



Legislative Update - Week 1

2020 Legislative Session Update

Legislators met in Tallahassee this week for the first full week of the 2020 Session. We were encouraged that Governor DeSantis came out of the gate in 2019 with a focus on water quality. While there were some important wins for the Everglades in the 2019 session we were disappointed with the lack of meaningful water quality legislation. This year, there are several high profile competing interests including teacher salaries, guns, marijuana, immigration – all important topics but we will certainly need to work hard to keep the focus on water.



This first week saw some positive action on two issues that SCCF is tracking:

Wastewater: HB 9057 - Sanibel-Donax Water Reclamation Facility Process Improvements passed out of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriation Sub-Committee. This is a local appropriations request that is headed to the full House Appropriations Committee.

Endangered and rare species: HB 401 This week saw vigorous debate with the ultimate passage of the House Shark fin bill. This bill passed its second committee of reference and opposing sides are expected to discuss and hopefully iron out some differences before the next and last stop in the House State Affairs committee. We are encouraged on the early movement of this bill.

Each Monday we will post the weeks committee hearings on our [SCCF legislative tracker](#) and each Friday we will provide a recap of the week's progress. Bills and budgets will transform quickly so Action Alerts may require quick action. It will take all of us to pass quality legislation this session. Thanks for joining us in this effort!

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