Newly Approved Critical Wildlife Areas (CWAs) in the Northeast Region
New CWAs and Changes Presented at November 2016 FWC Commission Meeting

- Lanark Reef
- St. George Causeway
- Flag Island
- Withlacochee Caves
- Alafia Banks
- Dot-Dash
- Roberts Bay
- Myakka River
- Estero Bay (3)
- Rookery Island
- Nassau Sound/Bird Islands
- Port Orange
- BC49
- Stick Marsh

Yellow (5) = Re-establishment
Red (10) = New CWA
Newly Approved Critical Wildlife Areas (CWAs)

• FWC Commission approved establishment of 13 new CWAs and improvement of 5 existing CWAs at November 2016 meeting

• 2 new CWAs in the Northeast region in Brevard County: Stick Marsh and BC49

• Port Orange Colony in Volusia County proposed as a new CWA but concerns by the landowner, FIND are still being worked out
Port Orange Colony
Volusia County

- “On hold”, FIND retracted their original letter
- FWC continuing to work with FIND, DEP, and ACOE
- Have made progress on addressing FIND’s concerns
Stick Marsh
Brevard County

- Posted seasonal buffer (red line) with in-water posting
  - Closed January 1–July 31
  - Include area between Islands
- Year-round closure of islands
- To protect nesting wading birds
Stick Marsh

- Establishment order signed on January 26th, 2017
- On land posted with CWA signs on February 13th, 2017
- FWC Office of Boating and Waterways working to get permits for in-water posting and plan number and location of posts
BC49
Brevard County

- Posted buffer (red) to prevent boat landings
- 50 feet around island and sand spit
- Seasonal closure January 1 – August 31
- To protect nesting wading birds and loafing shorebirds (on sand spit)
• Establishment order in process and close to complete

• Letter from DEP needed

• DEP addressing ACOE easement concerns

• FWC Office of Boating and Waterways working to get permits for in-water posting and plan number and location of posts
Questions?