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The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is holding several public meetings to gather community input about the agency's aquatic plant herbicide treatment program.

These meetings will provide the public with an opportunity to provide feedback about management activities on Florida water bodies during the past 12 months.

The meetings will be held at the following times and locations (all meetings are from 5:30-8:30 p.m. local time):

- **Feb. 6** Kissimmee: County Commission Chambers, fourth-floor Osceola County Administration Building, 1 Courthouse Square
- Feb. 7 Okeechobee: Okeechobee County Civic Center, 1750 U.S. Highway 98
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- Feb. 13 Sebring: Bert J. Harris, Jr. Agri-Civic Center, 4509 George Blvd.
- Feb. 26 Eustis: Eustis Community Center, 601 Northshore Dr.

There will be a Gainesville area meeting scheduled with the date and time to be determined. For updated information on meeting times and locations go to MyFWC.com/WildlifeHabitats and click on "Invasive Plants."

Comments may also be sent to Invasiveplants@MyFWC.com.

Invasive plants degrade and diminish Florida's waterways by displacing native plant communities. Some invasive aquatic plants pose a significant threat to human welfare and cause economic problems by impeding flood control and affecting recreational use of waterways.