

Breakout Session Summary: Review of Burmese Python Workshops and Next Steps

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Objective

- Provide an overview of two recent python workshops: A structured decision making workshop focused on low-density management of pythons sponsored by USFWS and USGS (held June 2014) and a Science review workshop sponsored by ENP and USGS (held November 2013).
- Discuss workshop findings, outcomes, and request feedback
- Determine next steps for developing interagency management planning for Burmese pythons/large constrictors.

Next Steps: Interagency Planning

- **Let's Discuss...**

- Who would be the key players in the process?
- What would the planning process entail?
- What is the appropriate framework for a plan?
- Are there points of contention?
- Are there outstanding gaps/needs?
- What is the status/role of the Task Force and the Python Executive Leadership Group?

We need one interagency plan

- Decision:
 - Plan for landscape scale
 - Small group to develop (FWC, NPS, USFWS, Tribe)
 - Include all constrictors
- Action: Develop small team to :
 - Develop Objective for management plan: Develop a comprehensive management plan for managing and controlling ecological impacts of large constrictors on a landscape scale
 - Strawman framework for a plan (small team to develop to get buy-in from managers)
 - Potentially use objective from executive meeting
- Disseminate plan:
 - Executive meeting
 - DOI framework meeting
 - ECISMA
- Provide Carrie a project sheet for SAN framework
 - Provide background and description of management plan development
- Reconvene Executive python leadership –
 - Related to SAN framework (basic principles apply)
 - Needs and gaps discussion
- Partners to engage at some point in the process
 - Mgt Agencies: FWC, NPS, USFWS, SFWMD, Tribes, FDEP,

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- Plan that defines actions that can be implemented and be NEPA compliant
 - For each group
- Objective: What needs to be done to effectively address python issue

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