

Another major hurdle was cleared which could finally bring [wind power generation](#) to the Gulf of Mexico.

LINK: [https://www.nola.com/news/environment/article\\_7a78c562-5951-11ed-b9c8-7780c79d2a18.html](https://www.nola.com/news/environment/article_7a78c562-5951-11ed-b9c8-7780c79d2a18.html)

[The critically endangered smalltail shark](#) calls the Gulf home, as does the [recently discovered Rice's whale](#). Both are clinging to survival.

LINK: [https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/petition-seeks-to-protect-smalltail-shark-under-endangered-species-act-2022-10-31/?utm\\_source=eeo&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=eeo1165&utm\\_term=Oceans&emci=efdb382c-e75a-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&emdi=770b1bd4-ab5b-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&ceid=2023608](https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/petition-seeks-to-protect-smalltail-shark-under-endangered-species-act-2022-10-31/?utm_source=eeo&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eeo1165&utm_term=Oceans&emci=efdb382c-e75a-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&emdi=770b1bd4-ab5b-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&ceid=2023608)

LINK: <https://blog.nwf.org/2022/11/meet-the-new-species-of-endangered-whale-discovered-in-the-gulf-of-mexico/>

Speaking of whales, a conservation group is back in court petitioning the National Marine Fisheries Service to offer more protection to [North Atlantic right whales](#) which calve off the coast of northeast Florida.

LINK: [https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/emergency-petition-seeks-to-shield-right-whale-moms-calves-from-ship-strikes-2022-11-01/?utm\\_source=eeo&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=eeo1165&utm\\_term=Oceans&emci=efdb382c-e75a-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&emdi=770b1bd4-ab5b-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&ceid=2023608](https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/emergency-petition-seeks-to-shield-right-whale-moms-calves-from-ship-strikes-2022-11-01/?utm_source=eeo&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eeo1165&utm_term=Oceans&emci=efdb382c-e75a-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&emdi=770b1bd4-ab5b-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&ceid=2023608)

North Atlantic right whale lovers can put their passion into action by becoming Right Whale spotters. Training will take place on Thursday, Nov 10, 2022 at the Story and Song Bookstore in Fernandina Beach, FL. There will be two trainings on that day: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Register by emailing: [AmelialandWhaleambassadors@gmail.com](mailto:AmelialandWhaleambassadors@gmail.com)

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Have you heard of the term "[carbon capture](#)" from the fossil fuel companies as a "solution" to carbon emissions and climate change. CARBON CAPTURE IS A SCAM. A total mythology concocted by the oil companies to trick people into thinking there's a "clean" way to burn oil and coal.

LINK: [https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/carbon-capture-and-storage/?utm\\_source=eeo&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=eeo1165&utm\\_term=Climate&emci=efdb382c-e75a-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&emdi=770b1bd4-ab5b-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&ceid=2023608](https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/carbon-capture-and-storage/?utm_source=eeo&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eeo1165&utm_term=Climate&emci=efdb382c-e75a-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&emdi=770b1bd4-ab5b-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&ceid=2023608)

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A recent conservation newsletter story shared a report from the World Wildlife Fund which found global wild animal populations had plummeted 70% in the past 50 years. The loss was especially acute in the Amazon.

Some good news this week with Brazil voting out of office [its staunchly anti-environment president](#) and choosing one with a much better track record of Amazon protection and conservation.

LINK: <https://www.vox.com/down-to-earth/2022/10/31/23431867/lula-bolsonaro-brazil-election-amazon-rainforest?emci=efdb382c-e75a-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&emdi=770b1bd4-ab5b-ed11-819c-002248258d2f&ceid=2023608>

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The Jacksonville City Council voted to approve a new ordinance that prohibits the release of balloons or sky lanterns in Duval County. Good news as these balloons often end up choking, strangling or otherwise causing trouble for birds, fish and sea turtles.

Florida law still allows the release of up to 9 balloons filled with lighter-than-air gas within a 24-hour period.