

## **Everglades Coalition Announces 26th Annual Conference**

The Everglades Coalition is pleased to announce its 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be held January 6-9, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Bonaventure Resort and Spa in Weston, Florida. Hosted by the Defenders of Wildlife, Florida Wildlife Federation and National Wildlife Federation, the theme for the upcoming conference is "Renewal of Life for the Everglades: Moving Forward Together."

The Coalition's Annual Conference seeks to raise critical, timely issues for in-depth debate in an open, accessible forum. Community leaders and political figures come to discuss their positions, pledge their support and offer challenges to the community. The Conference is attended by decision-makers from federal, state, local and tribal governments, agency representatives, stakeholders and a vast array of public and private interests including scientists, educators, contractors, conservationists, the media, students and the general public. Conference sessions will focus on topics such as Florida's role in restoration, clean water and wildlife issues, wetlands regulation, and the economy.

Confirmed to attend are: US Senator Bill Nelson; Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz; Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Jo-Ellen Darcy; and former Senator Bob Graham. The following have also been invited to deliver comments: Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Carol Browner, Deputy EPA Administrator Bob Perciasepe, and Governor-Elect Rick Scott.

The deadline for early registration is December 10, 2010 to receive the discounted registration rate of \$150 (\$100 for one day registration). After December 10, registration is \$190 (\$110 for one day registration).

Register online now or download a registration form at [www.evergladescoalition.org/conference](http://www.evergladescoalition.org/conference). If you would like a registration form faxed or mailed to you, please contact us at (305) 371-6399 x136 or e-mail [patricia.k.carr@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.k.carr@gmail.com).