

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.



ROLL CALL



Herbicide Selectivity Demonstration Project

Lee County Hyacinth Control District
Colin Lewis

FLIGHT DATES

April- 4/1/21

May – 5/6/21

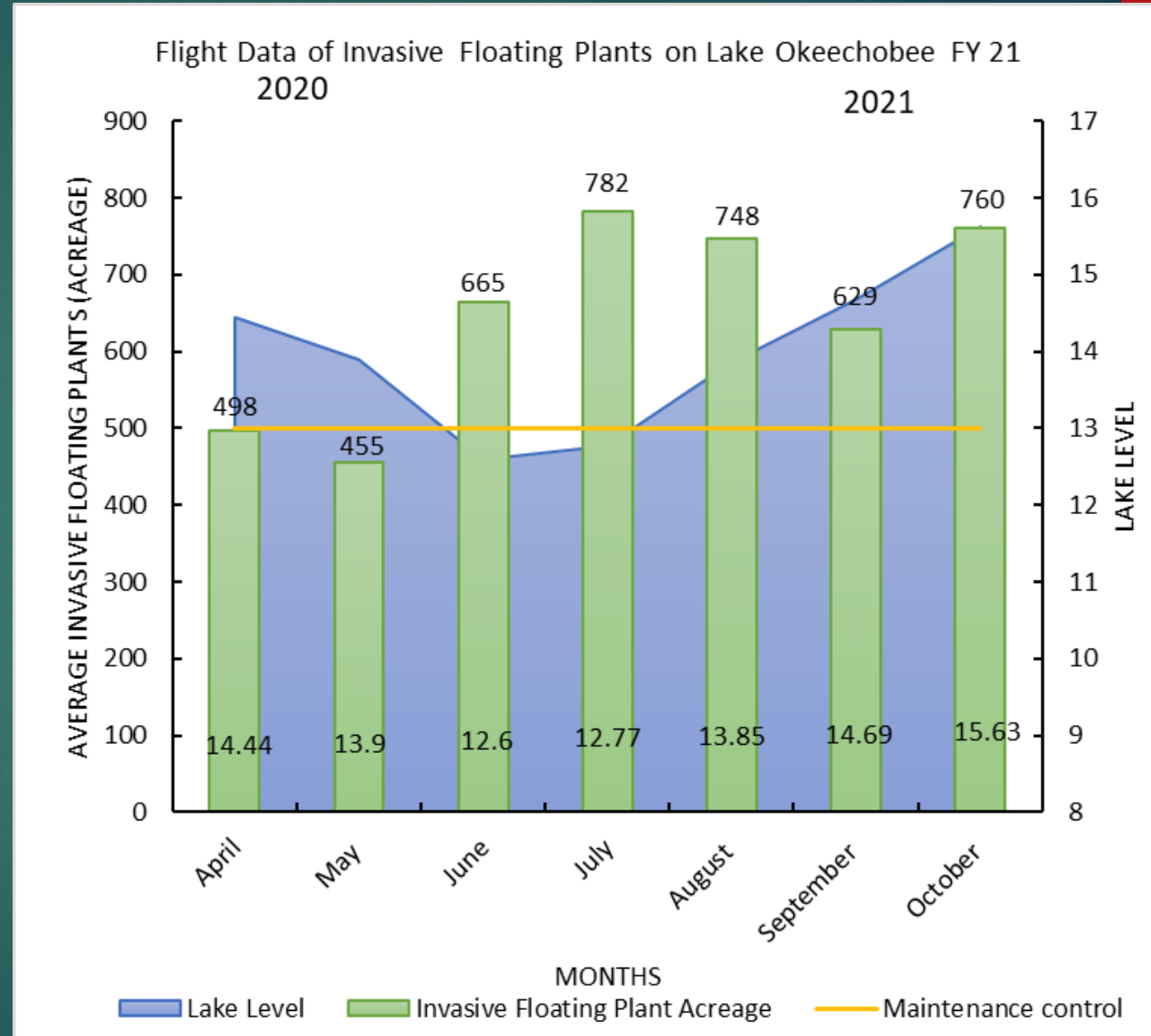
June- 6/11/21

July- 7/1/21

August- 8/5/21

September 9/2/21

October- 10/7/21



FWC (IPM)

- ▶ Juicing project
- ▶ Luziola EDRR
- ▶ Update IPM

FWC (AHRE)

- ▶ Shredding
- ▶ Cattail treatment update



FWC (Freshwater Fisheries Management)

- ▶ Lake Management plan update

USACE

- ▶ Treatments
- ▶ Harvesting tussock material in Rim canal
- ▶ Penoxsulam treatment testing site

USACE AOR

► Treatments since last meeting:

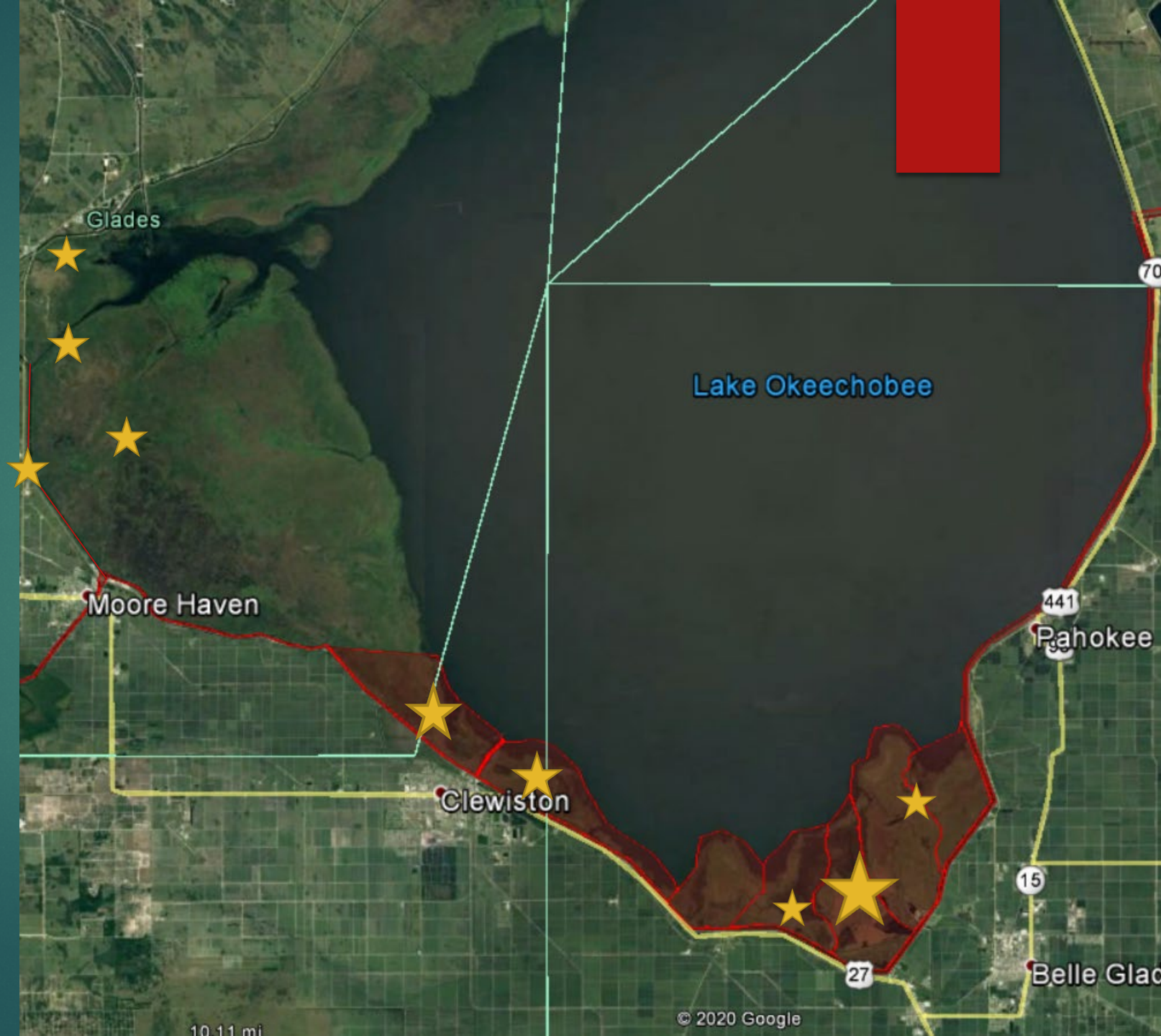
► Total acres treated- ~951

► Areas treated- rim canal, east wall, west wall, south end including south bay, Halifax, rim canal, kreamer island

► Current treatment- in south end including pelican bay, kreamer island, ritta island

USACE Applicators from Palatka- treated in Mctush, fisheating creek (in lake), 7 mile cut

Acres treated- ~143



S-281 Blockage

- ▶ Start September 28th
- ▶ End October 21st
- ▶ 1 week down time*
- ▶ Estimated acreage- 13
- ▶ 1-1.5 acres a day
- ▶ Days worked 12



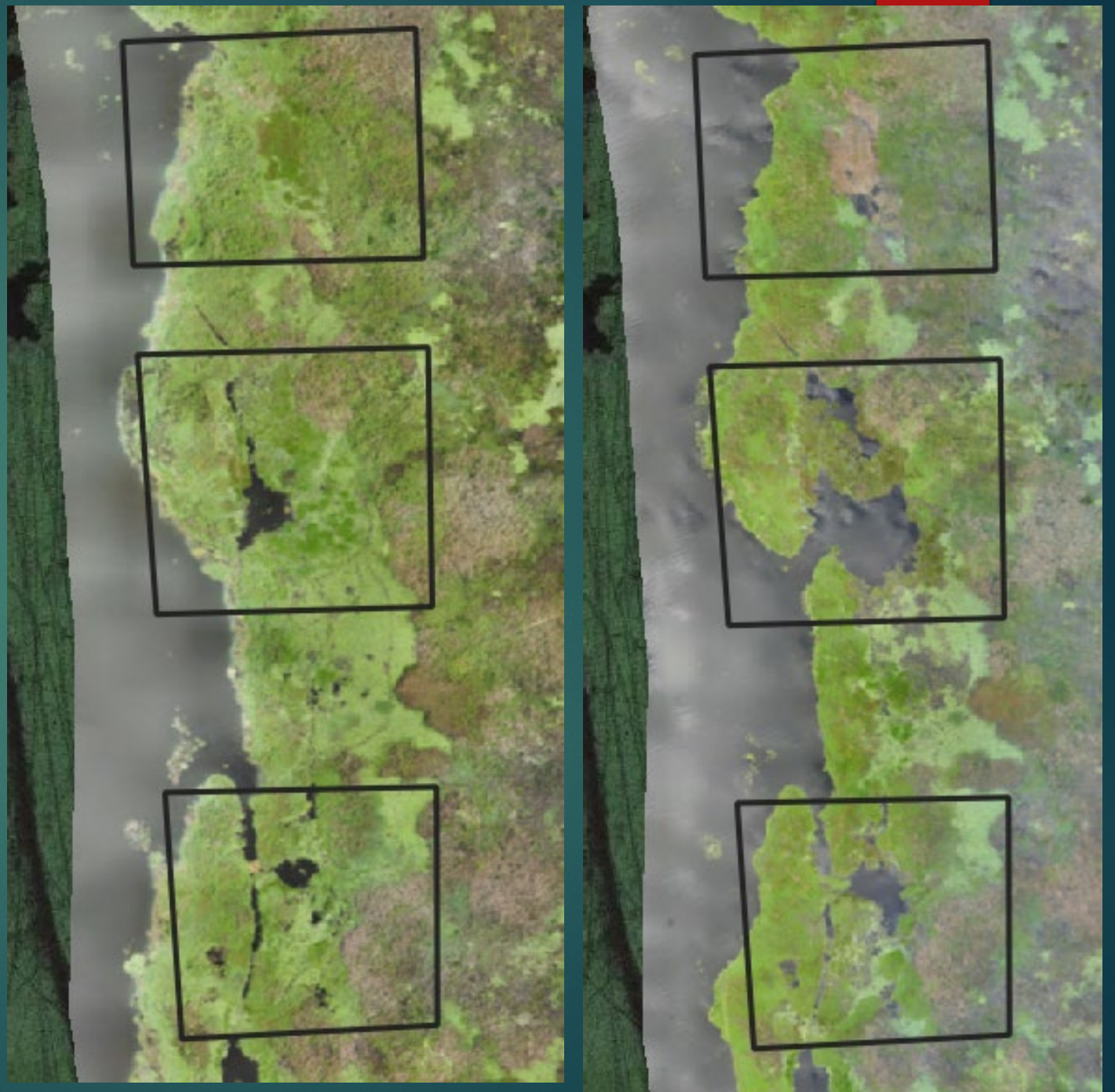
Penoxsulam Treatment UPDATE

2,4-D

4oz

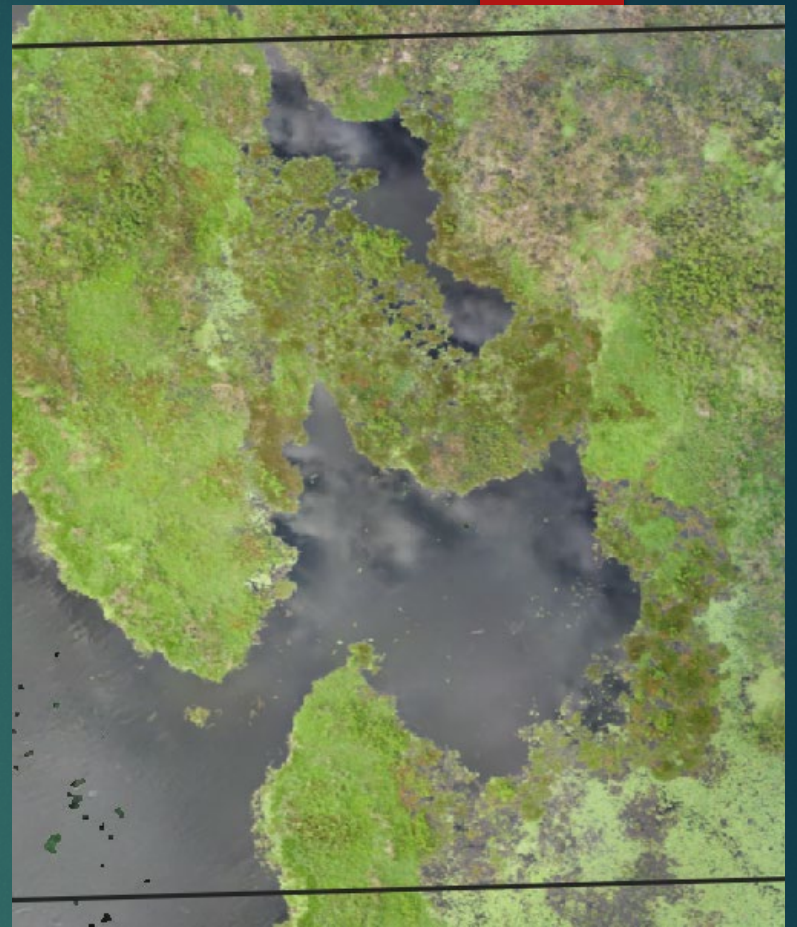
5.6oz

Surfactant- Anchor





2,4-D control site



4_{oz} Per acre



5.6oz Per acre

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- ▶ 30-minute comment period
- ▶ 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.