

CONSENSUS No. 2007-1
of the
HARRIS CHAIN OF LAKES RESTORATION COUNCIL

April 6, 2007

The regular meeting of the Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council (Council) was held at 9:00 AM on April 6, 2007 at the Lake County Board of County Commissioners' Chambers, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida.

At the request of Lake County Water Authority, Board of Trustees, the Council conducted a review of the aquatic plant management practices and herbicide application on the Harris Chain of Lakes. During the period of January through April 2007, the Council reviewed presentations made and technical reports given by experts in the field of aquatic sciences including personnel from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, St. Johns River Water Management District, University of Florida, Lake County Water Authority, and Lake County Environmental Services Department.

After careful consideration and discussion of the information provided, the Council approved the following *Consensus Items* by unanimous vote:

Item 1 - Herbicide Application

The current herbicide treatment and application program being performed on the Harris Chain of Lakes is conducted in accordance with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and United States Environmental Protection Agency guidelines.

Item 2 - Recommendations

The Council agrees that until new or emerging technologies prove to be successful in improved aquatic plant management; they recommend that no changes be made to the current aquatic plant management program being conducted on the Harris Chain of Lakes. The Council encourages further investigation and research by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to improve methods of control for nuisance and exotic species of aquatic plants.

By Consensus Agreed:

Chairman Skip Goerner

Secretary Rick Powers, P.G.