

UORB monthly project status report
For January 2011 Board

Shad Harvesting

Shad harvesting began on Lake Apopka on October 1, 2010. By mid-December, fishermen harvested 575,000 pounds of shad. These numbers are little higher than the 2009 harvest, but fish numbers have declined and some fishermen have left the lake. District staff expects to conclude the harvest on Lake Apopka at the end of December. Based on current experimental gill net samples, there are insufficient numbers of shad in Newnans Lake to support harvest activity in the spring. Staff will meet with FWC in April to work out details to shift the harvest on Newnans Lake to the fall of 2011.