

Pelican Rescue Techniques Workshop

Sponsored by Florida Sea Grant/ UF Extension and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida,



Purpose: The goal of the workshop is to increase the number of volunteers/field staff capable of rescuing pelicans injured or entangled from fishing gear, and who can educate anglers about minimizing impacts on pelicans and other shorebirds.

Audience: This workshop is intended for resource managers, park rangers, and volunteers who commonly interact with anglers and the general public in areas where pelican/angler encounters are likely to occur.

When: Wednesday November 18th, 2009 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Where: The Conservancy of Southwest Florida
1450 Merrihue Drive, Naples, FL 34102

Agenda

- 9:00-9:10 Introduction, Workshop Overview**
Bryan Fluech, Florida Sea Grant Extension
- 9:10-9:30 Conservancy Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Overview**
Joanna Fitzgerald, Conservancy of SW Wildlife Rehab Center
- 9:30-10:00 Introduction to Brown Pelican Life History/ Population Trends**
Bryan Fluech, Florida Sea Grant Extension
- 10:00-10:30 Common Pelican Injuries and their Causes**
Conservancy Staff
- 10:30-10:50 Break**
- 10:50-11:50 Pelican Rescue/Assessment Techniques***
Conservancy Staff
- 11:50-12:20 Group Discussion on Angler Outreach/Education Efforts**
Bryan Fluech, Florida Sea Grant
- 12:20-12:30 Workshop Evaluations/ Adjourn**

** Participants will receive free supply kits to help them with rescue efforts*

REGISTRATION

There is NO cost to attend this workshop, but you MUST register. There are a limited number of seats available. Please contact Linda Hetrick with the Collier County University of Florida Extension Service at (239) 353-4244 or lhetrick@ufl.edu to register for the workshop.