

# SNOOKWATCH

SARASOTA BAY EDITION • May 27, 2010 • 6:30pm@Outboard Club • Ken Thompson Pkwy, City Island

## Tracking the Effects of the January 2010 Snook Kill



SNOOK FOUNDATION PHOTO

## FREEZE 2010!

### How Well Did Sarasota Bay Snook Survive?

#### THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

**ANGLERS ASKED** to help FWC count Snook. "A genuine opportunity has finally presented itself to anglers at large to take action," says **RICK ROBERTS**, Executive Director of the Snook Foundation. "Since the fear of over fishing exists, the time has come to take a role and be a part of the obvious solution by collecting the data that will lead to an accurate Snook stock assessment by FWC Scientists".

#### FWC, LOOKING AHEAD WITH GREAT EXPECTATIONS

**RON TAYLOR**, the biologist who leads FWRI's Snook Research said, "Having anglers involved in the stock assessment is something we have long believed would be useful, and we are happy for the Snook Foundation and Sarasota Bay Watch's willingness to help gather data we might not otherwise see. When this program is up-and-running, we'll have a new dataset to use in conjunction with the fisheries-independent and fisheries-

dependent data we have collected all along."

#### MOTE MARINE LABORATORY SNOOK SCIENCE

**DR. NATE BRENNAN PHD**, Senior Scientist, Mote Marine Laboratory has studied Sarasota Bay Snook habitat for the past 18 years. "Snook Nursery Habitat is the key to the future of Sarasota Bays great snook fishing. Loss of habitat increased fishing pressure and several freeze events over the years have combined to force the decline in snook numbers since the 1950s". Dr Brennan is increasingly involved in the research of hatchery rearing and the stocking of snook in fresh water ponds.

#### FLORIDA GUIDE

**CAPT SCOTT MOORE**, well Known Fishing Guide, Author and Winner of the William R Mote, Snook Foundation Outstanding Guide Award, has a lifetime of fishing experience in the environs of Sarasota Bay. His knowledge of the current state of snook is

outstanding and his experience and insight will help shine a light on the current and future of Sarasota Bay Snook.

#### SNOOK WATCH ANGLER ACTION PROGRAM

**MEASURING TAPES** and waterproof versions of the Data Collection Form for anglers to use while on the water will be distributed by Sarasota Bay Watch and the Snook Foundation Thursday night at the meeting. The information captured while fishing can then be transferred with a high degree of confidence to the online database at [www.snookfoundation.org/data](http://www.snookfoundation.org/data) after each fishing trip. This is going to provide very useful information about catch per unit of effort, about length distribution and about the numbers of fish that have survived in Sarasota Bay.



## PRESENTED BY



## What is SnookWatch?

THE "SNOOK WATCH SARASOTA" panel of experts will discuss the state of snook stocks in Sarasota Bay. You'll also learn how you can help determine the extent of the damage caused by the January 2010 freeze in partnership with scientists from the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI). Come to the Outboard Club on City Island Thursday, May 27 at 6:30pm. Snook Watch is a partnership initiative of Sarasota Bay Watch, the Snook Foundation, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

#### THE PANEL

**RICK ROBERTS**, Executive Director, Snook Foundation  
**RON TAYLOR**, FWRI, St Petersburg, FL, Lead Snook Biologist, FWC  
**DR. NATE BRENNAN**, PhD, Mote Marine Laboratory, Senior Scientist  
**CAPT. SCOTT MOORE**, extraordinary snook angler

## Silent Auction

### Fishing Trip for Two with Chico Fernandez with a personal video of your trip

**CHICO FERNANDEZ**, one of the best fly anglers in the world cares about snook. He has graciously agreed to join two anglers in a day of fly fishing in Sarasota Bay, Biscayne Bay or Flamingo. Learn fly fishing techniques used by Chico that keep him on top of the record books while supporting Sarasota Bay Watch and the Snook Foundation.

#### MORE AUCTION ITEMS, INCLUDING:

Greys Platinum XD Saltwater 9' #8  
Greys G TEC 380 spooled with 20lb braid  
Hardy # 8 floating Mach saltwater Fly Line  
Patagonia "Sunshade Shirt" with Snook Foundation Logo  
Online Silent Auction open till Midnight  
May 26

## SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

