

Harris Chain of Lakes

RESTORATION COUNCIL



2018 Report to the Legislature

Executive Summary enclosed within this report

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2019

Annual Report

Development

Legislative Direction

Florida Statutes Chapter 373, SECTION 467 The Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council—

4 (d) Report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives before November 25 of each year on the progress of the Harris Chain of Lakes restoration program and any recommendations for the next fiscal year.

2019 Annual Report Development

- Discuss draft report at September, October and November council meetings
- Draft report to Councilmembers 10 days before each meeting
- Councilmembers provide written edits 3 days before each meeting
- Approve final report at the November 1st meeting
- Report structure:
 - Include council activities from Nov. 2018-Oct. 2019 in accordance with 373.467 FS

2019 Annual Report Timeline

- 8/26/19 First draft distributed to Council
- 9/3/19 Councilmember edits/comments due on 1st draft
- 9/6/19 Council meeting to discuss 1st draft
- 9/23/19 Second draft distributed to Council
- 10/1/19 Councilmember edits/comments due on second draft
- 10/4/19 Council meeting to discuss 2nd draft
- 10/21/19 Final draft distributed to Council
- 10/29/19 Councilmember edits/comments due on final draft
- 11/01/19 Council meeting to discuss and approve final draft

To maximize successful restoration of the Harris Chain of Lakes in 2018, the Council specifically supports and recommends the following:

- Investigate or study the feasibility of creating a secondary form of conveyance for water from Lake Apopka, to include Double Run Swamp.
- Request SJRWMD expedite the development of Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) for the Harris Chain of Lakes prior to 2021.
- Request dedicated legislative funding of \$10 million for *Hydrilla* management on the Harris Chain of Lakes in response to both public input and the scope of the problem.
- Increased monitoring to determine a trigger point for maintenance of *Hydrilla* in the Harris Chain of Lakes.

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