

A powerful and politically connected rancher – and former Florida wildlife commissioner – wants a Florida panther dead or captured after it killed several of her calves, the loss of most of which she'd been compensated for. She claims to fear for her safety from the panther – despite there never being a record of a panther harming a person in Florida – and since that means the animal now “endangers human safety,” [the US Fish and Wildlife Service is going to do her bidding](#) and go after the animal.

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2022/02/17/the-federal-protector-of-endangered-florida-panthers-now-wants-to-kill-one/>

[Natural gas isn't “clean”](#) no matter what the natural gas industry tells you and a more accurate name for it would be “fossil gas” or “methane gas.”

LINK: <https://www.vox.com/22912760/natural-gas-methane-rename>

By the way, [your gas stove is always polluting](#) (methane) even when its turned off.

LINK: <https://www.vox.com/2022/1/27/22902490/gas-stoves-methane-climate-pollution-health-off>

Goliath groupers can be 8 feet long and weigh up to 800 pounds. For decades they've been protected in Florida, and their killing has been banned.

But now, under pressure from spear fishers and anglers who consider them a nuisance, the state wildlife commission may allow the killing of up to 200 goliath groupers annually — though their populations haven't met the commission's own long-term recovery goals.

Tell the commission to vote no on the proposed “harvest” of goliath groupers so this fragile species has a fighting chance at survival.

EMAIL: Marine@MyFWC.com and Commissioners@MyFWC.com.

What to write (copy and paste): I am writing to express opposition to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's (FWC) proposed “limited harvest” of Goliath Grouper in Florida.

As the Commission is aware, this species is listed as “vulnerable” on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List. Even after repeated attempts, neither the Commission nor fisheries scientists have sufficient data about the life history of these fish; there is a lack of basic information about the maximum age of Goliaths as well as stocks outside the southeastern U.S.

Please do not permit ANY harvest of this vulnerable species. Please maintain the current harvest moratorium until the Goliath has been shown through objective data to have recovered, not only in Florida but throughout its range.

On a recent episode of [my “Welcome to Florida” podcast](#), I learned all about horseshoe crabs and the state's monitoring and research efforts on this prehistoric animal.

LISTEN: <https://www.stitcher.com/show/welcome-to-florida/episode/episode-85-horseshoe-crabs-90323396>