

UORB monthly project status report
For May Board

UORB Rough Fish Harvesting

Because of funding constraints, the District anticipates only supporting the harvest on Lake Apopka at a reduced level. The important harvest on Newnans Lake will be delayed another year.

UORB Lake Level Management

Efforts have begun to organize and develop a project to plan and implement enhanced lake level fluctuations for the Harris Chain of Lakes and Lake Apopka. Establishment of MFLs for these lakes will be incorporated into the project. Staff anticipates that this major project will require 5 years to complete. District staff have begun collecting data necessary to revise the lake schedules and develop MFLs for the basin lakes.

Emeralda Marsh

Staff revised plans for substantial construction efforts in 2009. They include reconnection of the K cell in Area 3 to Haynes Creek and Lake Griffin (almost 1,000 acres). In addition, Areas 6 & 7 will be connected to Area 2 and thence Lake Griffin via a large box culvert under Emeralda Island Road. Vegetation management will be conducted in Area 6. A pump will be installed under Emeralda Island Road to manage water levels in Area 5. Permitting is underway.