#### Fw: February Newsletter!

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## **February Newsletter!**

The next general membership meeting is Tuesday, February 13. Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00.

This is our **annual meeting** for election of officers. After nominations from the floor for all positions on the Board of Directors, a vote will be held to elect the nominees.

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## **Tournament updates**

Free to play

February: Longest trout OR redfish OR snook caught. 1st/2nd/3rd -- \$25/15/10 payout

#### Pay to Play

January - March: \$10/specie entry for sheepshead and red grouper; payout 1st/2nd/3rd -- 50%/30%/20% of each pot.

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Our Spring picnic is set for March 23 at our usual spot at A.L. Anderson Park on Lake Tarpon. Don't forget to sign up for it at the next meeting or email Rich Robinson at the address below.



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From the FWC:

(Just in case you're going on a walkabout to the East Coast...)



#### Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Jan. 24, 2024

Recreational harvest of snook for most of Florida's east coast will open Feb. 1

The recreational harvest of snook in the Northeast, Indian River Lagoon and Southeast management regions will open Feb. 1, and remain open through May 31. This includes all Florida state and inland waters as well as adjacent federal waters within each management region.

These regions and regulations are part of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) holistic management approach for Florida's most popular inshore fisheries. Through this approach, seven metrics are used to evaluate the fishery by region, adding a holistic perspective to management decisions and allowing the FWC to be more responsive to regional concerns. To learn more, visit <u>MyFWC.com/Snook</u>.

#### Northeast

Open season: Feb. 1 – May 31 and Sept. 1 – Dec. 14

Closed season: Dec. 15 – Jan. 31 and June 1 – Aug. 31

Bag limit: One fish per person per day

Slot limit: 28–32 inches total length

**Boundaries:** The northern coastal boundary is at the Florida-Georgia border and the region extends south to the Lytle Avenue/South Causeway in New Smyrna Beach. Includes all inland waters of the area colored yellow on the map, and the waters of the St. Johns River and its tributaries. Does not include the waters of the Withlacoochee and Kissimmee rivers, Cypress Lake, and lakes Hatchineha and Kissimmee.

#### And then maybe to the Panhandle...



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Feb. 6, 2024

FWC to meet Feb. 21-22 in Tallahassee

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will meet in person Feb. 21-22 at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, Meeting Room A, 505 W. Pensacola St., Tallahassee, Florida, 32301. The meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. ET each day and is open to the public.

The FWC is committed to providing opportunities for public input. There are several opportunities prior to the Commission meeting to <u>provide comments</u>. Also, time is allotted for public speakers at the Commission meeting.

Public speaking is organized using a speaker registration process and time limits. To accommodate as much input as possible from those attending, the Chairman reserves the right to designate the amount of time given to each topic and speaker. To ensure adequate time to address the business needs of the Commission, there will be no more than two hours of public comment on items not on the agenda at this meeting. Public comment on items not on the agenda will be heard at the end of the second day, Feb. 22. The deadline for registration to speak on items not on the agenda is 10 a.m. on Feb. 22.

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As for knowing the do's and dont's, here's one that may be old news but nonethe-less we should be aware of: As a reminder -- all anglers (that's us) are required to know and abide by all fishing regulations. Here's one for offshore aficionados:



### Calling all volunteers!

12 volunteers are needed for this one on March 2nd. Call Terry Reelitz 404-502-9351 to sign up!



### Calling all volunteers!

15 volunteers are needed for this one on April 6th. Call Terry Reelitz 404-502-9351 to sign up!



Captain Dencil Powell will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Gulf Harbors Fishing Club on February 15. If you'd like to hear him share some advice, call the number as noted below.



#### **General Membership Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Morningstar at 7:00pm

The next social will be February 20 at Whiskey River on the Water.

Wish to Fish has scheduled a charter fishing trip on March 21 for Children's Hope. Terry Reelitz announced that volunteers are needed for Anclote Kid's Fishing which is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

"Anclote Chill", a great video made in our area, was shown to the club. It featured Captain Blair Wiggins, host of the TV show "Addictive Fishing" and local

captain Greg DeVault. And – it was filmed on and around the Anclote River and Anclote Key. It was an excellent way to find out about fishing in our own backyard from experts!

Fishing reports: Several members said that fishing was very good in the Gulf Harbors channel and on the Cotee River.

All things are 'go' for the After Holidays Party.

Rich Robinson will once again chair our semiannual picnic set for March 23 at Anderson Park on Lake Tarpon.

The floor was once again opened for nominations for all board-of -director positions. A nomination for the position of Member at Large was made from the floor and Bruce Archambault accepted the nomination. When there were no further nominations a motion was made and passed that nominations be closed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder

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Fish On Fishing Club Board meeting minutes

Meeting of January 29, 2024

\*\* Meeting called to order at 7:02 by President Mark Morningstar. In attendance: Mike Spanhel, Joe Stand, Stu Johnson, Jack Hexter, Chet Jasak, Bruce Archambault and John Grieder.

\*The minutes of the previous board meeting of January 4 were accepted as corrected.

\*There are 83 members. 27 members have not paid dues for 2024 and will be deleted from the club roster if dues are not paid by the next general membership meeting.

\*Wish to Fish report: A charter is scheduled for March 21 for Hope Children's Home. There will be a raffle for a brand new Yamaha 6 horsepower trolling motor

valued around \$2,000. Tickets will be \$10 each.

\*The next 'social' will be February 20 at Whiskey River on the Water at 5:30.

\*The speaker for the February 13 meeting will be Captain Vance who will talk about trolling for grouper. The speaker for the March meeting will be Captain David Blanchard from Live Action Fishing Adventures.

\* Tournaments: The pay-to-play tournaments from January 1 to March 31 are sheepshead and red grouper.

\*Our next club picnic is scheduled for March 23 and the chairperson will be Rich Robinson. The budget for the picnic is \$550.

\*The After Holidays Party was a huge success: Everyone had a great time, the silent auction for Wish to Fish generated over \$1,800, the club got \$135 from the 50/50 and Butch Kaelin, who chaired the event, booked Timber Greens again for next year's party which will be January 18, 2025.

\*Captain Dencil Powell is very ill and a tournament will be held by other captains near him to help him out financially. He has donated a lot of time and effort in the past to benefit Wish to Fish. After a lengthy discussion regarding who will donate (WTF or FOC) and how much we should donate to his cause, a motion was made and passed that we donate \$300 from the FOC general to help him out.

\*The next general membership meeting will be February 13.

\*The next board meeting will be February 26, 7:00pm at Mark Morningstar's house.

\* Meeting adjourned at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder



Beware -- they're on to us!



tip o'the hat to fb x2

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# See you all at the meeting!

# Tight lines!!

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