

The Flow

June 2010 Newsletter
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Special Events & Meetings

- June 24 - Southwest Florida Watershed Council Meeting
- June 24 - Climate Change Planning and SW FL by Lisa Beever, CHNEP
- June 28 to July 2 - Kids Summer Camp at Caloosahatchee Regional State Park
- July 7 - Riverwatch Board Meeting

For more river news visit the CRCA web site at crca.caloosahatchee.org
Also, you can renew your membership online



Riverwatch members attended Billy's Creek Preserve Opening on June 2

Wayne Daltry Joins Board



The 2010-11 CRCA BOD was elected at the annual membership meeting on May 2. Wayne Daltry joins long-serving directors Marti Daltry, Mary Ruth Prouty, John Capece, Vicki Barnhorst, Lois James, Margaret England, Ron Zimmerly, Linda Mattos, Keith Kibbey, Annette Snapp, and Heidi Brennan.

Congress May Thwart EPA CWA



The scientific case to support water quality action is the green water. The EPA proposed standards in Jan. to protect the water which would prevent harmful algae blooms. However, an amendment by Congressmen Boyd and Crenshaw may block any real

standards.

[\[Miami Herald\]](#) [\[Action\]](#) [\[April Hearing\]](#)

Oil Not Only Threat



The focus on the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is causing people to ignore another serious issue. Lake O is releasing large amounts of fresh, nutrient-filled water into the Caloosahatchee. If nothing is done, conditions may be similar to 2005. [\[Island\]](#)

Sugar on Sugar



George Wedgworth of the Sugar Cooperative comments on the US Sugar buyout. He criticizes the cost and lease-back plan, instead advocating SFWMD focus on the Acceler8 projects, including the C-43 Caloosahatchee reservoir. Bubba Wade disagrees. [\[NewsPress\]](#) [\[Wade Editorial\]](#)

Take the Gloves Off



Sanibel Vice Mayor Mick Denham said at a city council meeting June 1 that he has had enough of the Caloosahatchee taking much more than its share of estuary-killing water from Lake Okeechobee. Strong actions, including legal, are being planned. [\[PURRE\]](#)

Promises, Promises



SFWMD promised Sanibel that it would provide 450,000 acre-feet of temporary water storage so that the next time we had unusual rains they would not have to force the Corps to release so much damaging water into the Caloosahatchee. Where is it? [\[Captiva Sanibel\]](#)

Next CRCA Meeting



The next Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association board of directors meeting will take place at Bridge St. Coffee and Tea Shop on Wednesday, July 7 at 6:30 pm. Coffee shop owner, Charlie, graciously accommodates small group meetings in his LaBelle oasis.

New FTA Sub-chapter



Locals of Glades and Hendry Counties can look forward to upcoming paddling and hiking trips, thanks to a new sub-chapter of the FTA. On June 6, members took a 7-hour paddling trip. The next meeting is in September with trips beginning in October.

[[SW Florida Online](#)]

Manatee Rescued



Manatees suffered greatly this winter because of the cold weather. Death rates for these creatures were at record highs this year. The Lowry Park Zoo was able to treat and release one manatee into the wild who was suffering from "Florida frostbite." [[ABC-7](#)] [[Video](#)]

Climate Bill Needed But Unlikely



President Obama's address on June 15 focused on the oil spill and the need for energy legislation. However, he had a minimal effect on Congress. Powerful Congressmen, like Joe Barton of Texas, seem determined to maintain the status quo on energy. [[Reuters](#)] [[Rep. Barton](#)] [[Protests](#)] [[Address](#)] [[Video](#)]

Sawfish Hot Spots



FWS researchers have documented smalltooth sawfish moving 35 kilometers upstream the Caloosahatchee. Unlike other species, sawfish are reluctant to leave even when salinity levels change drastically during summer storms or spring drought. [[Sun Newspapers](#)]

Cape Officials Not Serious



Bill Byle writes to Lee County saying that Cape Coral did not take the EMA process seriously. The NEBs package submitted to Lee County is the maximum the Cape says they will support. It is not supported by many of the non-profit environmental stakeholders to the EMA. [[Letter](#)]

2010-2011 Riverwatch Officers



Officer elections were held on June 2. Congratulations to: Annette Snapp, President; Margaret England, Vice President; Vicki Barnhorst and Marti Daltry, Co-Treasurers; John Capece, Recording Secretary; and Linda Mattos, Corresponding Secretary.

Rooney on House Ag Committee



On June 16, U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (R-FL) was appointed to the House Agriculture Committee. Florida's 16th district, where Rooney presides, is one of the largest agricultural producing areas in the country. Florida's ag concerns will now be heard.

[[Congressman Rooney](#)]

Drill, Baby, Drill



If elected governor, Attorney General Bill McCollum plans to focus on finding alternative water sources. Creating a water commission is a main item on his agenda. His administration would likely focus on resource exploitation aspects, not ecological. [[Orlando Sentinel](#)]

Fishermen Advocate for Canals



Fishermen are asking the state to change its Everglades restoration plans to allow for canals to remain. These canals were created to both convey water and to generate fill for adjacent roads and levees. They are now very popular fishing locations.

[[Miami Herald](#)]

Sunshine Bass Abundant



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is encouraging the fishing of sunshine bass. This hybrid fish is a mix between female white bass and male striped bass. Locals have found shad to be quite successful in luring sunshines.

[[Bellingham Herald](#)]

Lake O Adaptive Protocol



At the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) meeting on June 3, Calvin J. Neidrauer, P.E., Chief Engineer, SFWMD Operations Department made a presentation about Adaptive Protocols for Lake Okechobee Operations. [[Link](#)]