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Casting a net for mullet off Marco Island. Photo courtesy of NOAA.

ity. For example, within the memory of many members, the quality of the Suwannee River water has deteriorated noticeably. In conjunction with this, they are seeing increased algal blooms, red tide outbreaks, and destructive estuary changes. Other areas of concern to the Club (and to Sierrans as well) include unsustainable harvest of red and gag grouper, shrimping by-catch of juvenile red snapper, mercury in fish, poor harvest data, and lack of enforcement of fisheries regulations.

Roy cites a Florida example of tough but effective fisheries regulation. The mullet population in our area of the Gulf (and elsewhere in Florida) was close to collapse due to the high prices paid for mullet roe. A responsible long term solution would have been to impose sustainable harvest

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Turning the Tide

BY KRISTINA JACKSON

Our ocean flora and fauna have often been perceived as limitless. Recent national studies have shown the once multitudinous ocean reserves are showing the strain of our use and sometimes abuse.

The Oct. 5 SSJ Sierra Club group monthly meeting will feature two recreational fishermen who each speak to the need for sustainable management now. This is timely, important information for anyone who fishes, enjoys seafood or simply wants to know there will be healthy oceans for the future.

Russ Roy will speak to us about local

fishing group, the Gainesville Offshore Fishing Club. Founded in 1968, its purpose is to encourage recreational saltwater fishing, to provide education on safe boating and fishing to its members, and to promote conservation of marine resources. The Club consists of more than 140 families, has monthly meetings and a monthly newsletter. Club members are often also members of other organizations such as the Sierra Club and the Coastal Conservation Association.

Roy notes that most members fish the "Big Bend" area of Florida. Club members are particularly concerned with water qual-

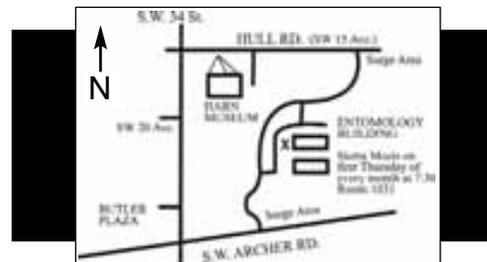
GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:30 PM

Entomology/Nematology Building on the UF campus (Just east of the Performing Arts Center. Turn south off Hull Road on to Natural Areas Road.)

PERSPECTIVES ON MARINE FISH MANAGEMENT

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MARINE FISH CONSERVATION NETWORK
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Politics and More

BY ROB BRINKMAN

Politics certainly dominated last month.

There were primary elections throughout the state. And although no candidates endorsed by the SSJ Sierra Club Executive Committee were successful, they all ran close campaigns. Likewise, their efforts reflect well on the Sierra Club. When I attended forums and heard each of them speak I was proud that the Sierra Club has endorsed them.

We owe Alachua County Commission candidate Betsy Hurst, as well as Alachua County School Board candidates Deb Cupples and Clint Robinson, our appreciation for caring enough about our community to seek election to public office.

With the November general election approaching, our political committee is examining area races to consider potential recommendations for endorsement. If any endorsements are made, we will print them in the November newsletter.

If you know of a race in your area that has candidates you think would be worthy of a Sierra Club endorsement, please let the SSJ Sierra Club Executive Committee know by contacting Dwight Adams at the number listed in the masthead below. The Sierra Club offers all candidates in a race

the same opportunity to compete for endorsement.

The Sierra Club is having its own annual elections soon as well. This month the Florida Chapter of the Sierra Club will elect five at-large members to its executive committee, known as Flexcom. Flexcom is comprised of 27 members, one from each of the 18 local groups and nine at-large members.

Please vote because the at-large delegates have been influential in recent Flexcom decisions. One of the great strengths of the Sierra Club as compared to other environmental groups is the pivotal role of the membership in the activities of local groups, chapters and even the national organization. About a year ago the Sierra Club held a summit that brought together more than 700 members to discuss and decide issues and priorities of the Sierra Club. This is what makes the Sierra Club unique.

You can return a completed ballot that you will find in the state chapter newsletter, *The Pelican*.

The state chapter nominating committee has placed four incumbents on the ballot, continuing what I see as a conflict of

interest. I wrote about this conflict in the last newsletter, regarding the successful effort to replace the state chapter chair, Bob Sullivan. I had written that one Flexcom member, who is the husband of our Tallahassee lobbyist, had a financial conflict of interest when he voted to remove

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the chapter chair, who happens to supervise his wife. Subsequently, national Sierra Club President Lisa Renstrom clarified that the vote was deemed a conflict of interest, but not a "financial" conflict of interest.

It doesn't end there. After Chapter Chair Bob Sullivan was removed, five candidates qualified by petition to fill the position. Subsequently, it was "discovered" that there was an emergency because of the alleged ineligibility of two members of the elections committee to be on that committee. The Emergency Committee, two members of which are candidates for the chapter chair position, decided to replace two members of the elections committee.

In my opinion a conflict of interest exists, because candidates have appointed people responsible for running the election—after the close of the nominations. I raised this and related issues first with the new Chapter Chair, Barbara Curtis, and then also with Lisa Renstrom and others. I had thought that the situation had been resolved until the recent Flexcom telecon-

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Getting Active

BY KAREN GARREN

Like most non-profit organizations, the Sierra Club functions because of the effort and commitment of volunteers. Each advocate plays a role in promoting environmental quality.

It is apparent that young people growing up today are more comfortable with TV, video games, and cruising the mall than maneuvering down a creek or naming singing birds. In rapidly developing urban areas, children don't have neighborhood woodlots to explore and learn and possibly get hurt in. In this age of labels, it's known as Nature Deficit Disorder, and Nature is suffering for it.

Yet the wonder can be instilled with adult-related folklore and direct experiences. Many young adults are looking to have positive effects on the state of the world and only need direction.

The Sierra Club would benefit from coordinating efforts, providing tasks and mentors. It is imperative that future generations of advocates be educated on environmental values. We're all inhabitants of the Good Ship Planet Earth and we sink or sail together.

OCTOBER OUTINGS

OCT. 7—Little Manatee River Paddle. This is the cleanest and most remote river in Hillsborough County. Easy paddling trip, good for beginners. Rentals are very reasonable. Limited to 16 participants. Leader Rudy Scheffer, 727.726.8375, rudy@adventuresworldwide.com.

OCT. 7-8—Backpack trip to Buster Island, Lake Kissimmee State Park. An easy backpack. We will hike the Buster Island loop trail, about 6.5 miles, tour the cow camp and learn about Florida's Crackers and scrub cows, and see scrub jays and other wildlife. Limit 6. Leader: Mike Pici, 727-798-9227, revmp777@earthlink.net.

OCT. 13-15—Canoe-camping, at Suwannee River State Park. Do all or part. Get acquainted with one of the first Florida State Parks. With well-managed riverine upland ecosystems, miles of hiking trails, there are excellent bird watching and photography opportunities.

OCT. 14—Oscar Scherer Walk, 4-6 mile walk (3hours), starting at 8 a.m. Bring water, wear sturdy shoes, sunscreen, bug repellent and lunch for afterwards. Reserve with Sally 941-484-4113.

OCT. 15—Little Econ River Cleanup. The Little Econ River joins the Econ River a couple of miles south of FL 419. This river flows through a public park and residential areas before merging with the Econ. Be prepared to get a little dirty in this service trip. Allow about three hours. ECO-Action will provide 10 one person canoes. Call leader Ken Bowman at 407-435-2021 or 407-482-1837 for reservations and directions.

OCT. 27—Bat watching, sunset, at Lake Alice on the UF campus. UF hosts a now internationally famous attraction: watching the bats emerge from the Bat House. You can hear and smell them as they trickle out by a few at a time, then by the dozens and hundreds, and then thousands pour

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CHALLENGES FOR FLORIDA'S FUTURE

We face a lot of environmental challenges in Florida today. Here's a chance to enjoy a weekend getaway while learning about ways we can preserve our threatened Florida ecology—The annual Florida Chapter Sierra Club Conservation Conference is Nov. 10-12.

Newsmakers and experts will share their information about issues such as energy, the Everglades, manatees, red tide and global warming.

Want to improve your activist skills? The program will also feature concurrent training sessions on grassroots lobbying, political action, and outings. Excellent buffet-style meals will be served up in the retreat's cafeteria, or cook up your own culinary delights in your lodgings, kitchen or tent camp grill.

Re-charge your green batteries by meeting other like-minded folks.

Enjoy the beautiful outdoor setting with trails, swimming, canoeing, volleyball, mini-golf, playground, and much more. Relax after dinner on Saturday with our conservation awards presentation and fascinating talk by Jack Davis, author of *Paradise Lost? The Environmental History of Florida*.

This year we will meet at the Pine Lake Retreat, with its more convenient location and excellent facilities. It's located about 30 miles south of Ocala and 40 miles west of Orlando, just south of Leesburg and the Florida Turnpike.

Directions and other information about the facilities and lodging layouts can be found at the retreat's website, www.pinelakeretreat.com.

For more information and help with registration, call Rosalie Shaffer at (941) 729-9248, or e-mail her at Shaffer_us@yahoo.com.

By Colin Whitworth

OIL WOES CONTINUE

Last month BP was forced to shutdown a major pipeline on Alaska's North Slope after several leaks were found. Turns out the company hadn't inspected the damaged pipeline in 14 years- so much for environmental safeguards.

The shutdown came shortly after the single largest oil spill ever on Alaska's North Slope when, in March, another corroded BP pipe dumped 267,000 gallons of oil onto the frozen tundra. This is a clear-as-day reason NOT to drill in the Arctic Refuge or off our coasts.

Send a message to Congress that Big Oil has no place in the Arctic Refuge or off our coasts.

By National Sierra Club Staff

Putting Our Energy Into Energy

THE SIERRA CLUB WORKS FOR CONSERVATION ON MULTIPLE FRONTS.
ALSO, A SWIFT AND BRIEF CATALOGUE OF SOME ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SSJ GROUP.

BY PAULA STAHMER

In Gainesville, the SSJ Sierra Club is still keeping watch over the proposal for a new power plant.

Several community organizations, including the Civic Media Center and Women for Wise Growth, are working with Sierra members to promote the distribution of information and inclusion of citizens in much-needed public discourse about future energy prospects, locally, nationally, and worldwide.

Several forums are in the planning stages, so stay tuned for more on that.

Of immediate concern is the Gainesville's recruitment and selection of a new director for Gainesville Regional Utilities. Many observers consider it imperative that the replacement for Mike Kurtz have a proven track record of establishing conservation policies that dramatically reduce the consumption of energy.

Essential to this process is acquiring vital data from GRU that delineates both our past consumption and the efficiency of current infrastructure on an almost hourly basis. Sierrans can provide a useful assist by reminding the city commissioners that the public expects Gainesville to follow the lead of places like California and Vermont, which have taken such steps.

Another coal power plant misadventure is under way in Putnam County. Sierra has enlisted the services of an attorney to oppose the plans, but matters are already in motion, meaning the administrative proce-

dures polka has begun. Coal proponents are leading the rhythm section.

MUDDIED RAINBOW

In Dunnellon, community activists have been rallying against a huge development along the banks of Rainbow River, which is a first magnitude, spring-fed river that is ranked fourth in the state for discharge volume. Archeological evidence suggests there was human activity along its banks as long as 4,000 to 9,000 years ago.

The Rainbow River has been designated an Outstanding Florida Waterway and Aquatic Preserve. The federal government has designated the river as a National Natural Landmark. Much of the Rainbow River's length is flanked by a state park. Theoretically, the entire river is protected by Marion County and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Obviously, Rainbow River was a prime building and "development" site for several hundred homes. How else to capitalize on the natural beauty of such a place other than to ensure groundwater improved by lawn fertilizer, drainage burdens compounded by the "end product" of newly arrived denizens, and views enhanced by massive tree cutting?

Although last year the Florida Department of Community Affairs vetoed a similar project, the City of Dunnellon proceeded this past spring and summer to hastily accommodate the developer.

Because of good organizing, and a pro-

pitious coincidence with local elections, the Rainbow River Coalition was successful in persuading the City Commission to accept the developer's request to withdraw his previously approved permit.

The Coalition had identified so many legal infirmities in the process (lack of public notice, not only to residents, but also to commissioners who were voting on complicated agenda items, as well as the usual paucity of credible environmental studies) that the developers probably envisioned years of litigation if they tried to go forward. However, the fallback position is not a lot better.

WATER THREATS

There are two important issues that can impact our water quality. In White Springs, local activists (including Sierrans) have been contesting plans for a huge ethanol plant that will, according to most recent reports, swallow 1.2 million gallons of water every day. We are assured this will have no adverse impact on the aquifer, a source of drinking water to most of us. Doubtful, I say.

The National Sierra Club has approved a contribution of \$3,000 to the cause. It is possible that much of the plan can be scuttled if opponents can produce the evidence of procedural irregularities that have advanced the project thus far.

Meanwhile, the Suwannee River is under threat of a new dredging plan. The

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An Inconvenient Lawsuit

POWERFUL COALITION PETITIONS SUPREME COURT TO ORDER EPA TO OBEY THE LAW

BY SIERRA CLUB STAFF

A vast coalition of the Sierra Club, states, cities, political leaders, other environmental groups, and utilities filed opening briefs last month with the U.S. Supreme Court in the most far-reaching global warming case to be heard by the nation's highest court.

The Court's decision in the case, *Massachusetts et al. v. Environmental Protection Agency et al.*, could have a potentially decisive impact on federal, state, and local efforts to tackle global warming.

The Sierra Club, the 12 states involved, and the numerous other petitioners have taken this case to the high court to force EPA to comply with the Clean Air Act's provisions requiring it to regulate any air pollutant that "endanger[s] public health or welfare."

"For six years, the Bush administration and its friends in Congress have fought tooth and nail to avoid doing anything to fight global warming," commented Carl Pope, Sierra Club's Executive Director. "We cannot wait for EPA to start following the law and take the important steps it must to fight global warming. We are confident that the Court will tell EPA to stop making excuses and rewriting the law as the administration sees fit and start working to protect the American people."

This case has brought together a powerful coalition that is committed to compelling EPA to follow the law. Because the case includes a challenge by the auto industry and others to the strict clean car laws

enacted by California (and subsequently adopted by 11 other states). Those states are also party to the case. Joining the states are New York City, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. The Sierra Club, International Center for Technology Assessment, and the Natural Resources Defense Council have been leading the coalition of 13 environmental groups that are also parties to the case.

"The City of New York is proud to have joined in this appeal as part of my commitment to heed science—not political science—and try to counteract global warming," said New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. "Climate change, rising sea levels, and increased storm surges attributable to growing greenhouse gas emissions put New Yorkers and New York's infrastructure at risk and pose serious challenges for our City's future. Global warming threatens New York City and every city, and it is our duty to use this case and every other opportunity we have to prevent the situation from getting even worse."

A similarly impressive coalition has also joined the case as friends of the court. Six additional states, as well the U.S. Conference of Mayors are part of this group. Understanding that market uncertainty represents a significant threat to their business, two utilities—Calpine and

Entergy—have also joined. The other friends include a diverse array of groups and individuals, including former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, four former EPA administrators, Alaska tribal groups, hunter and angler groups, religious groups, the Aspen Skiing Company, and many others.

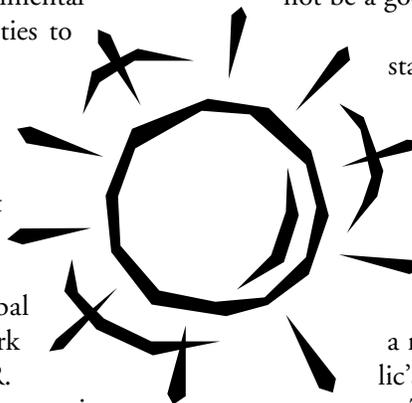
The case hinges on EPA's specious claim that the Clean Air Act does not give it the authority to regulate global warming pollutants like carbon dioxide—and, as a backup, that even if it did that it would not be a good idea.

As the petitioners' brief states, this argument is clearly contradicted by the plain language found in the statute. The statute explicitly states that effects on "weather...and climate" are two of the many criteria that define a negative impact on the public's welfare.

The petitioners' brief also assails the EPA for attempting to rewrite the law by misdefining or redefining various terms within the statute, including simple words such as "any," "including," and "climate."

"Global warming clearly poses an extraordinary danger to public health and welfare," said David Bookbinder, Sierra Club Senior Attorney.

"The Clean Air Act makes it quite clear that greenhouse gases are pollutants and that EPA must take steps to protect the public's health and welfare from air pollutants," he said. "We are not asking for radical action by the Court; we are simply asking it to make EPA to live up to its obligations under the law."



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SIERRA CLUB REPORT WARNS POST 9/11 FEDERAL DISASTER RESPONSE POLICIES INCREASE RISKS TO HUMAN HEALTH

BY SIERRA CLUB STAFF

A Sierra Club report issued in September warns that despite mounting evidence of the devastating health consequences of pollution caused by the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., the federal government has introduced new policies that increase the potential risks to health in the event of another toxic disaster.

The report is titled, *Harmful Legacy of Pollution and Deception at Ground Zero: How Post 9/11 Disaster Policy Endangers America*. It describes new federal policies for national disasters that compromise worker safety standards and fail to require precautionary health warnings for unknown contaminants. Also, in the event of a "dirty bomb" attack, the policies allow lower cleanup

standards for radiological contamination.

"If we don't learn from the past, we are at risk in the future," said Suzanne Mattei, Sierra Club NYC Executive and author of the report. "Our government refuses to admit that its response to the toxic 9/11 pollution caused additional harm. And in the Hurricane Katrina disaster, they did it again. They compared test results to inappropriate guidelines, ignored indoor contamination, gave risky advice to residents and failed to protect workers. It was history repeating itself."

The Hurricane Katrina response followed a post-9/11 National Response plan, the Sierra Club report explains, that fails to require enforcement of worker health and safety rules and also fails to require that health warnings be based on a precautionary, "better safe than sorry" approach to unknown contamination.

A major new study by the Mount Sinai World Trade Center Medical Monitoring

contamination—for example, if a 'dirty bomb' or illegal nuclear device were used. "Under this new directive, decisions about long-term cleanup would balance public health against a list of economic considerations that even includes the impact on tourism," Mattei said. "The federal Environmental Protection Agency already has cleanup guidelines that apply to radioactive contamination. Why treat the pollution caused by terrorists more leniently than pollution caused by business negligence or an accident?"

The report also exposes other troubling trends, including new Department of Homeland Security directives that exempt many actions from public environmental review and instruct employees to destroy certain documents when they are "no longer needed." The Sierra Club is concerned that these actions undermine Congressional oversight and public disclosure.

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Program has found that nearly 60 percent of all rescue and recovery workers have contracted long-lasting respiratory illness.

"And now the Bush administration has actually made the situation worse," Mattei said. The Sierra Club report describes the administration's new policy for cleanup when a terrorist attack releases radioactive

The report calls for Congress to strengthen its oversight of environmental disaster response. It also urges that the EPA and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) should carry out their duties to protect environmental health and safety, free from political interference.

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SSJ Sierra Club chapter has formulated a letter of protest.

Excom member Annette Long has done yeoman's work to keep one step ahead of the corporate "river improvement league," but the saga has only begun.

TRAINING WORKSHOP REPORT

In August, I participated in a training workshop provided to Sierrans statewide. Joining us was new Sierra Club President Lisa Renstrom, who was engaging and keenly interested in providing assistance to struggling Sierra volunteers.

A little education was necessary when,

after explaining to her that the Florida Sierra Club is engaged in more than 50 lawsuits, she responded by asking "what gives?"

Nevertheless, the three-day program was constructive, and all participants from throughout the state were collegial and supportive.

Fundraising is the omnipresent shadow for groups and the chapter alike. It was recommended that the state chapter lobbyist be made the chapter director, too, as has been done in numerous chapters nationwide because this then allows for a greater allo-

cation of resources to more varied fundraising than can now be pursued.

Also, because of national policies and IRS regulations, the chapter lobbyist is required to have other clients in addition to the Sierra Club, which can protect the Sierra Club from potential liabilities and obligations.

Chapter Conservation Chair Betsy Roberts, the supervisor of the chapter lobbyist, explained some of the technicalities that can hamper the lobbyist's discretion in order to protect Sierra interests. It was a good event.



Sierra Club President Lisa Renstrom joined the August statewide training workshop.

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ference, when the agreement evaporated.

There are also five petition candidates; none of them are currently at-large members of Flexcom. As I stated last month I am not allowed to recommend a candidate either in this newsletter—because it is a club resource—or in my official capacity as chair. I am always willing to speak with anyone individually about my own personal views on this or any other issue of concern to SSJ members.

I regret having to report on these controversies. However, I feel that you ought to know what is happening. Please continue to support the Sierra Club and involve yourself in its activities, because the alternative will only make matters worse.

IN OTHER NEWS

I am pleased to report that national Sierra Club staff is taking a close look at

Seminole Electric Co-op's permit application for a 750 megawatt coal power plant in Palatka. SSJ welcomes any assistance and is proud to be part of the effort to stop the coal rush, a top priority of the Sierra Club campaign, Smart Energy Solutions—Global Warming. The Sierra Club conservation initiatives priorities were determined by a vote of the membership attending the Summit last year.

While I am dishing out bad news, I must also note that Flexcom voted not to endorse Dave Bruderly in his attempt to unseat U.S. Rep. Cliff Stearns. Because he has been previously endorsed for the same seat in a previous election, Bruderly is entitled to fast track endorsement without any questionnaire or interviews. However, the vote was 4-to-10, with one abstention.

The SSJ Excom subsequently voted to request the National Sierra Club Political Committee approve Bruderly's endorsement over the Florida Chapter's objections.

You can write to the Chair of this committee, Jonathan Ela at elaj@supranet.com to support endorsement of Dave Bruderly.

A final note, our long time Excom secretary Annette Long will be leaving the committee at the end of the year. She has served us well as secretary for many years, and her service is deeply appreciated. Annette is also the president of Save Our Suwannee, so she is not retiring from her work in defense of our planet's future.

Excom needs a new secretary. The primary role is to take minutes of our Excom meetings and send them out via e-mail to the Excom members. Please consider supporting the work of SSJ by volunteering to fill this role. The secretary does not have to be an Excom member.

On that note, however—we still need more candidates for the upcoming local Excom election. Please contact Nominating Committee Chair Russ Roy if you are interested in being a candidate.

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practices on commercial fishing. This was resisted by the industry, so many recreational fishing groups, in conjunction with the Coastal Conservation Association, worked to pass Florida's Net Ban Amendment. Besides mullet, many other species of fish, such as spotted sea trout and Spanish mackerel, are rebounding well since this was passed.

Roy points out that recreational and commercial fishing groups are often in adversarial positions when it comes to management. Recreational fishing is worth about \$6 billion a year in Florida and growing as more folks move to the area. He says, "The bottom line is we will need to work together and work hard to have any chance

of maintaining our fisheries here."

The Marine Fish Conservstion Network is doing just that. The Sierra Club is a member of the Network, the largest national coalition solely dedicated to promoting the long-term sustainability of marine fish. With more than 190 members - including environmental organizations, commercial and recreational fishing associations, aquariums, and marine science groups - the Network uses its distinct voice and the best available science to educate policymakers, the fishing industry, and the public about the need for sound conservation and better management practices.

Tom Wheatley, the network's Gulf of Mexico Regional Organizer, will be sharing a video, *The Long View: A Plan to Save Our Ocean Fish*. The 12-minute video explores

why we need to rely on sound science in U.S. marine fisheries management.

From this video, you can learn about some of the threats to marine fish populations, how declining fish populations have affected the fishing industry, and why it is important to protect fishing communities and the fisheries that they depend on. It will also describe why the U.S. created a management system that put fishermen in charge of fishery management decisions, how these potential conflicts of interest have led to declining fish populations, and how we can improve our fisheries management system to better protect the long-term health of our oceans.

Join us October 5 to learn more about what you can do to ensure a healthy ocean and its fisheries for the future.

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out like smoke, headed for their nightly hunt over the lake. Meet at the Lake Alice parking area a half hour before sunset.

OCT. 28—Bat Festival, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., at 1309 NW 192nd Ave., in Gainesville. The Lubee Bat Conservancy works to conserve fruit and nectar bats populations and their habitats. At the

annual festival, the public is invited to come meet these incredible animals. Check out the Conservancy's web site at www.lubee.org. Call 485-1250 or e-mail info@lubee.org for more.

OCT. 29— ExCom member Whitey Markel and his bluegrass band The Swamp Rooters will do a benefit performance for Suwannee/St. John's Sierra Club group, at Adventure Outpost near the

Santa Fe River in High Springs, 2-9 p.m. Musicians United to Sustain the Environment and Rudy & Co., may join them.

All Sierra Club published outings are of educational value and open to the public. A donation is requested to help cover insurance costs. Contact Outings Chair Karen Garren at ILuvFla@bellsouth.net or (352) 371-0008 for more info.

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OCTOBER 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT. 5—SSJ Sierra Club Group general meeting, in the Entomology/Nematology Building on the UF campus (see page 1 for details).

OCT. 12—SSJ Sierra Club Executive Committee meeting, 7 p.m., at the Santa Fe Community College Downtown Gainesville campus. Board meeting room.

OCT. 19—United Nations Day event, at the Gainesville Women's Club. E-mail ehrenner@hotmail.com for more info..

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