

FWC Bass Regulations Review



A Different Approach to Stakeholder Engagement

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Bass Regulation Review Process

- 2011 Black Bass Management Plan
- Need to review/change bass regulations
 - 25+ years
 - Angler attitude changes
- Review current bass regulations
 - Biology
 - Human Dimensions



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Bass Regulation Review Process Overview



Objectives of Stakeholder Engagement

- Inform
 - FWC's approach to bass regulation review
 - Potential for regulation amendment
- Learn
 - Stakeholder characteristics
 - Attitudes to bass management
 - Stakeholder interests
- Promote shared understanding and decision making
- Long-term engagement of stakeholders

Welcome to the FWC Bass Regulation Review Open House

Why hold an Open House?

- It provides the public an opportunity to comment on current bass fishing regulations
- It provides the FWC with an opportunity to record public opinions and recommendations about bass regulations
- It allows the FWC to develop an understanding of public preference regarding potential revisions to bass regulations

How does the Open House work?

- Please sign in and provide contact information if you would like to receive updates throughout the regulation review process
- Choose any bass regulations station/ flip chart as available
- Provide any suggestions or comments regarding bass regulations
- Ensure your thoughts are recorded accurately
- Visit table with handouts
- Complete FWC Bass Regulation Survey if you wish
- Complete meeting review information

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to any FWC staff member.

Thank you for your time.



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Open House Events

- 10 Locations around the state
 - February 28 to April 9
 - Fishing license sales
 - Local staff knowledge
 - Retail Locations
 - Boat ramp parks
 - Outdoor Expo
- Casual experience
 - No presentation
 - One-on-one type interaction
 - Flexible times
- Receive information
- Avoid “mob” mentality



Bass Regulations Open House
Tell us what you think!



March 18, 2013
Gary's Tackle Box--5721 NW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32653
FWC Staff will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Come by when you like and stay as long as you wish
Provide your thoughts and ideas about Florida largemouth bass regulations and
whether or not changes are needed.

www.FWC.com/Florida/TackleBox/Workshops/20130318



Primary Stakeholders

- Bass anglers (non-tournament)
 - Good bass population
 - Simple regulations
 - Responsible harvest allowed
 - ‘Quality’ and ‘Trophy’ bass
- Tackle shops/fish camps
 - Sales
 - Good fishing
 - Simple regulations
- Guides
 - Good fishing
 - Trophy bass
 - Many ‘quality’ bass
- Outdoor writers
 - Good fishing
 - Large bass
- Other Anglers
 - Good populations of “other” fish species
 - Simple regulations
 - Harvest of bass is allowed



Event layout



Event Function



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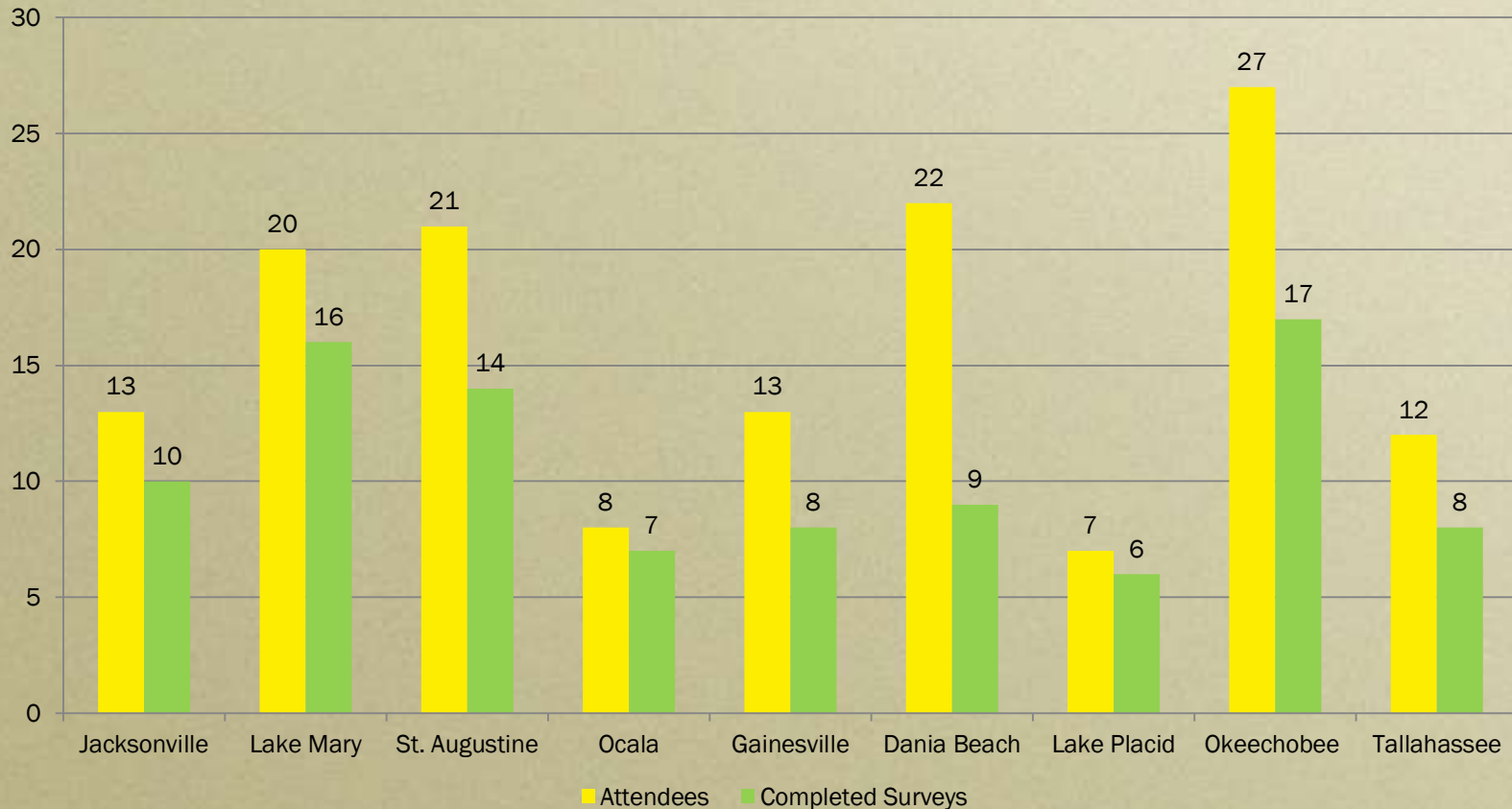
- To provide the public an opportunity to comment on water rules during the process.
- To provide the FWC with an opportunity to receive comments and recommendations about rule changes.
- To provide the FWC an opportunity to identify areas of public concern regarding proposed changes to these regulations.

How does the Open House work?

- Please sign in and receive a copy of the proposed rule changes to review carefully. If you have any questions, please ask a staff member.
- Please provide your comments on the rule changes.
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Exit Survey



Total attendees: 143 Completed surveys: 95

Response rate: 66%

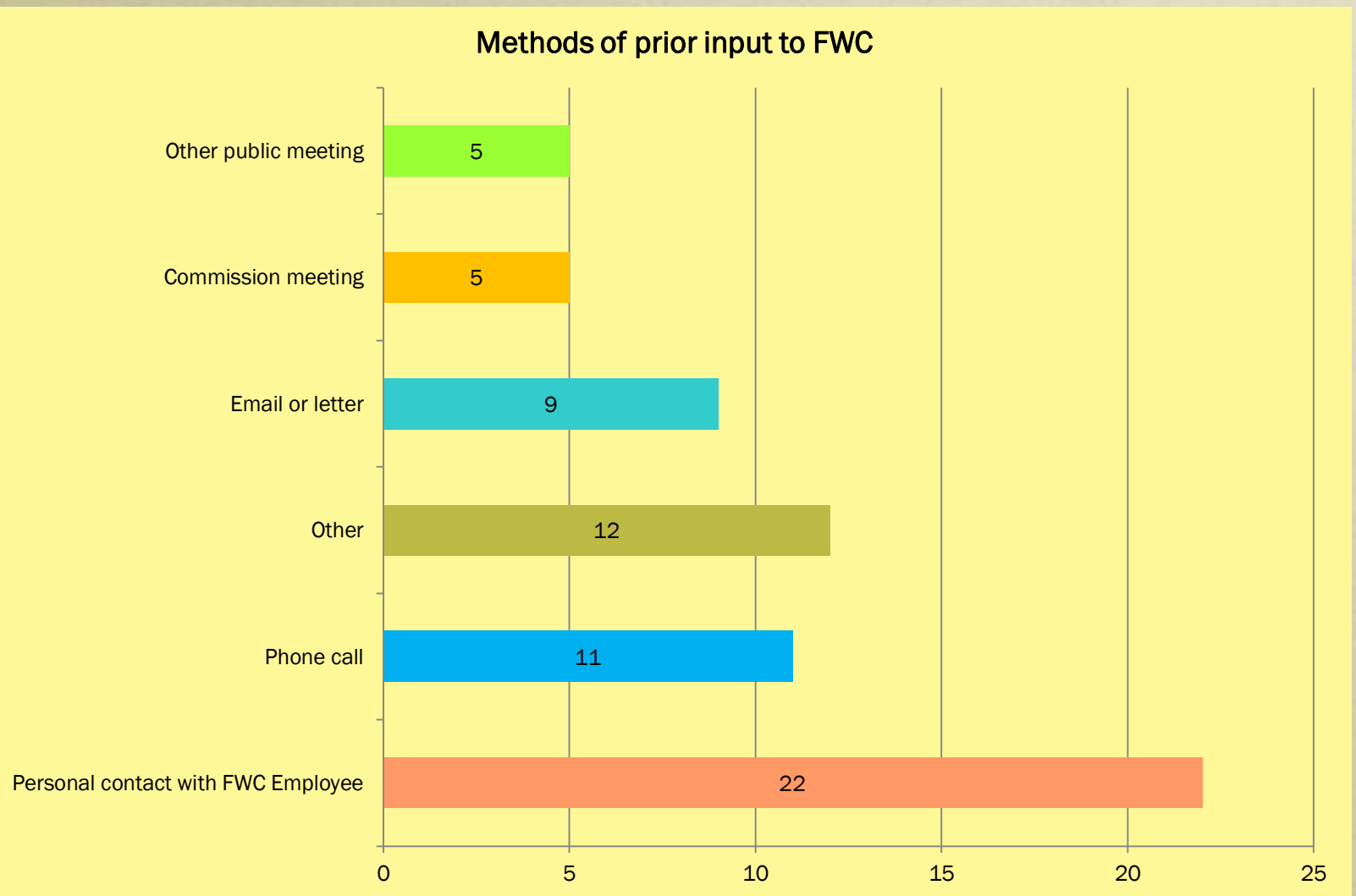


Exit Survey Data

- Have you provided input to FWC before?
- How would you rate the Open House format?
- How likely are you to attend a future Open House event?
- ZIP code



Exit Survey Data



Lessons Learned

Strengths

- Attendees liked the format
- Scalable for various venues, topics, and environments
- Allows for detailed data collection



Challenges

- Data analysis
- Determining appropriate staffing
- Scheduling across the state



Weaknesses

- Significant time commitment
- Resource intensive
- Feedback could be skewed



Reflections

- Adaptive
 - Each location was different
 - Staff personalities varied
 - Participant personalities were different at each location
- Assistance
 - Fresh Fish Management (16)
 - Fisheries Research (9)
 - Invasive Plant Management (1)
 - Aquatic Habitat Restoration (2)
 - NRLI Fellows (3)
 - NRLI Project Team
 - Retail Partners
- NRLI Concepts/Skills
 - Effective Listening
 - Issue Framing
 - Timeline
 - Preparation
 - Stakeholder Identification
 - Adaptability
 - Flip Charting
 - Process Agenda



Questions?

