

## Suncoast Shorebird Partnership Spring Meeting – March 2, 2017

### Question & Answer Session with FWC law enforcement

- Bill Holcomb (Pinellas)
- Rob Gerkin (Sarasota/Manatee)
- Dan Parisoe – (Pasco Co., 3 Rooker) – conflict with access, issues with dogs (no dogs on state park property, easily enforceable)
  - Holidays are busiest bc many people on water, a lot going on – focus is on boat safety
- Call dispatch for any problems! – it helps to document incidents
  - There is a database that keeps track of and documents infractions of individuals
  - If available, nearest officer is sent
  - CAD – computer aided dispatch
    - Dispatch will create incident number, can go back later to see how the problem was dealt with
    - Hot spots will show up based on number of complaints
- Report Violations
  - 888-404-3922 (depends on area code, not location of caller)
  - 813-558-5050 (local dispatch – directly to Tampa dispatch)
  - Website - gets sent out to all dispatch within 20 min
    - <https://public.myfwc.com/LE/WildlifeAlert/AlertForm.aspx?region=FWSW>
  - Can text violations
    - [tip@MyFWC.com](mailto:tip@MyFWC.com)
- Documentation of incident can help
- What about city LE?
  - The CAD is not linked between the two, but the officers can take action depending on ordinance
  - They would know about ordinances and how they're written to who can handle particular problems
- Service Animals - <http://adata.org/factsheet/service-animals>
  - Can ask two questions: 1) Is the dog a service dog? 2) What service does the dog provide?

### 2017 FWC-funded Fish Crow control – Beth Forys

- Problems with Fish Crows in Florida
  - Tried trapping, effigies, removing trash cans – unsuccessful
- Last year (2016) – Conditioned Taste Aversion
  - Quail eggs used with chemical injected – causes crows to vomit, learned not to eat the eggs
  - Problems:
    - Carbachol requires a costly permit to use in experiment
    - Eggs were also rotting
- This year (2017) – Conditioned Stimulus Aversion
  - Predator (fish crow) response to electric shock – like a static electricity shock

- Egg is attached to power source, crow closes the circuit and gets a little shock
- Will start when nesting starts

Black Skimmer banding/nano-tag deployment and MOTUS towers – Beth Forys

- Towers can monitor birds movements via nanotags
- Will put tags on local Black Skimmers along with banding
  - 20 nanotags
  - use small tag glued onto wings – temporary
- 10 towers being put up in Caribbean
- Florida is a “data hole” so towers in state could help with tracking
  - tower at Ft Desoto (most likely)
  - more towers will potentially be installed in SW Florida

Demonstration on new Florida Shorebird Database Explore Custom Search feature - Kat Harris, FWC Regional Shorebird Biologist

- Will hopefully be open before the March count window
- Shea Armstrong, new FSA coordinator

Round-robin discussion

- “Build a Better Beach”
- April 1<sup>st</sup> - Welcoming the Shorebirds paper lantern lighting by St Pete Audubon
  - Pass-a-grille

**Fall Meeting: Thursday, October 5, 2017, 1-3pm, Eckerd College**