



## A Last Stand: Ecology and Conservation of the Smalltooth Sawfish in Southern Florida

### Ocean Life Series

The smalltooth sawfish is one of the world's most endangered fishes, and South Florida may be one of its last bastions for survival. Despite the fact that adult sawfish may reach sizes of 15 ft or more, few people are aware of their presence or how important South Florida may be to their survival. Through a combination of public encounter records and ongoing research programs, we are now starting to understand the life cycle of sawfish and are using this information to help protect and conserve them. Join us as we discuss current sawfish numbers, what we have learned about them and how long we predict it will take for sawfish populations to be at a healthy size again.

This event is free and open to the public.



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**Friday, April 21, 2017**  
6:00 p.m. - Meet and Greet  
7:00 p.m. - Lecture

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