July 27, 2016

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Farris Bryant Building
620 S. Meridian Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the 61 member organizations of the Everglades Coalition committed to the protection and restoration of America’s Everglades, we are writing to thank you for voting to forgo a bear hunt in 2016. The decision you made was the right one, and we appreciate your commitment to engaging with local governments and other partners to address human-bear conflict.

Florida’s human population continues to grow, and we will face more challenges like this one as habitat grows scarcer for wildlife. All Florida species deserve good stewardship, and the Everglades Coalition shares your mission of ensuring that bears and other wildlife in the state are able to thrive for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Cara Capp
National Co-Chair

Michael J. Baldwin
State Co-Chair