

**Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council November 2012 Update**

The new regulation, all black crappie less than 10 inches in total length caught in Lake Griffin must be immediately released was effective July 1, 2012. We have developed a poster to distribute to key locations near Lake Griffin.

Forty-one thousand bulrush plants were planted during September in test plots on the North side of Lake Apopka. We are currently observing an 80+% success rate in survival on the plants planted in June.

FWC proposes to present to the Council on aquatic plant management during their August 2013 meeting and Long Term Monitoring update on status of fisheries in the Harris Chain of Lakes during their September 2013 meeting. Staff that are members of our internal FWC Harris Chain of Lakes Working Group have presented dynamic presentations relative to the Harris Chain at the working group meetings. We suggest incorporating three of the presentations to the Harris Chain of Lake Restoration Council during the first part of the year.