# Settlement Agreement Report

# Third Quarter July – September 2020

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This report has been revised from earlier versions to include Shark River Slough compliance results using the final approved flow data for federal Water Year 2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020).

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### **PURPOSE**

The South Florida Water Management District has prepared this report to provide a quarterly update to the Everglades Technical Oversight Committee on the compliance status with total phosphorus levels or limits defined in the 1991 Settlement Agreement, entered as a Consent Decree in 1992, and modified in 1995. The areas of interest in this report include the interior marsh stations in the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and two discharges to Everglades National Park: inflows to Shark River Slough and inflows to Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins.

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## **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

cfs cubic feet per second ENP Everglades National Park

feet NGVD29 feet relative to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929

FWMC flow-weighted mean concentration

kac-ft thousand acre-feet ppb parts per billion

Refuge Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

STA Stormwater Treatment Area

TOC Everglades Technical Oversight Committee

TP total phosphorus
μg/L micrograms per liter
WCA Water Conservation Area

WY Water Year

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report fulfills the South Florida Water Management District's reporting requirements under the 1991 Settlement Agreement, entered as a Consent Decree in 1992 and modified in 1995, for the third quarter of 2019 (July - September 2019). Total phosphorus (TP) compliance highlights for this period are summarized below for the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) and inflows to Everglades National Park (ENP) (**Table 1** and **Figure 1**):

- **Refuge:** The geometric mean TP concentrations were below the long-term levels for July and August 2020, but above the long-term level for September 2020.
- Shark River Slough: The 12-month TP flow-weighted mean concentration (FWMC) calculated using Method 1.5 was below the 12-month long-term limit during the federal Water Year (WY), WY2020 (October 1, 2019 September 30, 2020).
- **Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins:** The 12-month TP FWMC calculated using Method 3 was below the 12-month long-term limit of 11 parts per billion (ppb) during WY2020.

**Table 1.** Third quarter 2020 TP compliance results for the Refuge, TP calculation tracking results for Shark River Slough, and TP calculation tracking results for Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins.

Month	Geometric Mean TP Concentration (ppb)		Long-Term Level (ppb)		Mean Stage (feet NGVD29)		Number of Samples				
Arthur R. Mai	Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge										
Jul 2020	6.2		11.6		16.15			12			
Aug 2020	6.8		9.3		16.57	•		14			
Sep 2020	7.8		7.2		17.19	١		14			
12-Month	Total Flow	12-M			Long-Term Limit		Long-Term Limit Greater			Sampling Events than 10 ppb	
Period Ending	(kac-ft)		(ppb)		(ppb)	Guidel	line	Observed			
Everglades N	ational Park – Shark Riv	er Slou	ıgh								
Jul 2020	656.8		9.6		9.7	50.		40.0			
Aug 2020	690.7		9.2		9.5	49.4		33.3			
Sep 2020	692.7		9.3		9.5 49		3	35.0			
Everglades National Park — Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins											
Jul 2020	291.6		5.3		11.0	53.1	L	2.1			
Aug 2020	297.5	5.3			11.0 53.2		L	2.1			
Sep 2020	318.5		5.3		11.0 53.1		L	2.1			

- Key to units: ppb parts per billion (values are actually in μg/L [micrograms per liter], which, for the purposes of this report, are
  equivalent to ppb); ft NGVD29 elevation in feet relative to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929; and kac-ft thousand
  acre-feet.
- Compliance for inflows to ENP (Shark River Slough, and Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins) is evaluated annually based on the 12-month
  TP FWMC for the federal water year ending on September 30. As adopted by the Everglades Technical Oversight Committee (TOC)
  August 2020, the compliance results shown were calculated using "Method 1.5" for Shark River Slough and "Method 3" for Taylor Slough
  and Coastal Basins (detailed later in this report).

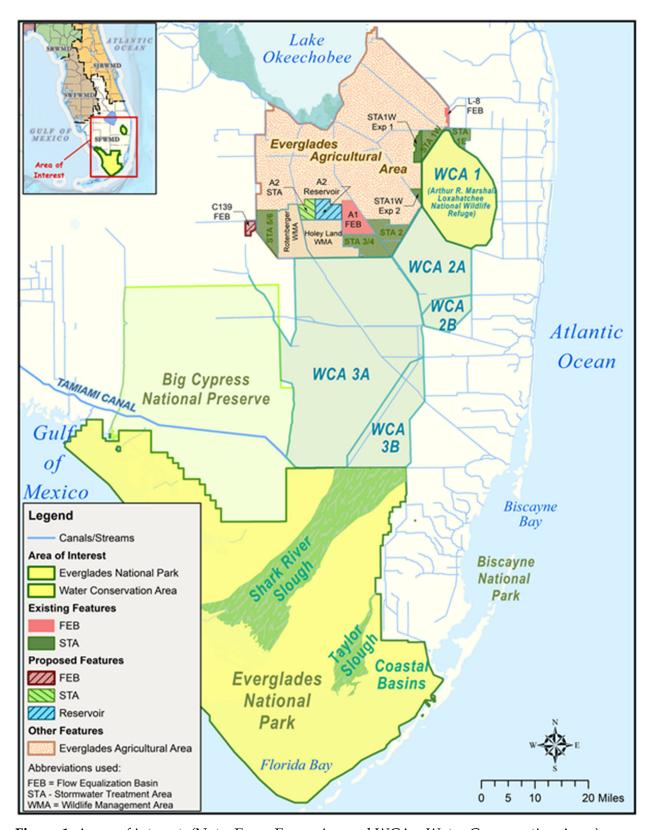


Figure 1. Areas of interest. (Note: Exp - Expansion and WCA - Water Conservation Area.)

# ARTHUR R. MARSHALL LOXAHATCHEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

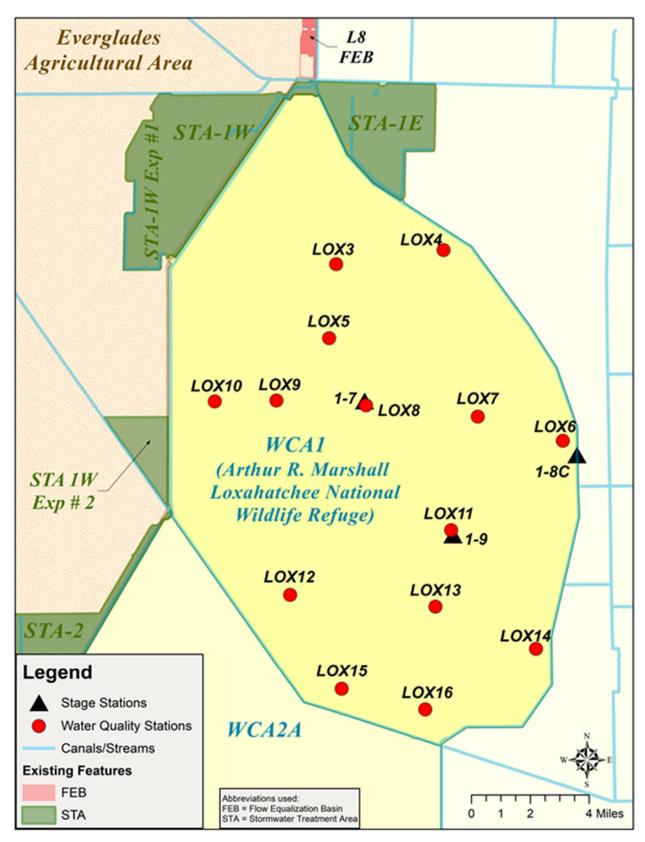
## **Background**

The 1991 Settlement Agreement ended the Everglades lawsuit and was entered into by the federal government, the State of Florida, and the South Florida Water Management District. The subsequent Consent Decree, as modified in 1995, specified that interim and long-term TP concentration levels for the Refuge must be met by February 1, 1999, and December 31, 2006, respectively. Both the interim and long-term concentration levels vary monthly because they are calculated as a function of water stage measured at gaging stations 1-7, 1-8C, and 1-9 within the Refuge. The stage range within which the interim and long-term concentration levels are applicable is 15.42 to 17.14 feet relative to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (feet NGVD29). The monthly TP concentrations are determined from water samples collected at 14 interior marsh stations, LOX3 through LOX16 (**Figure 2**). As required in the Consent Decree, the concentrations are converted to a geometric mean, which is compared to the long-term concentration level. Monthly TP data for each station for the past 36 months are provided in Appendix A. The calculation methods specified in the Consent Decree are provided in Appendix D.

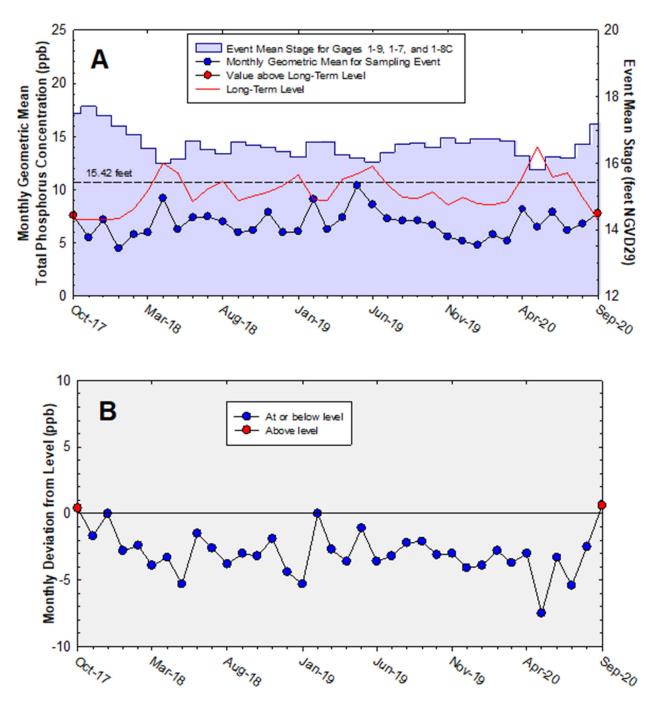
# **Reporting Period Update**

In July 2020, samples could only be collected at 12 of the 14 stations. In August and September 2020, samples were collected from all 14 stations.

Sampling day average stages in the Refuge were 16.15, 16.57, and 17.19 feet NGVD29 in July, August, and September 2020, respectively (**Figure 3** and **Table 2**). The geometric means calculated from TP concentrations measured in water samples collected in July, August, and September 2020 were 6.2, 6.8, and 7.8 ppb, respectively. The geometric mean TP concentrations for July and August were below the long-term levels. The value for September was above the long-term level.



**Figure 2.** Refuge water quality sampling and stage measurement stations. (Note: Exp – Expansion, STA-1E – STA 1 East, STA-1W – STA 1 West, and WCA – Water Conservation Area.)



**Figure 3.** (A) Monthly TP geometric mean concentrations for the Refuge compared to calculated long-term levels, which are adjusted for fluctuations in stage. The geometric mean TP concentration was above the long-term level in October 2017. (B) Deviation of monthly geometric mean TP concentrations from calculated long-term levels. Negative values indicate that the geometric mean was lower than the long-term level.

Table 2. Refuge TP compliance tracking.

Month	Geometric Mean TP Concentration (ppb)	Long-Term Level (ppb)	Average Stage <sup>a</sup> (ft NGVD29)	Number of Samples
Oct-2017	7.6	7.2	17.50	14
No v-20 17	5.5	7.2	17.71	14
Dec-20 17	7.2	7.2	17.43	14
Jan-2018	4.5	7.3	17.12	14
Feb-20 18	5.8	8.2	16.85	14
Mar-20 18	6.0	9.9	16.45	14
Apr-2018	9.2	12.5	16.00	9
May-2018	6.3	11.6	16.13	9
Jun-2018	7.4	8.9	16.66	14
Jul-2018	7.5	10.1	16.41	13
Aug-20 18	7.0	10.8	16.27	12
Sep-20 18	6.0	9.0	16.64	14
Oct-2018	6.2	9.4	16.55	14
No v-20 18	7.9	9.8	16.47	12
Dec-20 18	6.0	10.4	16.36	11
Jan-2019	6.1	11.4	16.18	10
Feb-20 19	9.1	9.1	16.62	14
Mar-20 19	6.3	9.0	16.64	14
Apr-2019	7.4	11.0	16.24	12
May-2019	10.4	11.5	16.16	10
Jun-2019	8.6	12.2	16.04	9
Jul-2019	7.3	10.5	16.33	14
Aug-20 19	7.1	9.3	16.58	14
Sep-20 19	7.1	9.2	16.61	14
Oct-2019	6.7	9.8	16.47	13
No v-20 19	5.6	8.6	16.75	14
Dec-20 19	5.2	9.3	16.59	14
Jan-2020	4.8	8.7	16.73	14
Feb-20 20	5.8	8.6	16.73	14
Mar-20 20	5.2	8.9	16.66	14
Apr-2020	8.2	11.2	16.21	11
May-2020	6.5	14.0	15.79	6
Jun-2020	7.9	11.2	16.20	12
Jul-2020	6.2	11.6	16.15	12
Aug-20 20	6.8	9.3	16.57	14
Sep-2020	7.8	7.2	17.19	14

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- Highlighted rows with bold, italicized text indicate when an excursion over the long-term level occurred.
- a. Average stage is calculated using stage elevations at stations 1-7, 1-8C, and 1-9 for a given sampling date.

#### **EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK**

### Shark River Slough

#### **Background**

The Settlement Agreement/Consent Decree (1995) specified that interim and long-term TP concentration limits for discharges into ENP (**Figure 4**) through Shark River Slough be met by October 1, 2003, and December 31, 2006, respectively. It was specified that the TP concentrations be presented as 12-month flow-weighted means. Only the TP concentrations for the water year ending on September 30 are evaluated for compliance with the Consent Decree limits (Appendix D). The long-term TP concentration limit for inflows to Shark River Slough is represented by concentrations delivered through S12A, S12B, S12C, and S12D during the Outstanding Florida Waters baseline period of March 1, 1978, to March 1, 1979, and is adjusted for variations in flow. Inflow concentrations of TP through S12A, S12B, S12C, S12D, S333, S355A, and S355B are compared to the interim and long-term limits at the end of each water year (October 1 through September 30). The long-term limit went into effect in WY2007.

Routine monitoring was changed to weekly for all Shark River Slough sites beginning in August 2007. In accordance with Appendix A of the Consent Decree, only the every-other-week grab concentration data were used for the FWMC calculations from October 2007 forward. Weekly TP data for each station for the past 12 months are provided in Appendix B.

Pursuant to agreement among all Everglades Technical Oversight Committee (TOC) members at the May 14, 2013, TOC meeting, the following three changes were made to the quarterly Settlement Agreement Report: (1) publishing of the quarterly 12-month TP FWMCs for Shark River Slough is discontinued, (2) provisional quarterly 12-month TP FWMCs are posted separately to the TOC website, https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/toc, and (3) the annual 12-month TP FWMC for the water year ending on September 30 will be published once the final approved flow data for the S12A, S12B, S12C, and S12D structures become available. These changes were implemented beginning with the January – March 2013 fourth quarter report. Based on a vote by the TOC on July 19, 2016, provisional 12-month results are now included in the Executive Summary of this report.

The TOC has recognized that the S356 seepage return pump, which initiated operation under the United States Army Corps of Engineers field test in fall 2015, has the ability to discharge water that originated from the water conservation areas (WCAs) to Shark River Slough. The Appendix A subteam was tasked with recommending an appropriate method for incorporating S356 into the compliance calculation. Since adoption of a single appropriate method had not yet been made by the TOC prior to publication of provisional tracking through the second quarter of WY2020, this report contains results based on two calculation methods (Method 1 and Method 2) through the 12-month tracking periods ending March 2020. On August 11, 2020, the TOC voted to accept Method 1.5 as the official reporting method for evaluating compliance for Shark River Slough under Appendix A. Method 1.5 describes a collective TP FWMC computed as the flowweighted combination of each of the S12s' flow and TP together with each of the TP results and

adjusted inflows through the L-29 Canal to Shark River Slough, including the portion of S356 flow from S335, all reduced by the proportional volume exiting S334. TP grab results at S12A, S12B, S12C, S12D, S333, S355A, S355B, and S356 are applied to the respective flow (adjusted as described) on biweekly compliance sampling dates. S334 flow is not excluded from the total flow for long-term limit calculations.

Figure 5 depicts annual federal water year TP limits and corresponding TP FWMC levels beginning with WY1991. Table 3 presents three years of the 12-month FWMCs for each month with the corresponding long-term TP concentration limits calculated using the 12-month period flow. For WY2018, the inflows to Shark River Slough met the TP limit, but for WY2019, the annual TP FWMC exceeded the calculated annual long-term limit. As documented in the Principals' October 2020 Guidance to TOC Representatives, the TOC members and their Principals acknowledge and agree that the 2019 Shark River Slough exceedance was caused by a localized phenomenon of phosphorus release and transport related to patterns of stage and flow, and less related to phosphorus coming from the Everglades Agricultural Area. Furthermore, the guidance outlines that the Principals will work together to form a cohesive solution.

For the 12-month period ending on September 30, 2020, the result of Method 1.5 for the 12-month TP FWMC was 9.3 ppb, which was below the long-term limit of 9.5 ppb. Therefore, inflows to Shark River Slough met the TP limit for WY2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020).

# **Reporting Period Update**

At the August 11, 2020, quarterly meeting, the TOC adopted Method 1.5 for Shark River Slough as the official method to calculate and report compliance under Appendix A. Beginning with the second quarter of 2020, only Method 1.5 values were calculated and presented in **Table 3**. Method 1.5 is TP FWMC computed as S12s + [S333 + S355A + S355B + minimum (S356, S335) - S334] using all flow and TP grabs on biweekly compliance sampling dates. "Minimum (S356, S335)" is the portion of S356 daily flow through S335, approximating the volume from WCA-3 through S356. S334 flow is not excluded from the total flow for long-term limit calculations.

For the 12-month periods ending in July, August, and September 2020, the 12-month TP FWMCs calculated using Method 1.5 were 9.6, 9.2, and 9.3 ppb, respectively. The 12-month long-term limits, based on the total flow into Shark River Slough, were 9.7, 9.5, and 9.5 ppb, respectively (**Table 3**).

The TP FWMC for the 12-month period ending in September 2020 was below the long-term limit. Therefore, inflows to Shark River Slough did not exceed the TP limit for WY2020.

The Consent Decree stipulates that the percentage of TP FWMCs greater than 10 ppb from each sampling event in any 12-month period must not exceed a guideline value based on flow into Shark River Slough for the same 12-month period. For the 12-month period of WY2020, the observed sampling event TP concentrations greater than 10 ppb were 35.0 percent for Method 1.5, which was lower than the guideline of 49.3 percent.

The 12-month TP FWMCs and the TP FWMCs for individual sampling events are presented in **Figure 6**.

Daily flows through the individual Shark River Slough structures from October 2017 through September 2020 are presented in **Figures 7** through **10**.

A total of 212 kac-ft of water was discharged through the S12 structures, and 368 kac-ft of water was discharged through the S333 structure during WY2020. There was no discharge through S355A or S355B gates or S355B temporary pumps. 135 kac-ft was pumped through S356, and 43 kac-ft of this originated from S335. 61 kac-ft of water from the L-29 Canal was discharged through S334 during WY2020 (**Figure 8**).

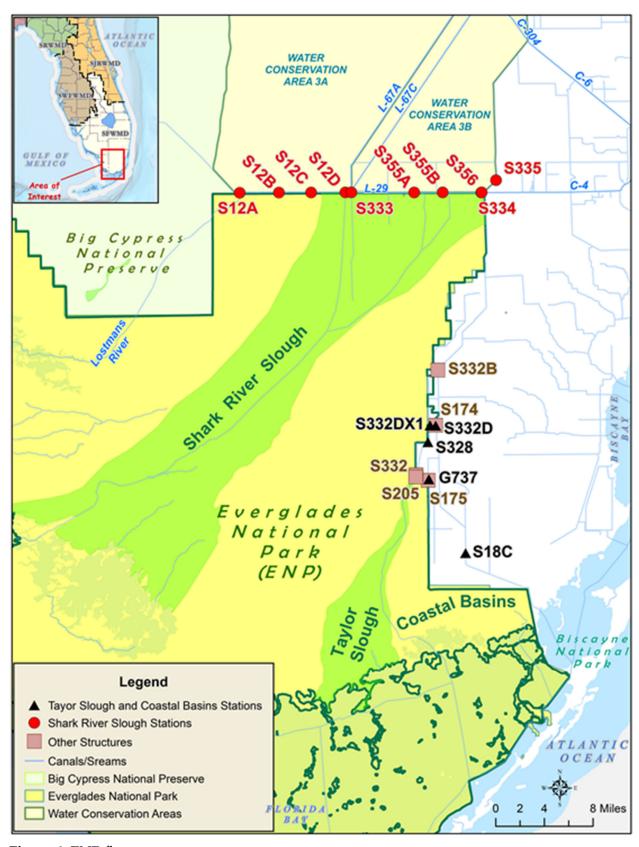
For additional information on the WCA-3A regulation schedule, please refer to the United States Army Corps of Engineers – Jacksonville District website.1

The relationship between the sum of the daily flows at Shark River Slough structures and corresponding TP FWMCs for individual sampling events is presented in **Figure 11**.

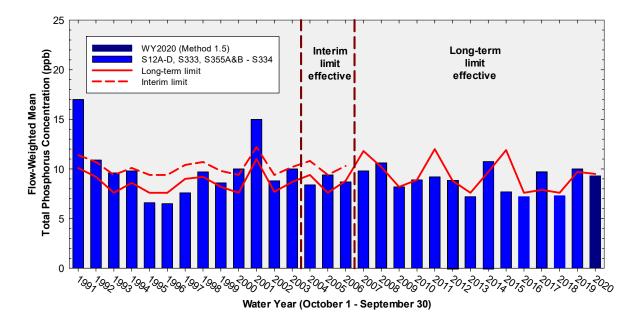
The water quality data for Shark River Slough are available in Appendix B of this report; the WY2020 monitoring data are posted separately to the TOC website.

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<sup>1</sup> https://w3.saj.usace.army.mil/h2o/plots/wca3ahp.pdf



**Figure 4.** ENP flow structures.

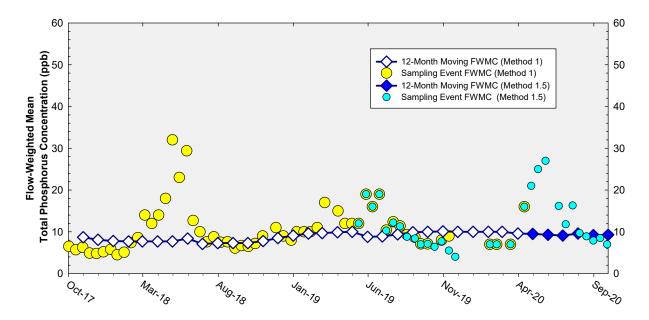


**Figure 5.** The 12-month TP FWMCs at inflows to ENP through Shark River Slough at the end of each water year compared to the interim and long-term total phosphorus limits. For WY2020, the FWMC calculated using Method 1.5 was 9.3 ppb, which was below the long-term limit of 9.5 ppb.

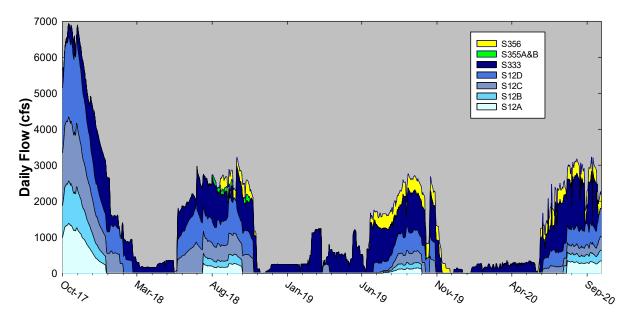
**Table 3.** Shark River Slough TP compliance tracking.

12-Month Period	Total How (kac-ft)	Flow-Weighted Mean TP	Long-Term Limit (ppb)	Percent of Sampling Events Greater than 10 ppb			
renou	(KaC-IL)	Concentration (ppb)	Lillic (ppb)	Guideline	Observed		
Nov 2016 - Oct 2017	1,288.7 (1,292.8)	8.7 (8.7)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	20.8 (20.0)		
Dec 2016 - Nov 2017	1,541.3 (1,545.3)	8.1 (8.1)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	20.8 (20.0)		
Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	1,757.6 (1,761.6)	7.8 (7.8)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	20.8 (20.0)		
Feb 2017 - Jan 2018	1,854.1 (1,858.9)	7.7 (7.7)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	20.8 (20.0)		
Mar 2017 - Feb 2018	1,891.4 (1,896.2)	7.7 (7.7)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	20.8 (20.0)		
Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	1,901.4 (1,906.1)	7.7 (7.7)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	28.0 (28.0)		
May 2017 - Apr 2018	1,911.8 (1,916.5)	7.7 (7.7)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	34.6 (34.6)		
Jun 2017 - May 2018	1,952.0 (1,957.6)	8.4 (8.4)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	34.6 (34.6)		
Jul 2017 - Jun 2018	1,953.5 (1,959.1)	7.1 (7.1)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	30.8 (30.8)		
Aug 2017 - Jul 2018	1,889.8 (1,895.4)	7.3 (7.3)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	30.8 (30.8)		
Sep 2017 - Aug 2018	1,844.6 (1,859.1)	7.3 (7.3)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	30.8 (30.8)		
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	1,731.8 (1,761.0)	7.3 (7.3)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	30.8 (30.8)		
Nov 2017 - Oct 2018	1,443.9 (1,488.4)	7.8 (7.7)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	30.8 (30.8)		
Dec 2017 - Nov 2018	1,117.7 (1,162.3)	8.5 (8.3)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	36.0 (36.0)		
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	908.3 (952.9)	9.1 (8.9)	8.4 (8.1)	43.6 (42.6)	36.0 (36.0)		
Feb 2018 - Jan 2019	822.9 (866.6)	9.6 (9.3)	8.8 (8.6)	45.8 (44.7)	36.0 (36.0)		
Mar 2018 - Feb 2019	813.5 (857.1)	9.7 (9.4)	8.8 (8.6)	46.0 (44.9)	40.0 (40.0)		
Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	844.0 (887.6)	9.9 (9.6)	8.7 (8.5)	45.2 (44.1)	37.5 (37.5)		
May 2018 - Apr 2019	861.7 (905.3)	10.0 (9.7)	8.6 (8.4)	44.8 (43.7)	37.5 (37.5)		
Jun 2018 - May 2019	858.4 (901.0)	8.8 (8.5)	8.6 (8.4)	44.9 (43.8)	37.5 (37.5)		
Jul 2018 - Jun 2019	787.9 (838.3)	8.9 (8.6)	9.0 (8.7)	46.7 (45.4)	41.7 (41.7)		
Aug 2018 - Jul 2019	707.7 (780.9)	9.4 (8.9)	9.4 (9.0)	48.9 (46.9)	50.0 (45.8)		
Sep 2018 - Aug 2019	666.5 (755.3)	9.9 (9.2)	9.6 (9.1)	50.1 (47.6)	54.2 (50.0)		
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	654.1 (748.5)	10.0 (9.3)	9.7 (9.2)	50.5 (47.8)	52.0 (48.0)		
Nov 2018 - Oct 2019	666.5 (693.2)	10.1 (9.8)	9.6 (953)	50.1 (49.3)	54.2 (50.0)		
Dec 2018 - Nov 2019	682.6 (715.2)	10.0 (9.7)	9.5 (9.4)	49.6 (48.7)	48.0 (44.0)		
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	671.4 (704.1)	10.0 (9.7)	9.6 (9.4)	49.9 (49.0)	52.2 (47.8)		
Feb 2019 - Jan 2020	666.7 (699.3)	10.0 (9.7)	9.6(9.4)	50.1 (49.1)	54.5 (50.0)		
Mar 2019 - Feb 2020	643.0 (675.6)	10.0 (9.6)	9.7 (9.4)	50.8 (49.8)	52.4 (47.6)		
Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	614.7 (647.3)	9.6 (9.3)	9.9 (9.6)	51.6 (50.7)	50.0 (47.8)		
May 2019 - Apr 2020	598.3	9.5	10.0	52.1	47.6		
Jun 2019 - May 2020	576.4	9.3	10.1	52.8	45.0		
Jul 2019 - Jun 2020	603.5	9.1	10.0	52.0	45.0		
Aug 2019 - Jul 2020	656.8	9.6	9.7	50.4	40.0		
Sep 2019 - Aug 2020	690.7	9.2	9.5	49.4	33.3		
Oct 2019 - Sep 2020	692.7	9.3	9.5	49.3	35.0		

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- Compliance is evaluated annually based on the 12-month TP FWMC for the federal water year ending on September 30. The compliance periods are shown as highlighted rows with bold, italicized text.
- Results of both Method 1 and Method 2 are presented through the first quarter of 2020 (12-month period ending March 2020):
  - o Method 1 (left value) is computed as S12s + (S333 + S355A + S355B S334).
  - $\circ$  Method 2 (value in parentheses) is computed as S12s + (S333 + S355A + S355B + S356 S334).
- Starting with the 12-month periods ending April to September 2020, results of Method 1.5 for the corresponding 12-month periods are presented:
  - o Method 1.5 is computed as S12s + [S333 + S355A + S355B + minimum (S356, S335) S334]
- All methods use all flow and TP grabs on biweekly compliance sampling dates and do not exclude S334 flow from the total flow for long-term limit calculations.



**Figure 6.** The 12-month TP FWMCs in inflows to ENP through Shark River Slough at the end of each month and TP FWMCs for each sampling event. Method 1 sampling event FWMCs and 12-month moving FWMCs are shown to the end of March 2020. Method 1.5 sampling event FWMCs are shown from May 2019, and 12-month moving FWMCs are shown from the period ending in April 2020.



**Figure 7.** Daily flows at Shark River Slough structures as a stacked sum of all inflows. (Note: cfs – cubic feet per second.)

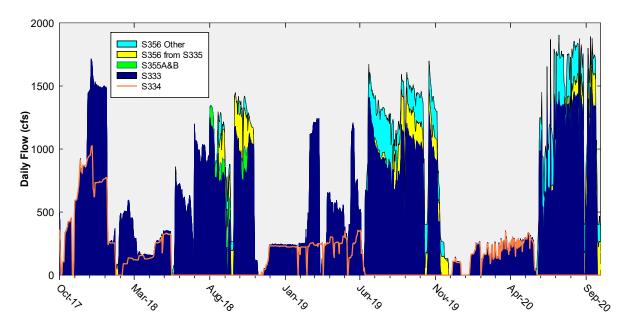


Figure 8. Daily flows into and out of the L-29 Canal.

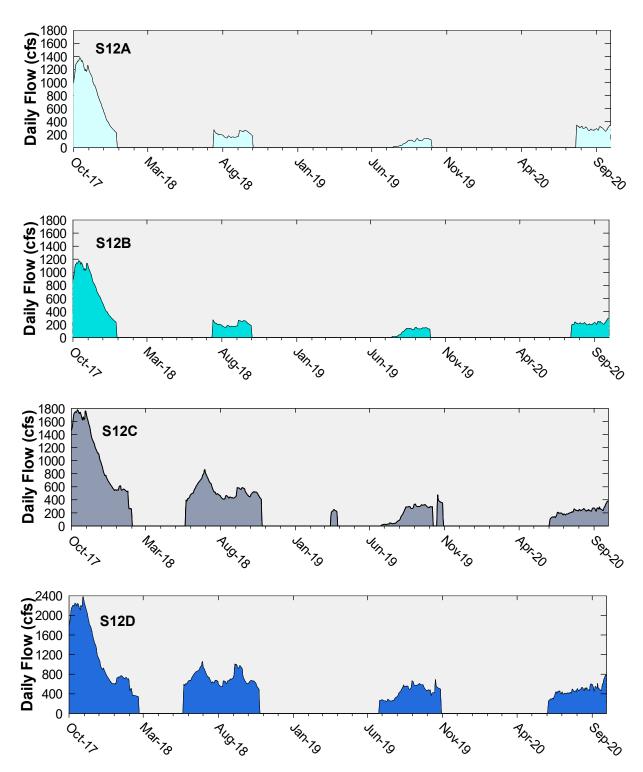


Figure 9. Daily flows at S12 structures to Shark River Slough.

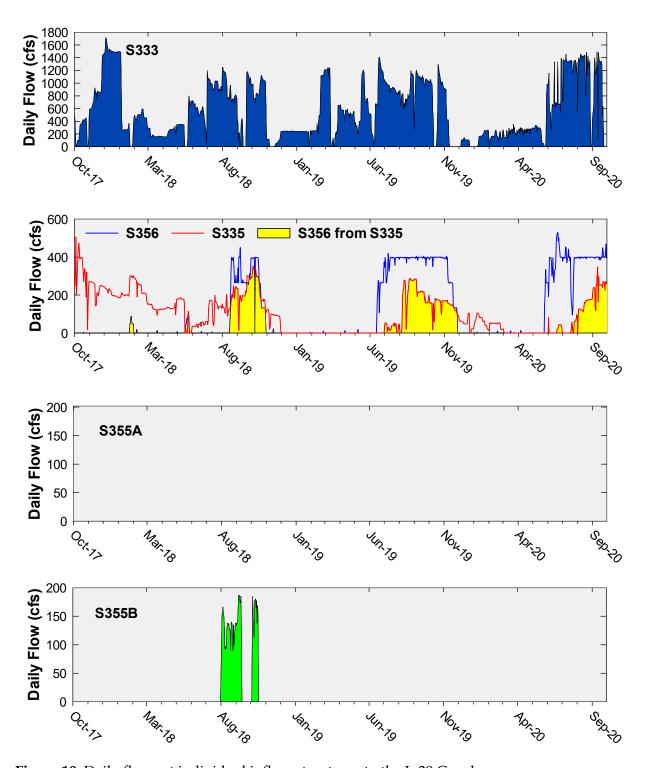
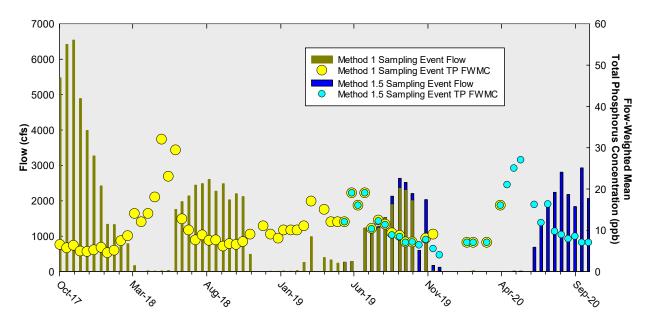


Figure 10. Daily flows at individual inflow structures to the L-29 Canal.



**Figure** 11. Flow to Shark River Slough on the day of sampling and the corresponding TP FWMCs for individual sampling events. Method 1 sampling event flows and FWMCs are shown to March 2020. Method 1.5 sampling event flows and FWMCs are shown beginning May 2019. For the period of May 2019 to March 2020, the results of both methods are shown overlapping.

## **Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins**

### Background

Under the Consent Decree, a single TP long-term limit of 11 ppb, to be met by December 31, 2006, was set for the two points of inflow to Taylor Slough (S332 and S175) and the inflow point to Coastal Basins (S18C) (see Appendix C). The 12-month TP FWMCs have consistently been lower than the long-term limit of 11 ppb.

Inflow TP concentrations to ENP through Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins are compared to the 11 ppb limit at the end of each water year using data from both the old (S175, S332, and S18C) and new (S174, S332D, and S18C) combinations of structures (**Figure 12**). The narrow bars in **Figure 12** represent the 12-month TP FWMCs from S332, S175, and S18C for WY1991 through WY2002. The wider bars for WY1999 and forward represent the new combination of structures.

TP and flow data from both sets of structures presented in prior editions of this report through December 2001 (April 2002 report) showed that, beginning in October 2000, the 12-month moving total flow for S332D, S174, and S18C was consistently greater than flow at S332, S175, and S18C. There was also a shift in TP FWMC data whereby S332D, S174, and S18C concentrations became equal to, and then consistently lower than, the concentrations at S332, S175, and S18C. These changes reflected the switch from S332 to S332D for water delivery to Taylor Slough between July 3 and July 5, 2000. Furthermore, the S174 site was plugged in September 2007, preventing any additional flow. Consequently, for WY2002 through WY2007, compliance tracking was represented by S332D, S174, and S18C. Since WY2008, S332D and S18C have represented the compliance tracking structures.

To facilitate tracking and comparison of the operation of the improved conveyance and delivery system to Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins, three alternative methods were proposed for the 12-month TP FWMC compliance tracking calculation for Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins. Method 1, computed as S332D + S18C; Method 2, computed as S332D + S18C + G737; and Method 3, computed as (S332D - S332DX1 - S328) + S328 + S18C + G737. Tracking of these three methods spanned June 2017 through March 2020. At the August 11, 2020, TOC regular meeting, the TOC representatives voted to select Method 3 as the official compliance method moving forward.

For the 12-month period ending on September 30, 2019, the 12-month TP FWMC calculated using Method 3 was 5.3 ppb, which was lower than the 11.0 ppb long-term limit. Therefore, inflows into ENP through Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins did not exceed the TP limit for WY2020.

## **Reporting Period Update**

At the August 11, 2020, quarterly meeting, the TOC adopted Method 3 for Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins as the official method to calculate and report compliance under Appendix A. Beginning with the second quarter of 2020, only Method 3 results are calculated and presented for Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins. Method 3 calculates FWMCs as [(S332D TP and S332D adjusted flow) + (S328 TP and flow) + (G737 TP and flow) + (S18C TP and flow)] using all flow and TP grabs on weekly compliance sampling dates. S332D adjusted flow is S332D - S332DX1 - S328. **Figure 13** presents the 12-month and individual sampling event TP FWMCs at the TP compliance structures. All TP grab sample concentrations taken on positive flow days reported for surface water monitoring at the sites were used for the compliance calculations.

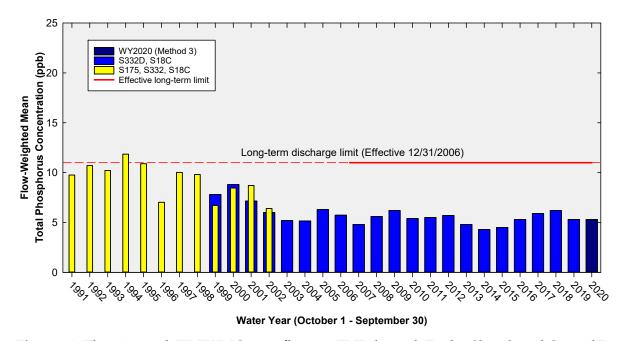
The daily flows toward ENP through S332D (minus S332DX1 flow), G737, and S18C are presented in **Figure 14.** Daily flows from the S332D pumps and downstream structures are presented in **Figure 15**. Daily flows at individual Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins structures into ENP are presented in **Figure 16**.

For the periods ending July, August, and September 2020, the 12-month TP FWMCs were each 5.3 ppb (**Table 4**).

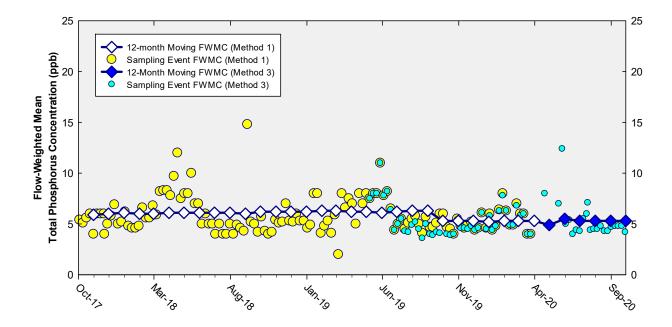
The percent of TP FWMCs greater than 10 ppb from each sampling event in any 12-month period has been much lower than the fixed guideline of 53.1 percent stipulated by the Consent Decree (**Table 4**). The May 26, 2020, sampling event TP FWMC was 12.4 ppb; it was the only sampling event in WY2020 with a TP concentration greater than 10 ppb.

**Figure 17** shows the relationship between daily inflows and the corresponding TP FWMCs for each sampling event. The sampling event TP FWMCs generally remained low. The average of the third quarter sampling event TP FWMCs was 4.9 ppb.

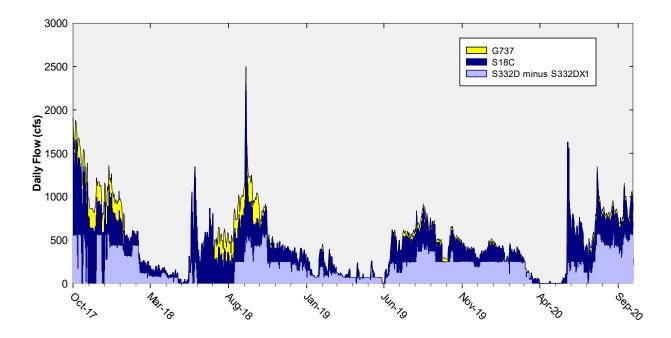
In 1995, the United States Army Corps of Engineers authorized the C-111 Spreader Canal project to restore more natural hydrologic conditions in Taylor Slough and to maintain flood protection east of the L-31N and C-111 canals. The original project facilities consisted of pump stations (S332B, S332C, and S332D), detention cells (Cell 1 through Cell 5), a connector cell between Cell 2 and Cell 3, a flow-way cell originating at Berm B3 of Cell 5, and four diversion structures (DS1 through DS4). DS4 is now known as S328. Since completion of United States Army Corps of Engineers construction contracts 8, 8A, and 9 in 2018, an interconnected detention system exists starting at the S357 discharge to the 8.5 Square Mile Area detention cell and continuing to the S332D detention area.



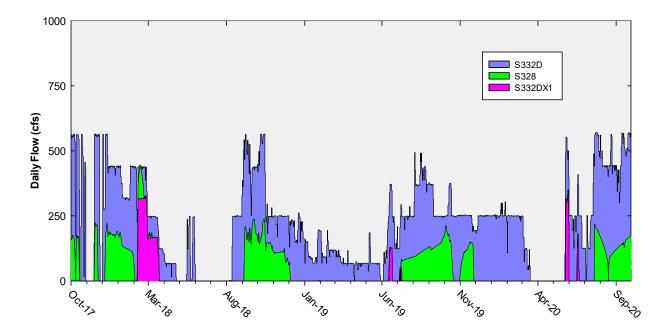
**Figure 12.** The 12-month TP FWMCs in inflows to ENP through Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins at the end of each water year compared to the 11 ppb long-term TP limit. Blue bars show S332D, S174, and S18C for WY1999 through WY2007, and S332D and S18C (Method 1) from WY2008 to WY2019. Method 3 for WY2020 is (S332D - S332DX1 - S328) + S328 + G737 + S18C.



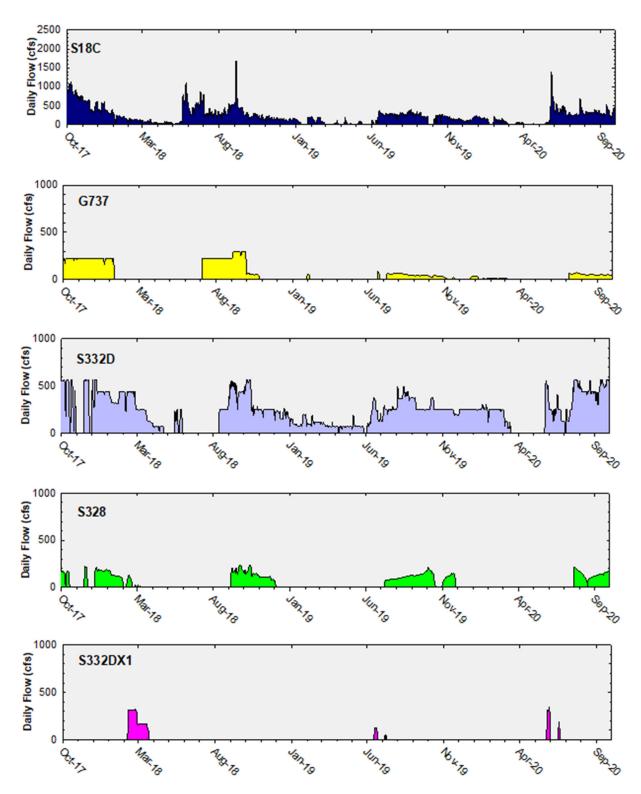
**Figure 13.** The 12-month TP FWMCs in inflows to ENP through Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins at the end of each month and the TP FWMC for each sampling event. Method 1 sampling event FWMCs and 12-month moving FWMCs are shown to the end of March 2020. Method 3 sampling event FWMCs are shown from May 2019, and Method 3 12-month moving FWMCs are shown from the period ending in April 2020.



**Figure 14.** Daily flows into ENP as a stacked sum of Taylor Slough (structures S332D and G737) and Coastal Basins (structure S18C). Daily flow data are missing for S18C from September 23 to September 30, 2019.



**Figure 15.** Daily flows from S332D pumps overlaid with stacked daily flows at downstream structures.

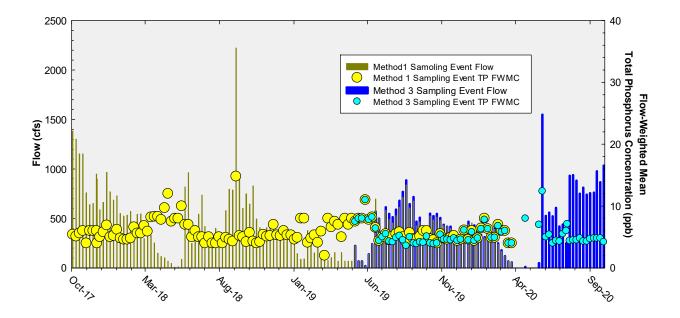


**Figure 16.** Daily flows at individual Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins structures into ENP. G737 flow prior to October 1, 2018, is based on S200 pump flow on days when G737 gates are open. Daily flow data are missing for S18C from September 23 to September 30, 2019.

**Table 4.** Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins TP compliance tracking.

12-Month	Total Flow	Flow-Weighted Mean TP	Long-Term	Percent of Sampling Events Greater than 10 ppb		
Period	(kac-ft)	Concentration (ppb)	Limit (ppb)	Guideline	Observed	
Nov 2016 - Oct 2017	413.4 (463.8, 457.3)	5.9 (6.0, 6.0)	11.0	53.1	1.8 (1.8, 1.8)	
Dec 2016 - Nov 2017	414.5 (478.2, 471.8)	6.0 (6.1, 6.0)	11.0	53.1	1.9 (1.9, 1.9)	
Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	441.4 (518.5, 512.1)	6.1 (6.1, 6.0)	11.0	53.1	2.0 (2.0, 2.0)	
Feb 2017 - Jan 2018	464.4 (545.5, 539.1)	6.0 (6.1, 6.0)	11.0	53.1	2.3 (2.3, 2.3)	
Mar 2017 - Feb 2018	485.3 (566.4, 547.9)	6.0 (6.1, 6.0)	11.0	53.1	2.3 (2.3, 2.3)	
Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	499.1 (580.1, 555.0)	6.1 (6.1, 6.0)	11.0	53.1	2.2 (2.2, 2.2)	
May 2017 - Apr 2018	503.0 (584.1, 559.0)	6.1 (6.1, 6.0)	11.0	53.1	4.3 (4.3, 4.3)	
Jun 2017 - May 2018	526.0 (607.0, 581.9)	6.1 (6.2, 6.1)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Jul 2017 - Jun 2018	512.2 (592.9, 574.2)	6.1 (6.2, 6.0)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Aug 2017 - Jul 2018	476.3 (555.2, 536.5)	6.1 (6.0, 5.9)	11.0	53.1	3.7 (3.7, 3.7)	
Sep 2017 - Aug 2018	448.6 (527.5, 508.8)	6.0 (5.9, 5.8)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	413.3 (500.4, 481.7)	6.2 (6.0, 5.8)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Nov 2017 - Oct 2018	371.5 (447.8, 429.2)	6.2 (6.0, 5.8)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Dec 2017 - Nov 2018	352.0 (415.0, 396.3)	6.2 (6.0, 5.8)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	321.1 (370.7, 352.0)	6.2 (6.0, 5.8)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Feb 2018 - Jan 2019	298.2 (344.1, 325.4)	6.3 (6.1, 5.9)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Mar 2018 - Feb 2019	282.5 (328.7, 322.1)	6.3 (6.1, 5.9)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	272.3 (318.5, 318.4)	6.2 (6.0, 5.9)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
May 2018 - Apr 2019	272.1 (318.3, 318.3)	6.2 (6.0, 5.8)	11.0	53.1	1.9 (1.9, 1.9)	
Jun 2018 - May 2019	253.6 (299.8, 299.8)	6.1 (5.9, 5.8)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Jul 2018 - Jun 2019	246.3 (293.1, 291.6)	6.2 (6.0, 5.8)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Aug 2018 - Jul 2019	257.3 (294.8, 293.0)	6.3 (6.1, 5.9)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Sep 2018 - Aug 2019	266.2 (293.1, 291.3)	6.3 (6.2, 5.9)	11.0	53.1	3.8 (3.8, 3.8)	
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	237.8 (250.4, 248.6)	5.3 (5.2, 4.9)	11.0	53.1	1.9 (1.9, 1.9)	
Nov 2018 - Oct 2019	229.8 (241.6, 239.8)	5.3 (5.2, 5.0)	11.0	53.1	1.9 (1.9, 1.9)	
Dec 2018 - Nov 2019	228.4 (240.4, 238.6)	5.3 (5.2, 4.9)	11.0	53.1	1.9 (1.9, 1.9)	
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	231.5 (244.6, 242.8)	5.2 (5.1, 4.9)	11.0	53.1	1.9 (1.9, 1.9)	
Feb 2019 - Jan 2020	242.3 (255.6, 253.8)	5.3 (5.2, 4.9)	11.0	53.1	1.9 (1.9, 1.9)	
Mar 2019 - Feb 2020	249.4 (262.9, 261.1)	5.3 (5.2, 5.0)	11.0	53.1	1.9 (1.9, 1.9)	
Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	248.7 (262.3, 260.5)	5.3 (5.2, 5.0)	11.0	53.1	1.9 (1.9, 1.9)	
May 2019 - Apr 2020	255.9	4.9	11.0	53.1	2.1	
Jun 2019 - May 2020	268.7	5.5	11.0	53.1	2.2	
Jul 2019 - Jun 2020	282.8	5.3	11.0	53.1	2.1	
Aug 2019 - Jul 2020	291.6	5.3	11.0	53.1	2.1	
Sep 2019 - Aug 2020	297.5	5.3	11.0	53.1	2.1	
Oct 2019 - Sep 2020	318.5	5.3	11.0	53.1	2.1	

- Key to units: kac-feet thousand acre feet; ppb parts per billion (values are actually in μg/L [micrograms per liter], which, for the purposes of this report, are equivalent to ppb).
- Compliance is evaluated annually based on the 12-month TP FWMC for the federal WY ending on September 30. The compliance periods are shown as highlighted rows with bold, italicized text.
- From the 12-month period ending June 2017, results of Method 1, Method 2, and Method 3 are presented:
  - o Method 1 (left value) is computed as S332D + S18C.
  - Method 2 (first value in parentheses) is computed as S332D + S18C + G737.
  - o Method 3 (second value in parentheses) is computed as (S332D S332DX1 S328) + S328 + G737 + 18C.
- Starting with the second quarter of 2020 (12-month periods ending April, May, and June 2020), only results of Method 3 for the corresponding 12-month periods are presented.
- \* Daily flow data are missing for S18C from September 23 to September 30, 2019.



**Figure 17.** Flow from Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins structures (S332D and S18C) on the days of sampling, and the corresponding TP FWMCs for individual sampling events. Method 1 sampling event flows and FWMCs are shown to March 2020. Method 3 sampling event flows and FWMCs are shown beginning May 2019. For the period from May 2019 to March 2020, the results of both methods are shown overlapping.

# **APPENDIX A:**

# MONTHLY TOTAL PHOSPHORUS CONCENTRATION DATA FOR THE ARTHUR R. MARSHALL LOXAHATCHEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

TP concentration data used in this report can be directly retrieved from the South Florida Water Management District's DBHYDRO database by copying and pasting the following link into the address field of a web browser:

http://my.sfwmd.gov/dbhydroplsql/water\_quality\_data.report\_full?v\_where\_clause=where+station\_id+like+('LOX%25')+and+station\_id+not+like+('LOXA%25')+and+test\_number+=+25+and+date\_collected+>=+'01-JUL-2020'+and+date\_collected+<+'01-OCT-2020'+and+sample\_type\_new+=+'SAMP'&v\_target\_code=file\_csv

The link above only generates data that have not been qualified. Qualified water quality data must be retrieved interactively via the DBHYDRO browser.

Stage data for stations 1-7, 1-8C, and 1-9 from the reporting quarter can be retrieved by copying and pasting the following link into the address field of a web browser:

http://my.sfwmd.gov/dbhydroplsql/web\_io.report\_process?v\_period=uspec&v\_start\_dat e=20200701&v\_end\_date=20200930&v\_report\_type=format7&v\_target\_code=file\_csv&v\_ru n\_mode=onLine&v\_js\_flag=Y&v\_dbkey=FE775/FE776/FE777 Settlement Agreement Report July - September 2020

Table A-1. Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge monthly TP data (in parts per billion).

Month-Year	LOX3	LOX4	LOX5	LOX6	LOX7	LOX8	LOX9	LOX10	LOX11	LOX12	LOX13	LOX14	LOX15	LOX16
Oct-2017	7	11	7	6	10	10	9	9	6	8	7	6	6	7
Nov-2017	5	9	5	5	6	8	6	6	5	5	5	5	4	5
Dec-2017	6	6	9	6	7	13	9	9	7	8	6	6	6	6
Jan-2018	4	6	5	4	6	6	5	5	5	4	3	4	3	4
Feb-2018	5	6	6	4	8	8	7	7	6	5	5	6	4	6
Mar-2018	6	5	5	8	5	8	5	6	6	6	6	7	5	7
Apr-2018				7	12	12			11	9	8	9	7	9
May~2018		6		5	6				6	9	5	8	6	7
Jun-2018	8	8	9	7	6	12	7	8	6	6	7	8	6	7
Jul-2018	6	10	œ	7	8	80	7		10	6	6	80	8	7
Aug-2018	6	9		7	6	6	5		7	9	9	8	6	8
Sep-2018	4	7	4	6	7	7	4	9	5	7	6	6	7	7
Oct-2018	7	8	6	5	8	7	6	6	6	7	5	6	5	6
Nov-2018		8	-	8	6	6	12	10	ω	9	ω	7	7	8
Dec-2018		8		5	4	10		7	6	6	6	5	6	5
Jan-2019		8		4	6	12			6	6	6	6	4	6
Feb-2019	16	10	18	7	11	13	10	10	7	7	7	6	6	8
Mar-2019	8	7	7	4	6	9	8	7	6	5	5	6	5	7
Apr-2019			8	6	7	12	21	6	7	6	6	6	5	7
May~2019		9		14	9	20			10	8	10	9	10	9
Jun-2019				8	9	19			9	6	8	9	7	7
Jul-2019	8	11	7	6	7	4	11	10	4	9	7	7	8	8
Aug-2019	7	9	6	6	6	7	8	7	7	9	6	6	7	9
Sep-2019	6	9	10	5	6	9	7	6	7	7	10	6	6	7
Oct-2019		8	6	6	5	12	10	7	8	4	6	6	6	7
Nov-2019	7	6	5	5	5	6	7	7	6	5	4	6	6	5
Dec-2019	6	5	5	4	7	7	7	4	6	5	6	4	5	4
Jan-2020	4	6	6	4	3	6	6	4	6	4	5	5	4	6
Feb-2020	12	6	8	5	5	7	6	5	4	6	5	5	5	6
Mar-2020	6	6	7	5	5	4	5	4	6	5	5	7	4	5
Apr-2020		9		7	11	16	12		8	6	7	7	6	6
May~2020									7	5	8	8	5	7
Jun-2020	10	8		7	10	14	10		6	7	8	5	5	9
Jul-2020	7		6	5	7	9	7		4	5	6	6	7	7
Aug-2020	10	10	6	5	7	6	6	9	6	6	6	6	7	7
Sep-2020	6	11	7	6	8	8	7	8	8	9	7	7	8	11

<sup>---</sup> indicates sample was not collected due to insufficient water depth.

# APPENDIX B:

# WEEKLY GRAB TOTAL PHOSPHORUS CONCENTRATION DATA FOR SHARK RIVER SLOUGH

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http://my.sfwmd.gov/dbhydroplsql/water\_quality\_data.report\_full?v\_where\_clause=where+station\_id+in+('S12A','S12B','S12C','S12D','S333','S355A','S355B','S356-334')+and+test\_number+=+25+and+collect\_method+=+'G'+and+date\_collected+>=+'01-JUL-2020'+and+date\_collected+<+'01-OCT-2020'+and+sample\_type\_new+=+'SAMP'&v\_target\_code=file\_csv

The link only generates data that have not been qualified. Qualified water quality data must be retrieved interactively via the DBHYDRO browser.

The "Preferred DBKEY" daily mean flow data for stations S12A, S12B, S12C, S12D, S333 and S334 and source daily mean flow data for stations, S355A, S355B, S355B Temporary Pumps, and S356 during the reporting quarter can be retrieved by copying and pasting the following link into the address field of a web browser:

http://my.sfwmd.gov/dbhydroplsql/web\_io.report\_process?v\_period=uspec&v\_start\_dat e=20200701&v\_end\_date=20200930&v\_report\_type=format7&v\_target\_code=file\_csv&v\_ru\_n\_mode=onLine&v\_js\_flag=Y&v\_dbkey=FE771/FE772/FE773/FE774/MQ895/MQ896/AM173/64136/15042/FB752

**Table B-1.** Weekly grab TP data (in parts per billion) for Shark River Slough.

Date	S12A	S12B	S12C	S12D	S333	S355A	S355B	S356	Remarks
10/07/2019	12		7	8	8			6	N/A
10/14/2019	8			7	8	6	7	5	Compliance date
10/21/2019	10		7	7	8			8	N/A
10/28/2019	11		7	8	8	9	11	6	Compliance date
11/04/2019	11			5	8			5	N/A
11/12/2019	8			8	9	6	9	5	Compliance date
11/18/2019	8				10			5	N/A
11/25/2019	11			13	9			4	Compliance date
12/02/2019	10			7	8			8	N/A
12/09/2019	9				6	6	5	12	Compliance date
12/16/2019	13				7			13	N/A
12/26/2019	11				8			8	Compliance date
12/30/2019	8				8			9	N/A
01/06/2020	8				9	7	10	9	Compliance date
01/13/2020	7						16	8	N/A
01/13/2020	12						13	7	Compliance date
01/27/2020	10						10	8	N/A
02/03/2020	11				9	8	12	7	Compliance date
02/03/2020	11						12	6	N/A
02/10/2020	10				8	10	10	6	Compliance date
02/17/2020	12						12	8	N/A
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03/02/2020						13			Compliance date
03/09/2020	13						16	10	N/A
03/16/2020	26					29	11	10	Compliance date
03/23/2020	29						14	11	N/A
03/30/2020	38						15	16	Compliance date
04/06/2020	40				23			16	N/A
04/13/2020	37				21			21	Compliance date
04/20/2020	29				19			19	N/A
04/27/2020	20				25	38	33	28	Compliance date
05/04/2020	32				25			23	N/A
05/11/2020	26				27			24	Compliance date
05/18/2020	29				26			24	N/A
05/26/2020	25				21	22	40	11	Compliance date
06/01/2020	42				22			7	N/A
06/08/2020	24		15	17	16			6	Compliance date
06/15/2020	17		10	14	14			5	N/A
06/22/2020	14		8	12	13	10	17	6	Compliance date
06/29/2020	17		10	12	15			5	N/A
07/06/2020	14		10	10	19			6	Compliance date
07/13/2020	22		9	10	9			5	N/A
07/20/2020	9	6	6	10	11	22	14	4	Compliance date
07/27/2020	6	5	5	9	9			5	N/A
08/03/2020	7	6	7	13	9	8	11	5	Compliance date
08/10/2020	6	6	7	9	9			6	N/A
08/17/2020	6	5	6	9	10			4	Compliance date
08/24/2020	6	5	6	8	9			6	N/A
08/31/2020	8	8	9	10	8			5	Compliance date
09/08/2020	6	5	6	8	8			6	N/A
09/14/2020	6	5	5	8	8			5	Compliance date
09/21/2020	6	7	6	8	9			6	N/A
09/28/2020	7	7	7	8	9	6	7	4	Compliance date

<sup>&</sup>quot;Compliance date" indicates biweekly sampling date for Consent Decree calculation.
"N/A" indicates sampling data presented for informational purposes only.

# **APPENDIX C:**

WEEKLY GRAB TOTAL PHOSPHORUS CONCENTRATION DATA FOR TAYLOR SLOUGH AND COASTAL BASINS

TP concentration data used in this report can be directly retrieved from the South Florida Water Management District's DBHYDRO database by copying and pasting the following link into the address field of a web browser:

http://my.sfwmd.gov/dbhydroplsql/water\_quality\_data.report\_full?v\_where\_clause=where+station\_id+in+('S332DX','S18C','S328','G737')+and+test\_number+=+25+and+collect\_method+=+'G'+and+date\_collected+>=+'01-JUL-2020'+and+date\_collected+<+'01-OCT-2020'+and+sample\_type\_new+=+'SAMP'&v\_target\_code=file\_csv

The link only generates data that have not been qualified. Qualified water quality data must be retrieved interactively via the DBHYDRO browser.

The "Preferred DBKEY" daily mean flow data for stations at Taylor Slough and the Coastal Basins (S332D, S18C, S328, and G737) during the reporting quarter can be retrieved by copying and pasting the following link into the address field of a web browser:

http://my.sfwmd.gov/dbhydroplsql/web\_io.report\_process?v\_period=uspec&v\_start\_dat e=20200701&v\_end\_date=20200930&v\_report\_type=format7&v\_target\_code=file\_csv&v\_ru\_n\_mode=onLine&v\_js\_flag=Y&v\_dbkey=15760/TA413/AN558/AI315

Daily flow data are missing for S18C from September 23 to September 30, 2019.

The daily flow at S200 Pump Station on the days when the G737 gates were opened were used as the surrogate daily flow data for G737. The break point gate opening data can be assessed using the following link:

http://my.sfwmd.gov/dbhydroplsql/web\_io.report\_process?v\_period=uspec&v\_start\_dat e=20200701&v\_end\_date=20200930&v\_report\_type=format7&v\_target\_code=file\_csv&v\_ru n\_mode=onLine&v\_js\_flag=Y&v\_dbkey=AN670/AN671/AN672

Table C-1. Weekly grab TP data (in parts per billion) for Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins.

Date         S332DX         S18C         S328         G737           10/01/2019         6         2         5         4           10/08/2019         6         3         4         4           10/15/2019         5         4         3         2           10/22/2019         5         3         4         4           10/29/2019         6         5         4         3           11/05/2019         6         3         5         4           11/19/2019         6         3         5         3           11/26/2019         6         4         5         4           12/03/2019         5         3         10         4           12/10/2019         5         3         10         4           12/17/2019         7         4         9         3           12/26/2019         5         4         5         3           01/02/2020         6         J²         6         4           01/07/2020         4         5         5         4           01/14/2020         6         3         7         4           01/28/2020         7         <				, -	-
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06/09/2020	6	5	11	
06/16/2020	5	3	8	
06/23/2020	5	4	12	
06/30/2020	5	4	7	
07/07/2020	5	6	8	5
07/14/2020	6		10	
07/16/2020		8	-	4
07/21/2020	5	4	4	4
07/28/2020	6	4	3	3
08/04/2020	6	4	3	3
08/11/2020	6	4	4	3
08/18/2020	5	4	3	3
08/25/2020	6	3	3	2
09/01/2020	6	4	3	4
09/09/2020	6	4	4	4
09/15/2020	6	4	4	4
09/22/2020	6	4	3	3
09/29/2020	5	4	3	3

<sup>--</sup> indicates a water sample was not collected.

<sup>&</sup>quot;J1" indicates the sample was collected from a disconnected pool and is not representative of the surrounding water body; the surrounding area was dry.

<sup>&</sup>quot;J²" indicates the precision or accuracy criteria were not met.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Y" indicates the analysis was performed on an improperly preserved sample

# APPENDIX D:

# **CALCULATION METHODS**

#### Long Term Marsh Concentration Levels for Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

#### **Long Term Marsh Concentration Levels:**

$$C = 10.7172 - 0.541156S + 1.372\sqrt{7.5819 - 0.9310S + 0.02902216S^2}$$

#### Terms:

C = the natural log of the geometric mean total phosphorus concentration across 14 marsh stations.

S = average stage measured at gauges CA1-9, CA1-7, and CA1-8C on sampling date (feet).

This equation is applicable over a stage range of 15.42 to 17.14 feet. If the stage on any sampling date exceeds 17.14 feet, a stage of 17.14 feet should be used in calculating the long term concentration levels. The equation shall not apply to dates when the average stage is less than 15.42 feet.

(1991 Settlement Agreement entered as a Consent Decree in 1992 and modified in 1995, Exhibit B, Appendix B, Attachment II, page B-7)

#### Discharge Limits and OFW Standards for Shark River Slough

#### **Interim Discharge Limit:**

$$C = 11.16 - 0.00465Q + 1.397\sqrt{6.377 - 0.00591Q + 0.00000436Q^2}$$

#### Long-Term Discharge Limit & OFW Standard:

$$C = 11.38 - 0.00538Q + 1.397\sqrt{2.493 - 0.00231Q + 0.00000170\ Q^2}$$

#### Frequency Exceedance:

$$F = 48.411 - 0.02896 Q + 1.397 \sqrt{330.1 - 0.3071} Q + 0.0002254 Q^{2}$$

#### Terms:

Water Year = October through September

Q = total inflow to Shark River Slough for water year, S-12s + S-333 + any additional inflow from the WCAs established in the future, thousand acre-ft/yr (kac-ft/yr).

C = limit on maximum flow-weighted-mean inflow concentration for any Water Year, composite of all inflows to Shark Slough (ppb).

F = exceedance for maximum frequency (percent) of inflow concentrations exceeding 10 ppb, computed from the time series of concentrations composited across all inflow structures on each sampling date with positive flow in a given Water Year.

The range of flow (Q) used in deriving the limits is 117 to 1061 kac-ft/yr. If the total flow for any water year exceeds 1061 kac-ft/yr, a flow of 1061 kac-ft/yr should be used in calculating the discharge limits.

(1991 Settlement Agreement entered as a Consent Decree in 1992 and modified in 1995, Exhibit B, Appendix A, Attachment I, page A-5)

#### Discharge Limits and OFW Standards for Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins

Long-Term Flow-Weighted Discharge Limit & OFW Standard = 11.0 ppb

#### **Frequency Exceedance:**

Frequency of values > 10 ppb must be less than 53.1%.

#### Terms:

Limits are defined on a Water Year basis, October through September.

Basin flow is the total flow through structures S-332, S-175, S-18C, plus any new release points from this basin established in the future, thousand acre-ft/yr (kac-ft/yr).

Limits apply to the flow-weighted-mean concentration for any Water Year, composite of all inflows to Taylor Slough (S-332) and Coastal Basin (S-18C).

Frequency exceedance is the exceedance for maximum frequency (percent) of inflow concentrations exceeding 10 ppb, computed from the time series of concentrations composited across all inflow structures on each sampling date with positive flow in a given Water Year.

(1991 Settlement Agreement entered as a Consent Decree in 1992 and modified in 1995, Exhibit B, Appendix A, Attachment II, page A-6)

# **APPENDIX E:**

# **DOCUMENT REVISIONS**

**Table E-1.** Revisions to this report since initial publication.

Page/Date	Original	Revision
Cover	February 10, 2020  Shark River Slough compliance results are published annually in this report when the final approved flow data for a federal water year (WY) are available. The WY2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020) results will be published at that time.	April 27, 2021 (Original: February 10, 2020)  This report has been revised from earlier versions to include Shark River Slough compliance results using the final approved flow data for federal WY 2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020).
Contents		The Contents section was revised to reflect the revisions to the Shark River Slough section, the change of data from 'provisional' to 'final' in Table 3, and the addition of Figures 5 through 11.
Page 1 Executive Summary	<b>Shark River Slough:</b> Tracking results based on provisional data for the third quarter of 2020 are presented. When the final data are available, the final federal Water Year (WY) 2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020) 12-month TP flow weighted mean concentrations (FWMCs) will be published separately as a revision to the third quarter 2020 report.	Shark River Slough: The 12-month TP flow-weighted mean concentration (FWMC) calculated using Method 1.5 was below the 12-month long-term limit during the federal Water Year (WY), WY2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020).
Page 1 Table 1	<b>Table 1.</b> Third quarter 2019 TP compliance results for the Refuge, TP calculation provisional tracking results for Shark River Slough, and TP calculation tracking results for Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins.	<b>Table 1.</b> Third quarter 2020 TP compliance results for the Refuge, Shark River Slough, and Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins.
	Everglades National Park — Shark River Slough — PROVISIONAL DATA and RESULTS	Everglades National Park – Shark River Slough.
	(The 12-month moving compliance values for the quarter calculated using the provisional flow data and the methods described in the following notes were presented.)	(The 12-month moving compliance values for the quarter calculated using the final approved flow data and the methods described in the following notes were presented.)
Pages 7 through 16 Everglades National Park Shark River Slough Reporting Period Update		The entire section was updated to present the third quarter of 2020, inclusive of WY2020 compliance values, calculated using the approved final flow data. Table 3 was modified to reflect the final flow data for S12s, and Figures 5 through 11 were added.
Pages 17 through 23 Everglades National Park Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins		Figure and table numbers were adjusted to reflect the addition of the figures and tables in the Shark River Slough section.
Page B-1 Appendix B	(DBKEYS and a URL to retrieve the provisional flow data used in this report for WY2017 for stations at Shark River Slough, S12A, S12B, S12C, S12D, S333, S334, S355A, S355B, S355B Temporary Pumps, and S356 were provided.)	(DBKEYS and a URL to retrieve the final approved flow data used in this report for WY2018 for stations at Shark River Slough, S12A, S12B, S12C, S12D, S333, S334, S355A, S355B, S355B Temporary Pumps, and S356 were provided.)