue to be active. When I teach environmental science courses I always include a unit on the history of the environmental movement in the United States and I introduce

students to the Sierra Club's philosophy and activities. Also, I am an oncology nurse who is interested in the impact of the environment on human health.

Don Kruse: A third generation Floridian and a lifelong Tampa resident, active in the Tampa Bay community, I am proud to have served as the 2012 event chair for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Town N' Country. I am a past president of the board of directors for Wheels of Success, a non-profit which provides help for needy individuals and families. I also served on the board of directors of the Veterans Day Parade Group of Tampa. I have always tried to lead by example, I joined the Sierra Club Growth Management team in 2012 to say abreast on growth in our community and what I can do to help guide it in the right direction.

Gary A. Gibbons: I am a native Floridian, born in Tampa. In my professional life, I am a practicing attorney in a 10-lawyer firm, but in my spare time, you'll likely find me on my Stand Up Paddle Board deep in the mangroves photographing something beautiful, or hiking or fishing. I was one of many people who were

MAIL IN BALLOT VOTE - BY DECEMBER 6 2014

I am a member of the Tampa Bay Sierra Club. I vote for the following FOUR candidates for the 2015 Executive Committee.

INDIVIDUAL **JOINT**

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| 1. <u>Gary A. Gibbons:</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Pat Kemp:</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Don Kruse:</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Lauretta O'Dell:</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Mariella Smith:</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

PLEASE VOTE:

One ballot for individual members, two for family members. Deadline for all voting is **December 6th**. Please include your 8 digit membership number located to the left of the printed address on the newsletter back page when voting. Vote for only **four** of the above candidates.

Mail vote to:

**Tampa Bay Sierra Club,
PO Box 1948,
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Membership Number: Individual: _____ Joint: _____
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involved in the effort to save Cone Ranch. I wrote several letters to the County Commissioners, including one which pointed out the flaws in the legal rationale being offered by Bond counsel for the County, who was arguing that the property could not be transferred to ELAPP. I read the Bond and learned there was no legal basis to object to the transfer of the land to ELAPP.

I'm deeply concerned with the degradation of our springs and water quality issues everywhere in Florida. I grew up swimming in Crystal River in the 1960's and 1970's and remember how much better things were, and I want to try to work to restore and

protect our precious resources, wetlands, and watersheds before it is too late.

Mariella Smith: I have hiked, kayaked, camped, bicycled & backpacked all over Florida and I love every bit of it - and I have worked hard as an activist for years to protect it. I've worked on several county plans for managing our environment, development and transportation. I am now on the county's Environmental Lands (ELAPP) Committee, and formerly served on advisory committees for SWFWMD and the county's Envi-

ronmental Protection Commission (EPC). I was listed by Creative Loafing as one of 100 green leaders in "The Green 100", and awarded for citizen advocacy by two local planning agencies. Local Sierra service includes former chair Growth Management Committee & past co-chair South County Committee. I've received certificates of appreciation from our local and state Sierra Club, and I'm most proud of our local Group's Black Bear award.

Tegu Lizards



Florida's native wildlife is under assault by yet another invasive species. This invader is the Tegu lizard, which has become a source of major trouble for the state of Florida. The Tegu lizards, which are native to South America, have been brought into the United States as through the exotic pet trade. They can grow to four to five feet in length and are quite aggressive causing some of their owners to release them in wild areas. Tegu lizards are opportunistic feeders, eating fruit, insects and small animals. However, their main source of food is eggs, which causes them to be a direct threat to the native birds, and alligator populations.

The growing Tegu lizard problem has been ongoing since 2009 when the first lizards were spotted. However, their populations have continued to thrive due to the female Tegu lizards laying up to 35 eggs per season. Populations have been found throughout the Everglades and in Polk and Hillsborough counties. The Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission is working with other agencies to assess the threat Tegu lizards pose to the native Florida wildlife and to create a strategy to deal with the problem. Information about the Tegu lizard and efforts to address the problem can be found on the Florida Fish & Wildlife website at myfwc.com.



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Growth Management Committee: The next meeting of the Sierra Growth Management Committee will be at 5:30 pm on Wednesday November 12, at the Seminole Heights Library, 4711 Central Ave., south of Hillsborough Ave., in Tampa. We will not meet in December, but hope to see everyone at the annual Tampa Bay Sierra Holiday Party.

Our Group recently sponsored a bus for the Solar Tour at USF to promote renewable solar energy. Bob Howell from our Executive Committee and Michael Newett, Growth Management Chair, represented Tampa Bay Sierra at this event. Florida ranks second in solar energy potential, but eighteenth in solar energy generation. When it comes to dealing with Climate Change and sea level rise, solar energy should be a huge part of the plan. We need public official who are less concerned about increasing the profits of the utility monopolies and more focused on energy conservation and efficiency.

Amendment One could have a huge impact on how water recourses are managed in Florida. Land and water conservation have taken a back seat to development for too long. Continued loss of critical wetland habitat and aquifer recharge areas will have a devastating effect on Florida's future.

The High Speed Ferry Project and the Transit Referendums in Pinellas and Polk Counties are issues that will impact the future of mass transit in Hillsborough County. Mass transit is key to reducing our community's carbon footprint, as about 34% of our carbon emissions are transit related.

Please join us for our November meeting to discuss how we can most effectively shape the future of the Tampa Bay Area and create a sustainable, environmentally friendly home for all. Michael Newett, Growth Management Committee Chair, at michael.newett@florida.sierraclub.org

