Welcome to the IFFF Florida Council 2015 Report
We have some exciting items to report.

**IFFF Florida Expo** – Will be at the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) museum in Dania Beach (Fort Lauderdale), Florida **October 23-24, 2015**.
Tom Logan and David Olson are putting together a great program and already have commitments from Chico Fernandez, Flip Pallot, Jon Cave, Pat Ford, and Sam Root. Online registration will open on August 3 and close on September 27.

To attend the banquet you must register online.
A block of rooms are reserved under Fly Fishers Room Block @ $179/night
Courtyard by Marriott Fort Lauderdale Airport & Cruise Port
400 Gulf Stream Way
Dania Beach, FL 33004
Phone number 954-342-8333

**Elections** – Tom Gadacz and Tom Logan were reelected President and Vice President (2015-2017). Pat Damico, Dave Lambert, Dennis O'Brien, Dave Olson, and Roger Williams, were renewed as 2015-2017 Board members and Mark Benson, Kirk Burton, Todd Fuller, and Ed Tamson were elected as new Board members (2015-2017).

**FL Council Participation in 2015 AFFTA** - The Board approved participation in the American Fly Fishing Tackle Association meeting at the Orlando Convention Center July 15-17, 2015. The IFFF Casting Board is providing MCI's for demonstration fly casting and instruction in the morning.

**Support for Jim Harter’s letter** – Jim Harter submitted a letter addressing the inaction of the Florida State Legislature to address the pollution of the St. Lucie River and the adverse effects on marine life. Our state representatives are ignoring crucial environmental issues despite sound scientific evidence and the passage of Amendment 1 on the recent election ballot. Contact your state representative now and demand legislative action. See our web site [http://fedflyfishers.org/Councils/Florida/tabid/169/Default.aspx](http://fedflyfishers.org/Councils/Florida/tabid/169/Default.aspx) for Jim’s letter.

**IFFF Fly Fishing Fair** – The 50th Anniversary of IFFF is celebrated this year at the Annual meeting in Bend, Oregon August 13-17, 2015. There will be great programs and celebrations.
Advance registration begins in June and for more information go to [http://fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair/Registration/tabid/318/Default.aspx](http://fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair/Registration/tabid/318/Default.aspx)

**FL Council “Skip Mackey Award” Youth Award** - The Youth Award was not funded this year because the Bighorn River Youth Program will not be held. We will explore establishing a youth fly fishing program in Florida.

**FL Fly Fishing Outreach Programs** – Casting for Recovery and Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing were supported by the Board with donations of $500 each for their fly fishing programs for women recovering from breast cancer and Veterans with service connected disabilities.

**Join IFFF and Support Fly Fishing** – Continue your support for fly fishing by joining and maintaining your membership in IFFF, the only organizations solely dedicated to fly fishing.
Explore the IFFF web site for programs in casting, fly tying, conservation, education, guides, and casting instructors. [http://fedflyfishers.org/](http://fedflyfishers.org/)

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