



SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE



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Leadership Appointments to the Working Group and Science Coordination Group

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The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

Established by:

Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996

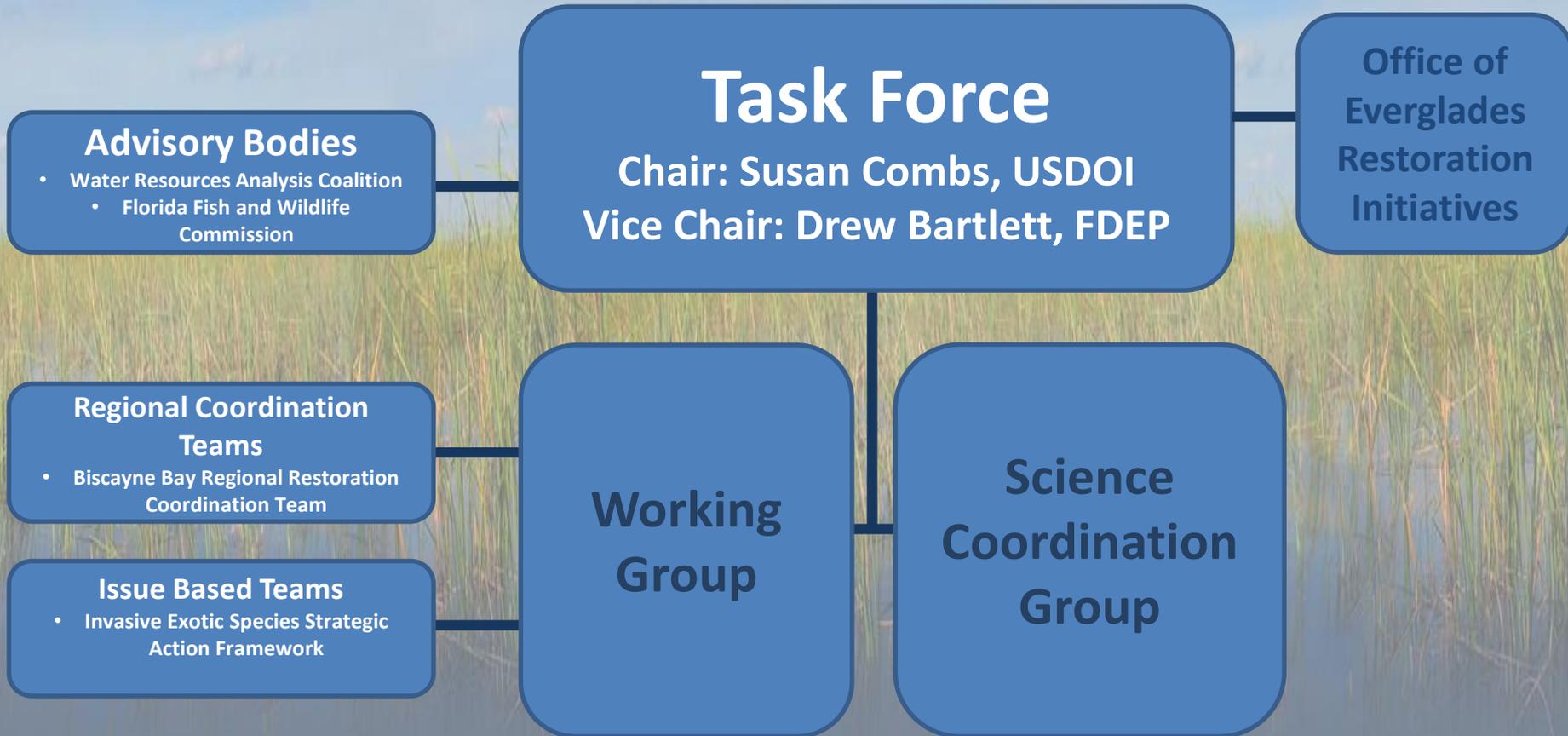
- WRDA 1996 specifies:
 - Task Force Membership (14 total members, 7 Federal, 5 State and 2 Tribal)
 - Required duties of the Task Force
 - Directs the Task Force to establish a Florida-based Working Group to help carry out its duties
 - Directs the Task Force to coordinate all scientific and other research associated with restoration (Florida-based Science Coordination Group[SCG])

Task Force Duties

The duties of the Task Force (TF) which are accomplished through the activities of its Working Group and Science Coordination Group include:

- Consult with the Secretary of the Army on CERP
- Coordinate the development of consistent policies, strategies, plans, programs, projects, activities, and priorities
- Exchange information to promote restoration
- Establish a Florida-based Working Group (WG)
- Facilitate the resolution of any interagency and intergovernmental conflicts
- Coordinate scientific and other restoration research
- Provide assistance to TF members in their restoration activities
- Report on restoration progress (Biennial Report to Congress and Integrated Financial Plan)
- Facilitate public participation in all TF duties and functions

Task Force Organization



Working Group and Science Coordination Group Appointments

- Each member of the Task Force can appoint their WG and SCG representatives as per their Charters.
- The Task Force, based on recommendations from the WG and SCG, collectively appoints the leadership (Chairs and Vice-Chairs) for such terms as the Task Force may select.

Working Group

Leadership Recommendations

Chair: James Erskine

Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission

- Everglades Coordinator
- Working on South Florida Ecosystem restoration for 20 years
- Former Vice Chair of the Working Group

Vice Chair: Nick Aumen

U.S. Geological Survey

- Coordinator of the USGS Greater Everglades Priority Ecosystem Sciences program
- Working on South Florida Ecosystem restoration for 27 years
- Former Chair of the Science Coordination Group

Science Coordination Group Leadership Recommendations

Chair: Susan Gray

South Florida Water
Management District

- Bureau Chief of the Applied Sciences
- Working on South Florida Ecosystem restoration for 26 years
- Ph.D. in Biological Sciences

Vice Chair: Bob Johnson

National Park Service -
Everglades National Park

- Director of the South Florida Natural Resources Center
- Working on South Florida Ecosystem restoration for 35 years
- M.S. Environmental Sciences/Water Resources

Leadership Appointment Action

Task Force approval of WG and SCG leadership recommendations for:

- James Erskine and Nick Aumen as WG Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.
- Susan Gray and Bob Johnson as SCG Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

QUESTIONS?

