

Kissimmee Water Reservation Rule Development Process Overview

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Kissimmee Water Reservations: Presentation Overview

- **What have we been doing**
- **What are we doing next**
- **Related activities**



What have we been doing?

- Governing Board initiated Rule Development for Kissimmee water reservations June, 2008
- Multi-discipline team assembled (District staff and consultants)
 - Scientists: lakes, river, biology
 - Hydrologists
 - Attorneys
 - Project manager

What have we been doing? (cont.)

Identified technical approach to define water to be reserved

- Defined reservation water bodies:
 - 7 lake management areas
 - Restored Kissimmee River
- Established method to quantify water existing in basin
- Identified fish / wildlife species & habitat to be protected
- Formulated hydrologic performance measures which define water needs for fish / wildlife

What have we been doing? (cont.)

- Initiated outreach effort with stakeholders
 - Conference calls to introduce process & objectives
 - Environmental stakeholders & state/federal agencies
 - Established rule development web page
 - Conducted 1st rule development workshop
 - Described process
 - Presented technical approach for defining waters to be reserved
 - Initiated contracting of peer review panel
 - Updated WRAC at January meeting

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What are we doing next?

- Conduct the modeling to define both:
 - Total water available existing in basin
 - Portion of the total water available that is needed for protection of fish/wildlife
- Complete drafting technical document for scientific peer review
 - Modeling/hydrologic analyses
 - Biologic/hydrologic linkages
 - Technical assumptions

What are we doing next? (cont.)

- Define water for reservation in a 1st draft rule
- Conduct independent scientific peer review
- Conduct workshops on rule & supporting technical evaluations
- Make revisions to draft rule as needed
 - Stakeholder input
 - Results of peer review
- Discuss results of peer review & stakeholder issues with WRAC and Governing Board
- Prepare Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs
- Finalize draft rule language

Anticipated Major Milestones

- Initiate rule development: **June, 2008**
- Complete draft tech report: **February, 2009**
- Scientific peer review of data, analysis, & assumptions used to determine water reservation: **March/April, 2009**
- Workshop draft rule language & criteria: **February through June, 2009**
- Seek Board approval to publish final draft rule: **June, 2009**

Questions?

