

03-23-21

Lake Okeechobee Aquatic Plant Management Interagency Task Force Meeting



Policy Guidelines 1986

2. The Corps of Engineers shall chair, and actively solicit participation in, the Lake Okeechobee Aquatic Plant Management Interagency Task Force. The Task Force members will represent State of Florida agencies (including the South Florida Water Management District), State Universities, the Corps of Engineers, and other Federal agencies. The Task Force will serve in an advisory capacity, providing multi-disciplinary technical and scientific data from which the Corps' aquatic plant management strategy, methodology, and research planning and operational efforts will evolve. The focus of the aquatic plant effort will be to benefit the overall ecological health of Lake Okeechobee.

Introduction

- ▶ Meeting rules
 - ▶ PLEASE stay on mute.
 - ▶ During meeting- Use “Chat” feature for questions.
 - ▶ Public comment via “Chat” will occur at end of meeting.
 - ▶ *Reminder for public members this is an interagency board meeting with an addition of a public comment section. Please wait to comment/ ask questions during the public comment section at the end.
- ▶ Roll call



ProcellaCOR

UPDATES ON VISUAL
OBSERVATIONS

Pelican bay

January



February



March



Cochran's pass

January



February



March





Interagency Flight reports

FLIGHT DATES

July- 7/03/21

August- 8/06/20

September- 9/03/20

October- 10/01/20

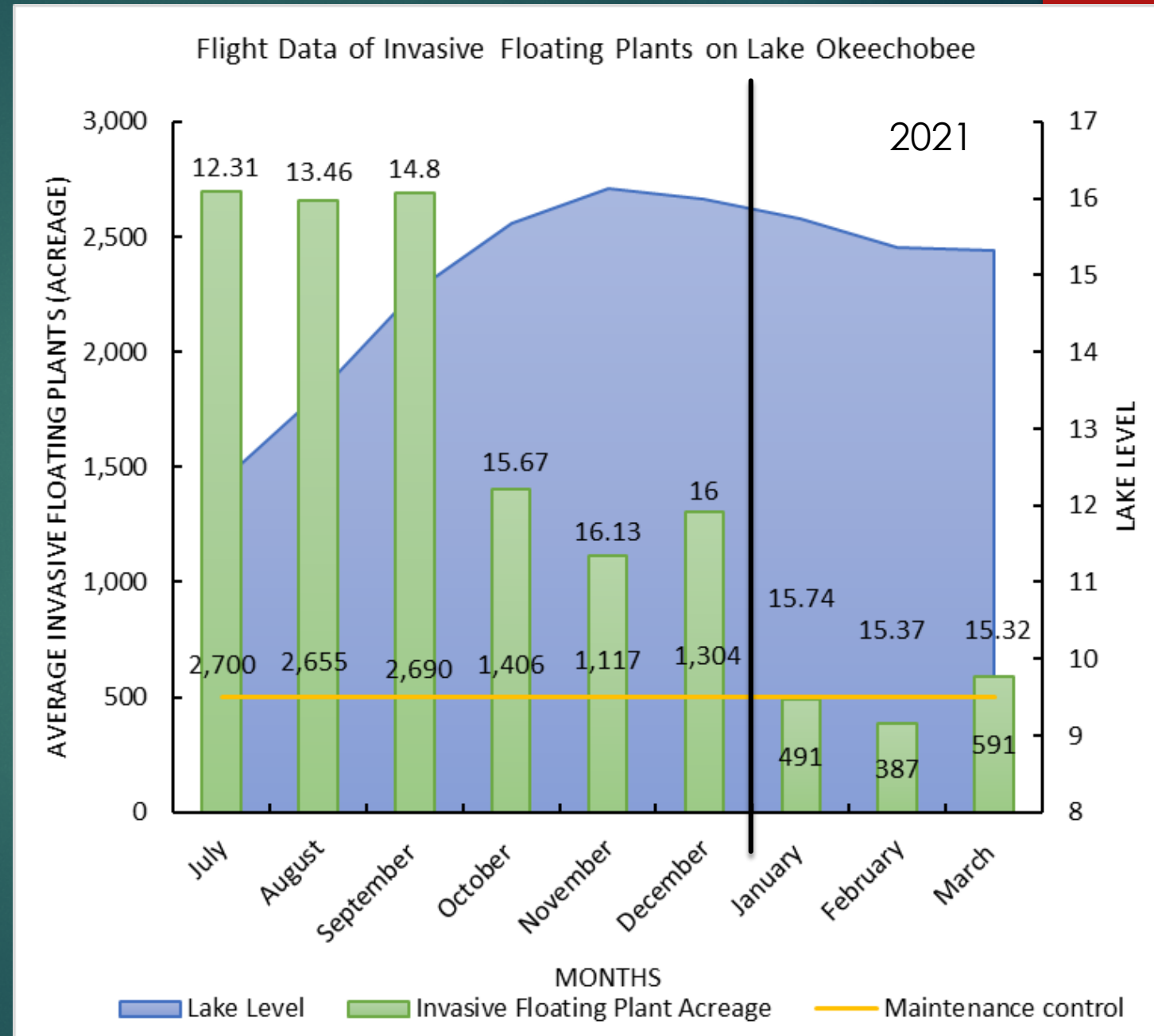
November- 11/05/20

December- 12/03/20

January- 01/07/21

February- 2/4/21

March- 3/5/21



FWC (IPM)

Agenda items

- ▶ Treatment updates
 - ▶ Azolla updates

FWC (AHRE)

Agenda items

- ▶ Torpedograss management
- ▶ Prescribed fire updates
- ▶ “Prescribed Fires and Herbicide. How and When Each Are Used.”

FWC (Fisheries)

UPDATES

- ▶ Lake Okeechobee management plan

FWC (Snail Kite Conservation)

► Updates

USACE (ISM)

Agenda items

- ▶ Aquatic Plant Management Treatments
- ▶ Spray tracker units are up and running!

USACE AOR

Treatments since last meeting:

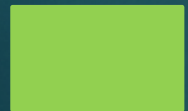
South end- 306.25 acres

West wall- 170.25 acres

East wall- **

South end-* Current treatment

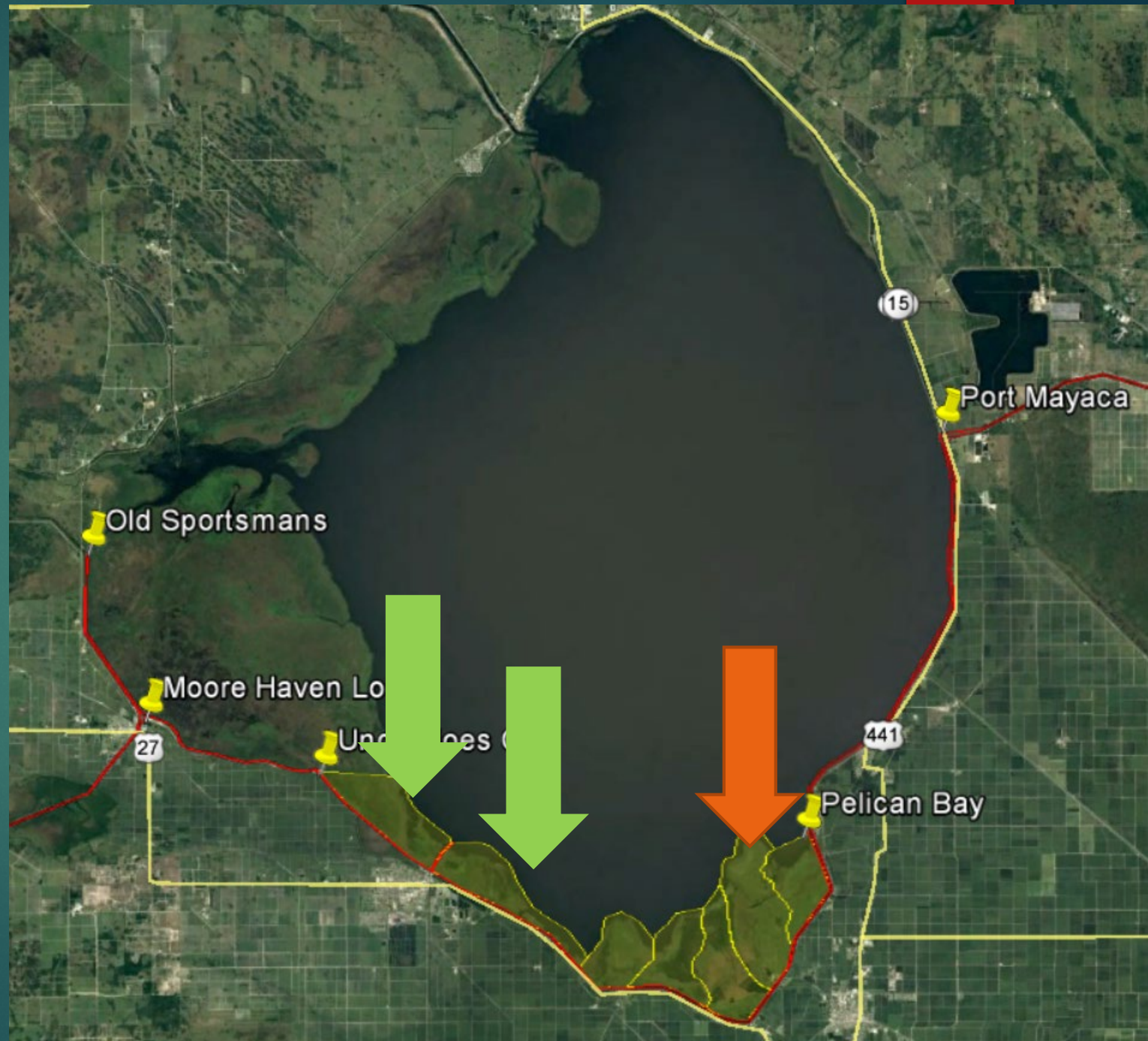
Total amount treated- 476.5*

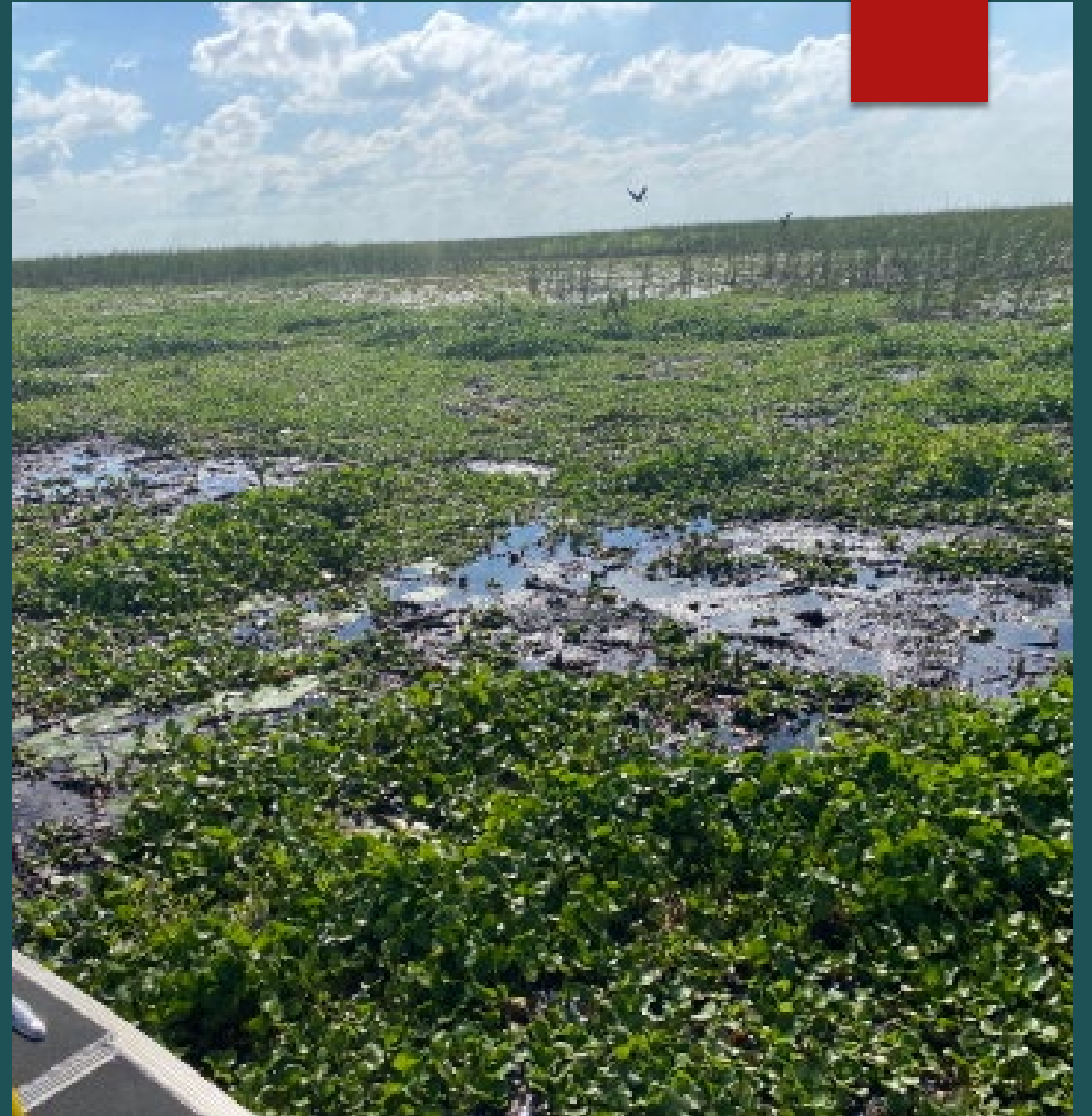


Completed



Current treatment





PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- ▶ If you would like to make comments/ ask questions during the Public Comment section, please type your name in the chat and I will call on you.
 - ▶ This will make sure we do not forget anyone who would like to speak.
- ▶ Other questions can be asked via the CHAT feature and I will go over each question at the end once everyone on the phone has had a chance to speak.
- ▶ EACH speaker has a max of 2 minutes to speak*
 - ▶ This will make sure everyone that would like to speak will have enough time.
 - ▶ A timer will go off once your time is up.

THANK YOU
and BE SAFE!

