

Byrd, Rosie

From: Kamak, Regina
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Byrd, Rosie
Subject: Fwd: Resource management

FYI (please see attached)

Gina

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From: Steve <mvpsteve@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 5:48:48 PM
To: Kamak, Regina <rkamak@sfwmd.gov>
Subject: Resource management

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What can you do to insure work at a faster pace with all involved parties, and create a sense of urgency, in order to facilitate being able to stop these deadly and costly discharges into the marine environment?

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

Byrd, Rosie

From: Kamak, Regina
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Byrd, Rosie
Subject: Fwd: Okeechobee pollutants

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From: Julie Thompson <jetobt3254@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 3:58:35 PM
To: Kamak, Regina <rkamak@sfwmd.gov>
Subject: Okeechobee pollutants

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What is being done to minimize the pollutant from agricultural fertilizer?
What is the timeline to route cleaner water from the Lake esp to the
Everglades?

What is the cause of the delay? I have lived in FL 10 years and it has only
gone from bad to worse. All talk no action to affect the environment.



Virus-free. www.avg.com

Byrd, Rosie

From: Kamak, Regina
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Byrd, Rosie
Subject: Fwd: Lake Okeechobee Discharges

FYI (please see attached)

Gina

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From: Grace Ratto <gracelandjg96@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 5:40:59 PM
To: Kamak, Regina <rkamak@sfwmd.gov>
Subject: Lake Okeechobee Discharges

What is your plan to stop the toxic discharges from Lake Okeechobee by the Army Corps of Engineers that destroy the environment and risk public health?

Thank you

Warmest Regards,

Grace

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Good day to everyone. My name is Captain Taren Thomas Wadley a master freshwater commercial fisherwoman(A HEALTHY HARVESTER) from polk county, Fl. with generational knowledge of our freshwaters systems since the 1860's. I've spoken at many public forums on the subject of a subsidy to the public for underutilized fish populations that are not properly identified for 5 decades now. #1 I have already provided in several past meetings(not only to the water districts but also the Blue Green Algae Task Force and FWC) a graph from FWC proving that the freshwater food harvesters and bait fish harvestors, are, and have been at a level of extinction for 5 decades(the largest apex predator on the waters!!), #2 also a letter from 1972 from our FWC and current dated letters , where our FWC does not target species of low and no value (rough fish) for 5 decades, #3 our FWC has not utilized gear selective to catch these species like tilapia, brown

bullhead catfish, stunted growths of channel catfish, shad, pleckostamas, brown hoplo etc. For 5 decades #4 our FWC also has not compared their biologists ability of catch to master freshwater commercial fishermen for 5 decades, #5 I have also showed that many times our lakes and freshwater systems deemed drought levels to be our high water mark, as many of our high water marks were changed beginning in 1932 and again in the 2000's maintaining double drought levels for decades .#6 Let's not forget also the letters from our FWC beginning in 1972 , of acknowledging the issues with rough fish populations, but , simply does not know what to do with them(certainly doing nothing for 5 decades now has become detrimental and we cannot continue to ignore))I am writing these comments because , as I have been told ,that speaking in these forums , I am putting the cart before the horse.Well , I feel that our Water District's, Counties , Cities, and

Blue Green Algae Task Force, FWC, ACOE, have done EXACTLY THAT, PUT THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE , by simply not recognizing the simplicity and necessities of HEALTHY HARVESTERS FOR BOTH FISH AND PLANT BIO MASS HAND REMOVAL SUBSIDY. Just as when we had a massive Debris removal from the hurricanes, THE CITIZENS AND OUR FRESHWATER systems should be the priority , WELL BEFORE, consideration of chemical usage to poison fish like rotenine, and allum as well as our plants poisoned , or only a few companies for mechanical removal. A simple and fair subsidy on these fish and plants should be granted as well as a public workshop to best benefit the citizens and waters by putting a bounty on the products to increase independent jobs in our communities, and to improve the products \$\$ values , that MUST BE BETTER MANANGED in our FRESHWATER systems. FISH are not considered nor included in the assessment of pollution in

our freshwaters with proper gear with
EXTREMELY SKILLED PEOPLES.I will be
forwarding my various
conversations ,showing my attempts to
have that horse first.Also a series of
photos taken earlier this year, please note
the color of lake Banana's water prior to
fishing that day (my shoe is in picture)
our catch the first 2 days was over 27,000
lbs of fish and a picture of only some of
the pleckostamas we did take in that day ,
in hopes of creating a small value for bait
fish ,this lake is only 283 acres and has
already been drawed down and the
bottom sucked of it's muck as well as
being stocked with game fish(when it
already had game fish by the thousands ,
that i have witnessed since childhood,their
overall size structure reduced until my
nets would no longer catch them as they
were out inhabited by invasive tilapia,
plecko, brown hoplo, it has even had it's
water diverted.These typs of tacticts for
management are WILLFULLY WASTING
OUR HEALTHY HARVESTORS

INDEPENDENT JOBS AND FISH AND
TAXPAYERS \$\$\$.My STEWARDS???
HEALTHY HAND HARVESTING SHOULD
BE THE FIRST THING CONSIDERED TO
MANAGE TMDL'S THAT HAVE YET TO
CONSIDERED??PRIOR to allum, rotenine,
chemical spraying, drawing our lakes
down to nothing and not allowing people
like myself the RIGHT TO A COMPARISON
OF URGENCY TO PREVENT A WASTE OF
FUNDS ON ALREADY FAILED SMALLER
SYSTEMS LIKE LAKE BANANA (ALL
BECAUSE FISH REMOVAL WAS NOT
INCLUDED).Also there are pictures of 3
feet deep fish poop in my net from very
small fish for 300 yards in lake parker a
2100 acre lake in lakeland.These bio
solids are the cause of blue green algae
and dilluting our freshwaters like they are
a bowl of dirty water pouring in clean
water to dillute is not realistic in a
freshwater system WITHOUT including
rough fish VOLUME identification and
acknowledgement of their abilities to
destroy our waters thru neglect of

harvest , SO THEY MAY BE TARGETED FOR REMOVAL. My Stewards over our freshwaters, please consider what i have said and when staff is recommending alternatives such as poison for control of high tmdl's or draining our waters , or cleaning the bottom for clean waters , or stocking our lakes with unskilled farmed fish to rebound in our lakes ,when the naturally wild game fish could not survive , then I recommend to have the reports of the smallest bodies of waters failed attempts and current state. As Stewards ,shouldn't the cheapest most natural and beneficial to ALL citizens be utilized first ?I have felt alot of pressure to come up with a solution as a single Master fisherwoman since I have been commenting at various forums, when it is to my understanding , WE SHOULD ALL BE LOOKING AT THE WHOLE PICTURE INCLUDING A BOUNTY FOR HEALTHY HAND HARVESTING OF OUR UNDERUTILIZED NATURAL RENEWABLE RESOURCES, THANK YOU.





Byrd, Rosie

From: Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Byrd, Rosie
Subject: Re: Lake Hancock

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On Mon, Mar 11, 2019, 11:42 AM Randy Smith <Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us> wrote:

Ashley,

Just checking to make sure you received this and if you have time this week to discuss.

Thanks,

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Randy Smith, PMP

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**From:** Randy Smith <[Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:08 AM  
**To:** Ashley Ransom <[ashleyransom3@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyransom3@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Lake Hancock



Sorry to hear about your voice. Just let me know when you are available next week. My schedule is crazy next week, there are few things I can reschedule if I need to. The sooner we can discuss your proposal the better.

Regarding the Lake Apopka program:

The SJRWMD budgets around \$800,000 a year and pays 26 cents per pound of gizzard shad removed to commercial fisherman who have received a special permit for the harvest from FWC. It's open to anyone who gets the permit, I think they said around 30 permits. I don't think we need 30 for Lake Hancock, maybe 10 or so. Another option would be to have a competitive bid process for the program, this will probably be favored by our Board. This process would allow for any commercial fisherman or group of fisherman to bid on the project and the lowest bidder would be selected to perform the project. For example, if a budget was developed using 50 cents per pound and we advertised a competitive bid process, qualified bidders would each bid their price per pound and the lowest price per pound would win the project. They are also allowed to keep marketable species such as tilapia and catfish, however they aren't paid the bounty for those fish. The Apopka program is specific to gizzard shad, but I don't see why this couldn't be expanded to cover additional species of rough fish, they would just need to be identified as a target. The District then hires a contractor to construct a temporary facility near one of the boat launches to weigh the catches and issue checks to the fisherman. When all the budgeted funds have been distributed the harvest is over. Fisherman are responsible for hauling off the harvest of rough fish to a landfill or if they can find a market for them they can sell them. My thinking is that our District would have to structure a similar program, as we do not have the equipment or staff to man such a facility, so we would have to contract that part out. We can discuss the specifics of the program, open to hearing any ideas you may have. What I really need from you is an overall budget, price per pound, target species list, and ultimately the pounds of fish that will be removed which we can calculate based on the budget and price per pound. The Board is going to want to have some idea of what improvements will occur in the Lake from the expenditure. It's easy to calculate the nutrients removed by the pounds of fish removed, forecasting nutrient concentration reductions or chlorophyll reductions is not. If a sufficient number of fish are not removed, nutrient and chlorophyll concentrations are unlikely to change. Literature says approximately 70% reduction is needed for water quality improvements ( a google search for rough fish harvesting/biomanipulation will provide a good number of past research projects specific to shallow subtropical lakes). When working your numbers for the proposal, keep in mind if the governing board ultimately funds a project, it will be for one year, additional years would be considered if the Lake responds ( reduction in nutrient and chlorophyll concentration). There is sufficient WQ data collected in the Lake to capture the improvements. You don't have to use the 70% removal number if you don't think that is accurate based on your knowledge of the systems, but I would target a percentage you believe will produce reductions in nutrient and chlorophyll concentrations in the Lake. The Board will ask for the water quality data pre and post harvest and will use this information to guide future funding for this effort.

Look forward to talking with you next week. Let me know your availability as soon as you can and I will see how I can fit it into my schedule.

Best regards,

Randy Smith, PMP

Bureau Chief, Natural Systems and Restoration

Southwest Florida Water Management District

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**From:** Ashley Ransom <[ashleyransom3@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyransom3@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2019 6:53 AM

**To:** Randy Smith

**Subject:** Re: Lake Hancock

Good Morning,

Unfortunately I will not be able to have our call today as i have no voice whatsoever. I was looking forward to working with you this morning to review your thoughts on lake Hancock, past efforts, current goals & methods to reach those goals. I'll be making my schedule for next week here shortly & will be sure to pencil you in. Please advise as to your availability for next week.

Also, any information you may have on the shad removal project at Apopka will be helpful as we may be able to morph that system into one that would be beneficial for lake Hancock.

Thanks,

Ashley Ransom

On Mon, Mar 4, 2019, 11:37 AM Randy Smith <[Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us)> wrote:

Perfect.

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From: Ashley Ransom <ashleyransom3@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:36 AM

To: Randy Smith <Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us>

Subject: Re: Lake Hancock

8:30 would be great. A call should be sufficient.

Thanks,

Ashley Ransom

On Mon, Mar 4, 2019, 11:31 AM Randy Smith <Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us> wrote:

8:30 or 9:00 works for me, which ever is best for you. You want to conference call or meet at my office?

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**From:** Ashley Ransom <[ashleyransom3@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyransom3@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 4, 2019 11:29 AM

**To:** Randy Smith <[Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us)>

**Subject:** Re: Lake Hancock

That is even better! I have conference calls starting at 10am on Thursday so anytime before that works for me.

Thanks,

Ashley Ransom



On Mon, Mar 4, 2019, 11:22 AM Randy Smith <[Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us](mailto:Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us)> wrote:

Good Morning Ashley,

Due to the short turnaround time for the March meeting, we have pushed this to April. I have availability on Thursday morning this week. What time works best for you?

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From: Ashley Ransom <ashleyransom3@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 10:47 AM

To: Randy Smith <Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us>

Subject: Lake Hancock

Good Morning,

I understand you were requesting the opportunity to review the presentation before the next board meeting? I would actually like to meet with you in the next week or so to allow us to discuss the order of magnitude amongst other

items. What does your schedule look like? This week I'll only be available early Thursday morning & next week is more flexible between mon/tues or thurs morning.

Thank you,

Ashley Ransom

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From: Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 5:52 PM
To: Byrd, Rosie
Subject: Fwd:

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From: **Taren Wadley** <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 27, 2019, 2:31 PM
Subject:
To: <Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us>

Good afternoon Randy,As I understood earlier per my conversation with Ms.Rebecca ,that to get approval for a subsidy from the district to help remove the never assessed or harvested of underutilized bio-mass fish infestations,would require staff recommendation.Can you please send me what I must achieve or provide/ show to staff,so I may begin the process of staff recommendation for this to become a project with a top priority for the district to remove much higher loads of nitrogen and phosphorus that are born within a hyper eutrophic system,than all other factors created around the system?

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From: Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 5:50 PM
To: Byrd, Rosie
Subject: Fwd: Haul seine permit request for lakes To go, Apopka,and Jessup

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From: **Taren Wadley** <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, May 8, 2020, 1:35 PM
Subject: Haul seine permit request for lakes To go, Apopka,and Jessup
To: <trevor.knight@myfwc.com>

Good afternoon ,My name is Taren Wadley .I am a Polk county haul seiner.I am writing you to request a haul seine permit in three of your lakes.Lake Apopka,Jessup@ of course Lake Toho.My target is for the invasive tilapia.We have a low but valuable enough market for harvest in the food trade(they actually will be utilized by our U.S.Army).Their removal will increase space and habitat for game fish populations,and will naturally remove phosphorus and nitrogen in large amounts free,which also will prevent much build up which will improve water quality.Can you help me in the permitting process to begin to utilize this resource through haul seine removal?

Byrd, Rosie

From: Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Byrd, Rosie
Subject: Fwd: USA TODAY: A rodent-like pest destroying the Louisiana coast finds new enemy in dog treat business

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From: **Taren Wadley** <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Sep 7, 2019, 5:10 PM
Subject: Re: USA TODAY: A rodent-like pest destroying the Louisiana coast finds new enemy in dog treat business
To: Randy Smith <Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us>

Hi Randy, I was actually thinking on how much does the district currently pay on average per lb to remove phosphorus and nitrogen? can you answer this question?

On Sat, Sep 7, 2019, 11:04 AM Randy Smith <Randy.Smith@swfwmd.state.fl.us> wrote:

Taren,

I read this article today and thought it was a good example of how development of new markets can help solve issues with invasive species.

Randy Smith, PMP
Bureau Chief, Natural Systems and Restoration
Southwest Florida Water Management District

A rodent-like pest destroying the Louisiana coast finds new enemy in dog treat business

Nutria continue to cause damage to Louisiana wetlands and fewer are being killed each year. But a Louisiana business hopes to change that.

Read in USA TODAY: https://apple.news/Adkp8e50nR4anFORT-g3E_g

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From: Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 5:50 PM
To: Byrd, Rosie
Subject: Fwd: Haul Seines

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From: **Taren Wadley** <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 3, 2020, 3:25 PM
Subject: Re: Haul Seines
To: Knight, Trevor <Trevor.Knight@myfwc.com>

Trevor, What a wonderful hope you all have given us !!! Thank you soooo very much! I have attended stakeholder meetings before , considering I am a stakeholder , I presume that I can attend ?I believe we will be welcomed by the community to help improve our waters.We will welcome you to please come observe with us in the boat and water to gain the most knowledge available about how fish species by volume both native@non-native and sport, should be achieved by stock assessments, to utilize our resources at a maximum level instead of optimal.Please let me know when and where on stakeholder meetings and I will be there , again thank you sooo much.Captain Taren Thomas Wadley

On Wed, Jun 3, 2020, 12:02 PM Knight, Trevor <Trevor.Knight@myfwc.com> wrote:

Hello Taren,

We had our internal meeting to discuss haul seines in the northeast region on Monday. Several things have come out of that discussion.

First, the use of haul seines on Lake Toho is not going to be considered at all for a number of reasons.

With regards to Lakes Apopka and Jessup, I will be researching and discussing with stakeholders the potential for haul seine operations. On Apopka, I will be talking with the water management district to determine if they have any issues with allowing haul seine operations. I will be discussing the issue of haul seines on Jessup with local stakeholders as well.

If we decide to allow haul seining on either lake it will be done as experimental permits. It will not be limited to one haul seiner. A small number of permits will be available, and depending on the interest from commercial anglers, if more anglers apply for the permits than are available, they will be awarded randomly and the angler will have to then show they can meet all the requirements with gear. The permits will not allow for haul seining near shore or near vegetation (similar to the experimental permit we issued you back in the fall last year for shad harvest on Apopka). The permit will require that all gamefish be released alive immediately. The permit will require that all gizzard shad captured must be harvested along with any hoplos and armored catfish (and of course tilapia). There will be no subsidies granted for any fish harvested. If allowed on Jessup, haul seining will not be allowed during the American

shad run. Haul seine anglers will also be required to provide GPS coordinates for where they fished and call in to our regional dispatch to inform them of time and location when they are going to fish.

There are a number of details to refine and smooth out if we decide to go this direction, and as I mentioned, we will be gathering stakeholder input first. I say this to let you know that a decision will not happen over night and it will take some time to make a final decision on the matter.

Sincerely,

Trevor Knight

Regional Fisheries Administrator, Northeast Region

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From: Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 5:51 PM
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From: **Taren Wadley** <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 8, 2020, 2:05 PM
Subject:
To: <Trevor.Knight@myfwc.com>

Goodafternoon Trevor.Can I get the names and titles of the water management district folks you met with last week?I would also like to know where in FFWCC rules it says there must be a public workshop to pull a haulseine in other lakes?I wasn't aware of any rule changes of this nature , can you please direct me?

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From: Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:31 AM
To: Byrd, Rosie
Subject: Re: Request FWC to Begin workshop

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On Wed, Jun 10, 2020, 12:03 PM Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com> wrote:

I want to be involved in this leadership team to begin to address all the issues i have brought to ffwcc 's attention .From the wild freshwater commercial industry is nearly at a level of extinction, and should be of more interest to ffwcc than the shark populations.I want FFWCC to bring attention to water districts and govenor.

Byrd, Rosie

From: Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 5:52 PM
To: Byrd, Rosie
Subject: Fwd: Invitation to Lake Hancock

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From: **Taren Wadley** <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 24, 2020, 7:31 AM
Subject: Invitation to Lake Hancock
To: <Trevor.Knight@myfwc.com>

Good morning Trevor, I would like to invite you on lake Hancock for a day of commercial fishing. It is a lake that has taken my family generations to understand how an open water system works when considering all the species of fish caught for generations as well as the effects of freezes, hurricanes, fishkills, increased and decreased gamefish populations, and many things more, that I cannot really bring you to understand without bringing you to a physical experience on our home lake. I WOULD BE HONORED IF YOU WOULD PLEASE COME OUT WITH US FOR 1 DAY PLEASE. I feel I could better express our concerns for lake Jessup and Apopka, and better improve your ability to improve our lakes, rivers, and streams. I will forward this email to Eric Johnson as well as I feel he should also come with you (in our boats), you can have your boat anchored for the knowledge and experience. This will also help us show the state how our industry truly is nearly EXTINCT and the devastating effects it is causing, and begin a process of protecting it and identify steps that could be taken to save it.

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From: Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 5:53 PM
To: Byrd, Rosie
Subject: Fwd: Automatic reply: Re:

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From: **Taren Wadley** <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 26, 2020, 12:29 PM
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: Re:
To: Fury, Jon <jon.fury@myfwc.com>

Jon , I forwarded all the emails that have been going on. My crew has decided to begin gear comparisons as soon as FFWCC can get it documented to be done by me and my crew .The only cost. To FFWCC will be what you currently spend except for documentation of our catches. Lake HANCOCK is the lake we would prefer using for data collection comparisons or lake banana .I would also like to compare your numbers with the bream populations you have from studies in lk Kissimmee to what numbers my haul seining skills will provide , and most importantly I WANT MY INDUSTRY TO BE DEEMED NEARLY EXTINCT AND IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY A.S.A.P. What do i have to do to begin a virtual workshop to save and document these issues I CAN PROVE?

On Fri, Jun 26, 2020, 12:09 PM Fury, Jon <jon.fury@myfwc.com> wrote:

I'll be on annual leave June 24 - 30. I will reply to your email as soon as I can after my return.

Thanks - Jon

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From: Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 5:50 PM
To: Byrd, Rosie
Subject: Fwd: Re:lakes apopka and jessup update

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From: **Taren Wadley** <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Aug 19, 2020, 8:37 PM
Subject: Re: Re:lakes apopka and jessup update
To: Tropicstarefd@aol.com <Tropicstarefd@aol.com>

On Wed, Aug 19, 2020, 2:17 PM Knight, Trevor <Trevor.Knight@myfwc.com> wrote:

Taren,

I have been contacting a variety of stakeholders around Lake Apopka to get their input and opinion on haul seines there. So far, none of the stakeholders have had major concerns with allowing restricted haul seining for tilapia at Apopka. I am waiting to hear back from a few more stakeholders, but the process is moving forward. I am also working to get vegetation maps from our research staff for Lake Apopka. Right now I am focusing on developing a plan for Apopka. Depending on how all of that goes, I will then decide on whether to approach Jessup in a similar way. We are not looking at having any workshops at this time.

Trevor Knight

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From: Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Knight, Trevor <Trevor.Knight@MyFWC.com>
Subject: Re:

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Good afternoon Trevor, I was hoping to get an update of pulling the haul seine in Jessup and Apopka, @ if there will be a workshop on these lakes?

On Mon, Jun 29, 2020, 2:29 PM Taren Wadley <taren.wadley@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Trevor.

On Mon, Jun 29, 2020, 8:04 AM Knight, Trevor <Trevor.Knight@myfwc.com> wrote:

Taren

I have forwarded your email to Jon Fury, and he will get back with you in the next two weeks.

Trevor Knight

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To: Knight, Trevor <Trevor.Knight@MyFWC.com>
Subject:

In my previous email ,I am basically or now requesting gear comparisons as i believe a haul seine should be utilized in collecting many species of fish .I would like to have an opportunity to prove how dominating fish populations can be utilized to improve the freshwater commercial industry.In the Kissimmee chain , I can, (if comparisons are agreed to be done to identify best catching gear along with best skilled WILDCATCH fishermen to that of ffwcc biologists ability to catch) , prove with an opportunity to pull a haul seine, that bream can and should be utilized for commercial harvest and anglers cannot match the harvests for any type of management, which to date has only led to fish resources to be completely underutilized.Im sure if i AM GIVEN OPPORTUNITY I can catch 30,000 lbs of bream in 3 different ares of lk Kissimmee , only covering 40 acres at a time , it would be safe to say that you could not put 600 sports fishermen per haul to maintain prevention of underharvesting.The commercial fishermen are ENTITLED to utilize underutilized fish that are not accessible to sport fishermen , but not without FFWCC allowing my crew to prove it?Will you allow me to pull samples in lake Kissimmee to determine if FFWCC 's gear is as effective as a haul seine in providing the largest form of physical data .My industry is at a level of extinction and I am getting no where to help my industry , nor help from FFWCC in documentation to prove how severe this industry has suffered.Data collected from gear that can be proven it is not selective to catch , but then data is still recorded as if it the gospel by FFWCC , which brings to question the integrity of FFWCC to the industry ?Also , when you came to lake Apopka when i pulled a trial run with my seine, my soul goal was to prove my nets authenticity of its ability to fish shallow muddy lakes like i currently fish., therefore you did not get any type of true representation of any schools of fish , so considering you will be regulating me on lks Apopka and Griffen i feel that beings you,Or anyone in ffwcc knows nothing about my skill of catch with a haul seine, should be best observed by you and Eric on a physical experience. As far as social distance , I have plenty of boats that it will be accomadated in.I am bringing these issues to you and Eric and have full intentions to bring it to the Govenor's attention.My industry deserves for FFWCC to save it not KILL it thru neglect of knowledge intentionally.I have the skill and knowledge of catch of many species far above FFWCC and though it's findings may hurt due to truth by catch of volume and skill,welllll.....the truth hurts!! But I am determined to make sure it comes out by requesting data collection comparisons now(TODAY) .ARE YOU AND ERIC WHO I SHOULD BE MAKING THESE REQUESTS TO?#1 FOR FFWCC TO IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY THE

FRESHWATER COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY HAS BEEN IN FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS TO BE DOCUMENTED AS GOING EXTINCT #2 TO BEGIN A PUBLIC VIRTUAL WORKSHOP TO IDENTIFY AND REBUILD THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF THE LOSS OF OUR FISHERMEN TO OUR STATE WATERS #3 BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AS A CRITICAL STATE OF CONCERN TO COMPARE ALL OF FFWCC's GEAR FOR COLLECTION OF FRESHWATER FISH PARTICULARLY BASS, BREAM , CRAPPIE, TILAPIA, BROWN BULLHEAD CATFISH, SHAD, PLECKOSTAMAS, BROWN HOPLO AND , AS WELL AS COMPARISONS OF MASTER TROT LINERS FOR fl SOFTSHELL TURTLE AND BOWFIN , CHANNEL CATFISH....PLEASE DIRECT ME IF NOT YOU AND ERIC, HOW TO GET THESE ISSUES ADDRESSED ?