

Application of the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS2008) on 3/29/2021 (ENSO Condition: La Niña)

Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow Outlook:

The Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow Outlook has been computed using 4 methods: Croley's method¹, the SFWMD empirical method², a sub-sampling of La Nina years³ and a sub-sampling of warm years of the Atlantic Multi-decadal Oscillation (AMO) in combination with La Nina ENSO years⁴. The results for Croley's method and the SFWMD empirical method are based on the CPC Outlook.

Table of the Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow Outlooks in feet of equivalent depth. All methods are updated on a weekly basis with observed net inflow for the current month.

Season	Croley's Method ^{1*}		SFWMD Empirical Method ²		Sub-sampling of La Nina ENSO Years ³		Sub-sampling of AMO Warm + La Nina ENSO Years ⁴	
	Value (ft)	<u>Condition</u>	Value (ft)	<u>Condition</u>	Value (ft)	<u>Condition</u>	Value (ft)	<u>Condition</u>
Current (Mar-Aug)	N/A	N/A	0.87	Normal	0.75	Normal	0.81	Normal
Multi Seasonal (Mar-Oct)	N/A	N/A	2.38	Normal	2.09	Normal	2.06	Normal

***Croley's Method Not Produced for This Report.** See Seasonal and Multi-Seasonal tables for the classification of Lake Okeechobee Outlooks.

The recommended methods and values for estimating the Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow Outlook are shaded and should be used in the LORS2008 Release Guidance Flow Charts.

****Sub-sampling is a weighted average of ENSO conditions based on the ENSO forecast used.**

Tributary Hydrologic Conditions Graph:

-2218 cfs 14-day running average for Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow through 3/28/2021. According to the classification in Tributary Hydrologic Conditions table, this condition is Dry.

-1.22 for Palmer Drought Index on 3/27/2021.

According to the classification in Tributary Hydrologic Conditions table, this condition is Normal.

The wetter of the two conditions above is **Normal**.

LORS2008 Classification Tables:

Lake Okeechobee Stage on 3/29/2021:

Lake Okeechobee Stage: **14.53 feet**

Lake Okeechobee Management Zone/Band		Bottom Elevation (feet, NGVD)	Current Lake Stage
High Lake Management Band		17.25	
Operational Band	High sub-band	16.52	
	Intermediate sub-band	15.53	
	Low sub-band	13.50	← 14.53 ft
Base Flow sub-band		12.60	
Beneficial Use sub-band		11.72	
Water Shortage Management Band			

Part C of LORS2008: Discharge to WCAs

Up to Maximum Practicable to the WCAs if desirable or with minimum Everglades impact; otherwise no releases to WCAs.

Part D of LORS2008: Discharge to Tide

Up to 450 cfs at S-79 and up to 200 cfs at S-80.

LORS2008 Implementation on 3/29/2021 (ENSO Condition- La Nina):

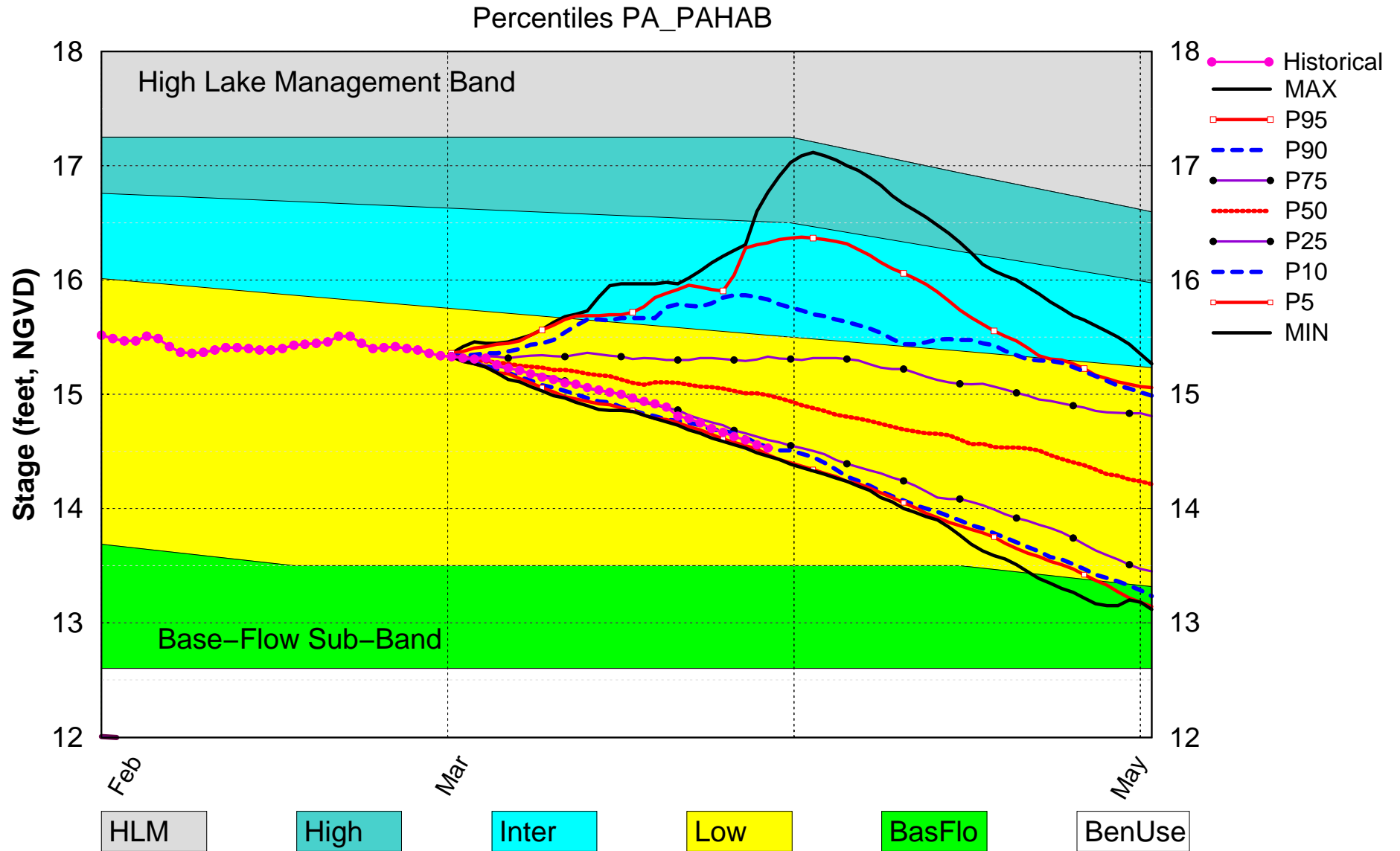
Status for week ending 3/29/2021:

Water Supply Risk Evaluation

Area	Indicator	Value	Color Coded Scoring Scheme
LOK	Projected LOK Stage for the next two months	Low Sub-band	M
	Palmer Drought Index for LOK Tributary Conditions	-1.22 (Dry)	M
	CPC Precipitation Outlook	1 month: Below Normal	M
		3 months: Normal	L
	LOK Seasonal Net Inflow Outlook	0.75 ft	M
	ENSO Forecast	Dry	
	LOK Multi-Seasonal Net Inflow Outlook	2.09 ft	M
	ENSO Forecast	Normal	
WCAs	WCA 1: 3 Station Average (Site 1-7, 1-8T and 1-9)	Above Line 1 (16.38 ft)	L
	WCA 2A: Site 2-17	Above Line 1 (11.63 ft)	L
	WCA-3A: 3 Station Average (Site 63, 64 and 65)	Above Line 1 (9.54 ft)	L
LEC	Service Area 1	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L
	Service Area 2	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L
	Service Area 3	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L

Note: The water supply risk classification based on the Palmer index, as well as the LOK seasonal and multi-seasonal net inflow outlooks use slightly different classification intervals than those used by the 2008-LORS.

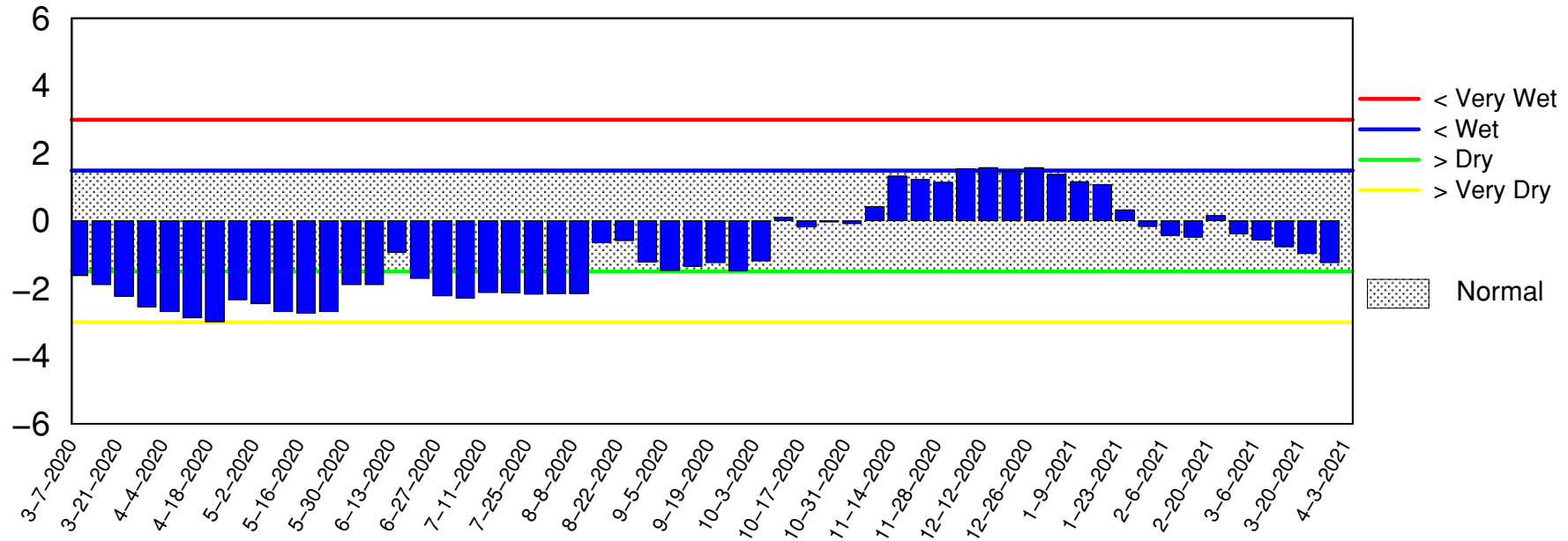
Lake Okeechobee SFWMM Mar 2021 Position Analysis



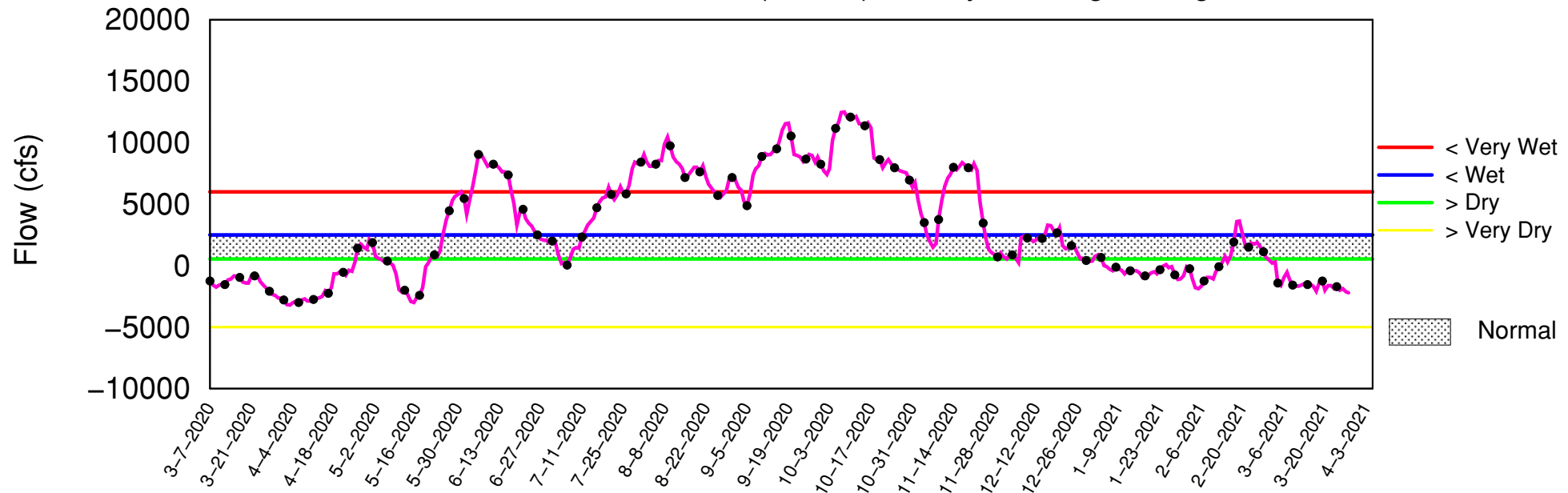
(See assumptions on the Position Analysis Results website)

Tributary Basin Condition Indicators as of March 29 2021

Palmer Index



Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow (LONIN) 14-day Running Average



2008 LORS

Part C: Establish Allowable Lake Okeechobee Releases to the Water Conservation Areas

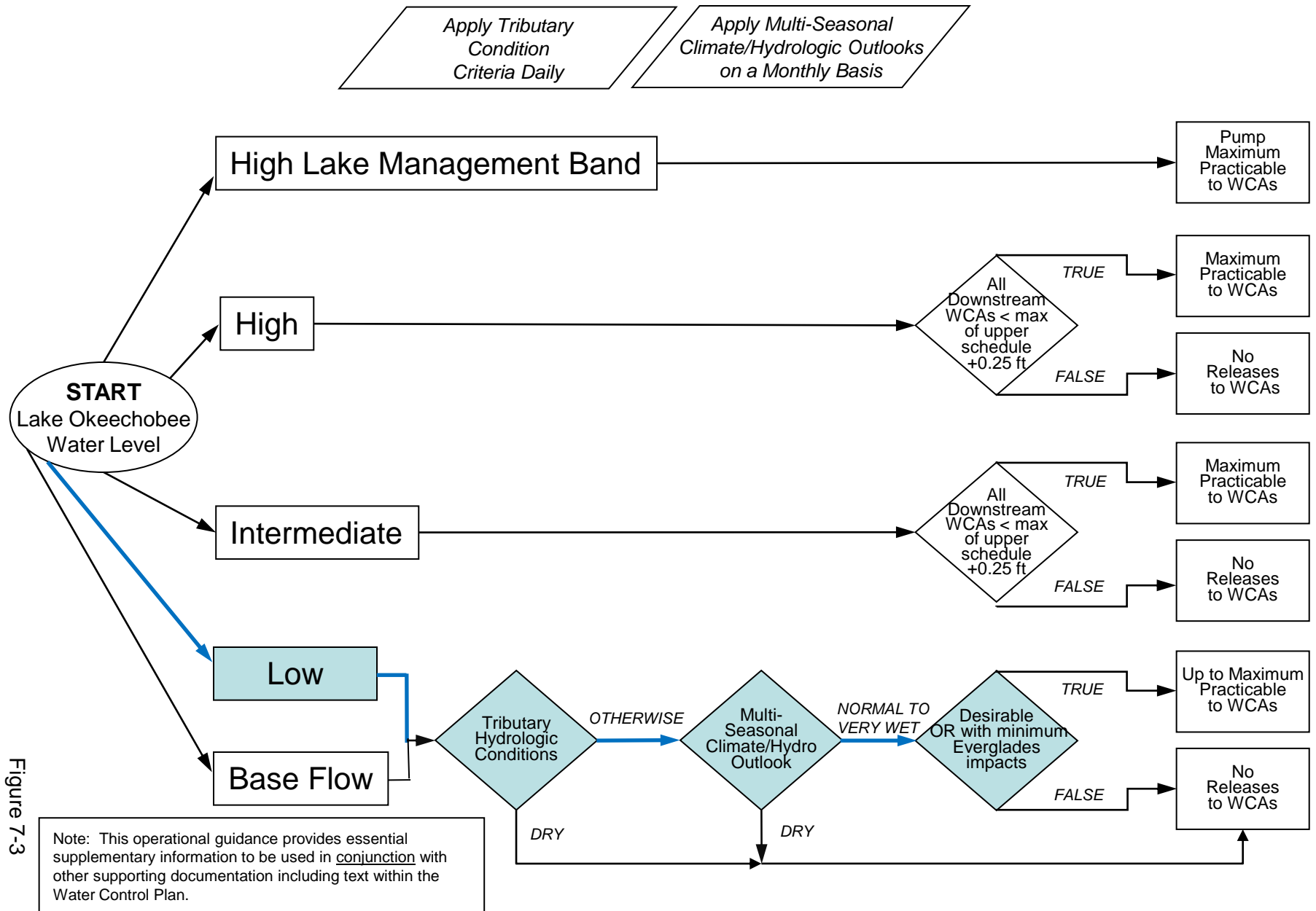
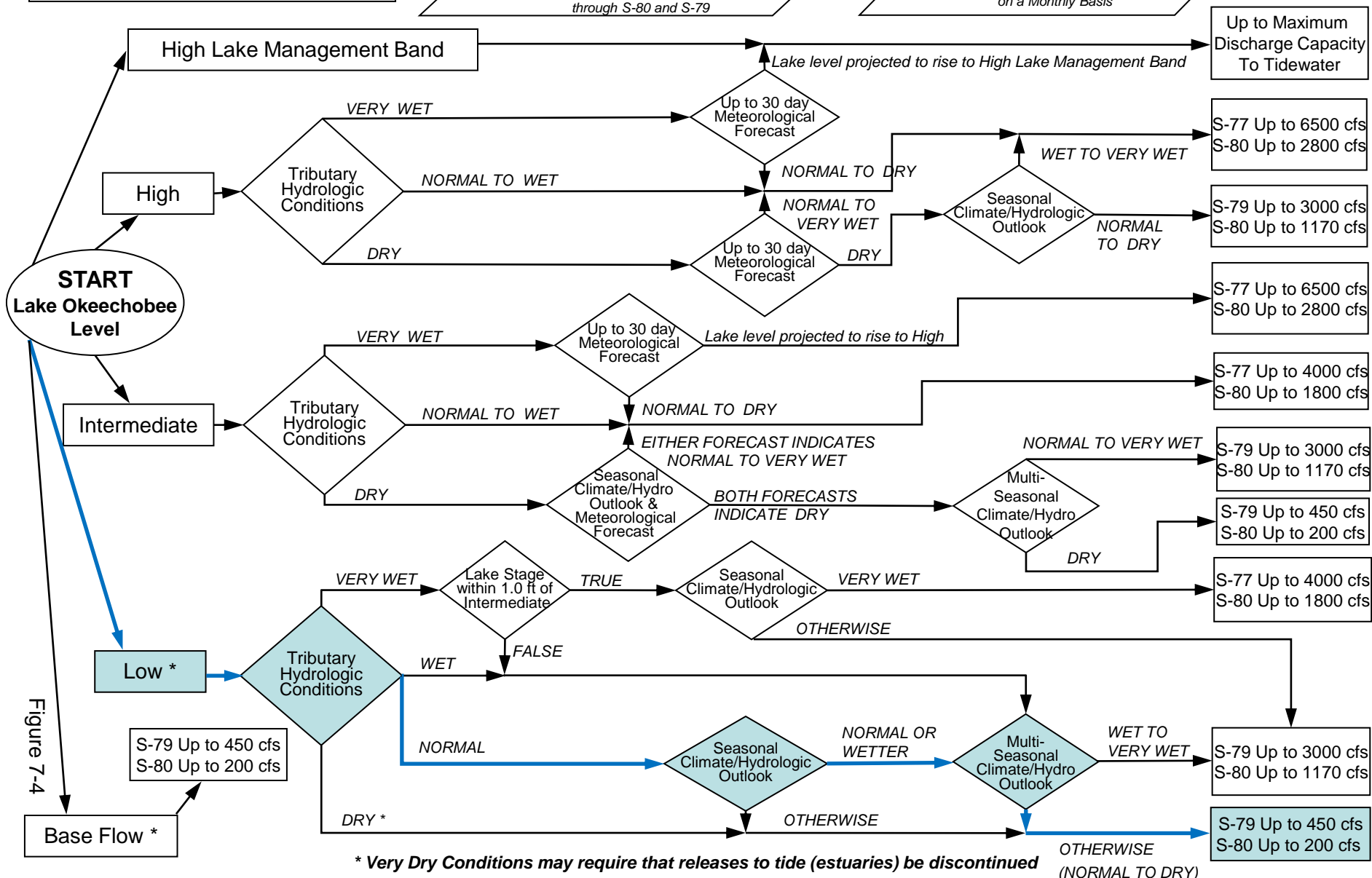


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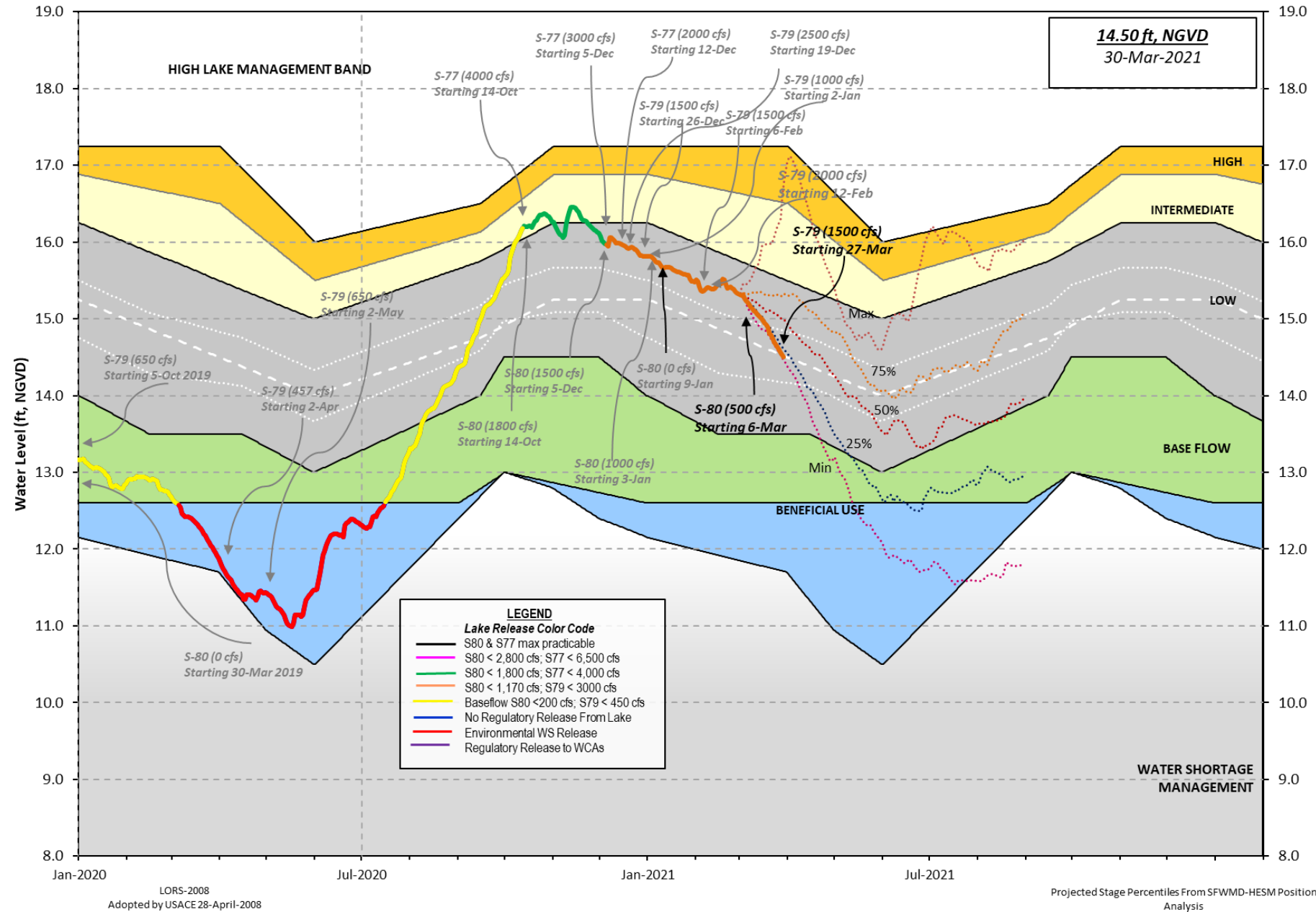
Part D: Establish Allowable Lake Okeechobee Releases to Tide (Estuaries)

*When conducting Base Flow releases,
flows can be distributed East and West
up to 650 cfs as needed
to minimize impacts or provide benefits
through S-80 and S-79*

Apply Meteorological Forecasts on a Weekly Basis; apply Seasonal and Multi-Seasonal Climate/Hydrologic Outlooks on a Monthly Basis



Lake Okeechobee Water Level History and Projected Stages



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Data Ending 2400 hours 28 MAR 2021

Okeechobee Lake Regulation	Elevation (ft-NGVD)	Last Year (ft-NGVD)	2YRS Ago (ft-NGVD)
*Okeechobee Lake Elevation	14.53	11.98	11.94 (Official Elv)
Bottom of High Lake Mngmt= 17.25 Top of Water Short Mngmt= 11.72			
Currently in Operational Management Band			

Simulated Average LORS2008 [1965-2000]	13.07
Difference from Average LORS2008	1.46

28MAR (1965-2007) Period of Record Average	14.33
Difference from POR Average	0.20

Today Lake Okeechobee elevation is determined from the 4 Int & 4 Edge stations

++Navigation Depth (Based on 2007 Channel Condition Survey) Route 1  8.47'
 ++Navigation Depth (Based on 2008 Channel Condition Survey) Route 2  6.67'
 Bridge Clearance = 49.12'

4 Interior and 4 Edge Okeechobee Lake Average (Avg-Daily values):

L001	L005	L006	LZ40	S4	S352	S308	S133
14.54	14.58	14.52	14.51	14.47	14.60	14.54	14.52

*Combination Okeechobee Avg-Daily Lake Average = 14.53
 (*See Note)

Okeechobee Inflows (cfs):

S65E	704	S65EX1	0	Fisheating Cr	0
S154	0	S191	0	S135 Pumps	0
S84	0	S133 Pumps	0	S2 Pumps	0
S84X	0	S127 Pumps	0	S3 Pumps	0
S71	0	S129 Pumps	0	S4 Pumps	0
S72	0	S131 Pumps	0	C5	0
Total Inflows: 704					

Okeechobee Outflows (cfs):

S135 Culverts	0	S354	594	S77	1640
S127 Culverts	0	S351	1049	S308	566
S129 Culverts	0	S352	815		
S131 Culverts	0	L8 Canal Pt	-NR-		
Total Outflows: 4663					

****S77 structure flow is being used to compute Total Outflow.
 ****S308 structure flow is being used to compute Total Outflow.

Okeechobee Pan Evaporation (inches):

S77	0.23	S308	0.24
Average Pan Evap x 0.75 Pan Coefficient = 0.18" = 0.01'			

Lake Average Precipitation using NEXRAD: = -NR-" = -NR-'

Evaporation - Precipitation: = -NR-" = -NR-'
 Evaporation - Precipitation using Lake Area of 730 square miles

is equal to -NR-
 Lake Okeechobee (Change in Storage) Flow is -6353 cfs or -12600 AC-FT

	Headwater Elevation (ft-msl)	Tailwater Elevation (ft-msl)	Disch (cfs)	----- Gate Positions -----							
				#1 (ft)	#2 (ft)	#3 (ft)	#4 (ft)	#5 (ft)	#6 (ft)	#7 (ft)	#8 (ft)
(I) see note at bottom											
North East Shore											
S133 Pumps:	13.66	14.47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(cfs)
S193:											
S191:	18.22	14.49	0	0.0	-NR-	0.0					
S135 Pumps:	13.08	14.43	0	0	0	0	0				(cfs)
S135 Culverts:			0	0.0	0.0						
North West Shore											
S65E:	21.13	14.44	704	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0		
S65EX1:	21.13	14.44	0								
S127 Pumps:	13.35	14.44	0	0	0	0	0	0			(cfs)
S127 Culvert:			0	0.0							
S129 Pumps:	12.94	14.50	0	0	0	0					(cfs)
S129 Culvert:			0	0.0							
S131 Pumps:	13.06	14.48	0	0	0						(cfs)
S131 Culvert:			0								
Fisheating Creek											
nr Palmdale		27.92	0								
nr Lakeport											
C5:		-NR-	0	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-					
South Shore											
S4 Pumps:	11.38	14.46	0	0	0	0					(cfs)
S169:	14.48	11.42	0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
S310:	14.43		57								
S3 Pumps:	11.46	14.55	0	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-					(cfs)
S354:	14.55	11.46	594	1.0	1.0						
S2 Pumps:	11.02	-NR-	0	0	0	0	0				(cfs)
S351:	-NR-	11.02	1049	1.2	1.6	1.4					
S352:	14.63	11.15	815	1.2	1.4						
C10A:	-NR-	14.41		8.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0			
L8 Canal PT			-NR-								

S351 and S352 Temporary Pumps/S354 Spillway

S351:	11.02	-NR-	1049	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-
S352:	11.15	14.63	815	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-
S354:	11.46	14.55	594	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-

Caloosahatchee River (S77, S78, S79)

S47B:	14.13	12.44		1.0	1.0				
S47D:	12.50	10.95	0	0.0					
S77:									
Spillway and Sector Preferred Flow:									
	14.19	10.87	1632	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0		
Flow Due to Lockages+:			8						

S78:

Spillway and Sector Flow:

10.88 2.77 1254 2.0 0.0 0.0 2.0
 Flow Due to Lockages+: 14

S79:

Spillway and Sector Flow:

2.91 0.85 1467 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.5
 Flow Due to Lockages+: 9
 Percent of flow from S77 111%
 Chloride (ppm) 0

St. Lucie Canal (S308, S80)

S308:

Spillway and Sector Preferred Flow:

14.57 14.38 565 0.0 3.5 4.0 0.0
 Flow Due to Lockages+: 1

S153: 18.83 14.05 0 0.0 0.0

S80:

Spillway and Sector Flow:

14.23 1.42 406 0.0 0.0 0.5 0.0 0.5 0.0 0.0
 Flow Due to Lockages+: 26
 Percent of flow from S308 139%

Steele Point Top Salinity (mg/ml) ****

Steele Point Bottom Salinity (mg/ml) ****

Speedy Point Top Salinity (mg/ml) ****

Speedy Point Bottom Salinity (mg/ml) ****

+ Flow Due to lockages is computed utilizing average daily headwater and tailwater along with total number of lockages for the day to calculate a volume which is then converted to an average discharge in cfs.

++ Preferred flow is determined from either the spillway discharge or the below flow meter daily

Daily Precipitation Totals	1-Day (inches)	3-Day (inches)	7-Day (inches)	----- Wind -----	
				Direction (Deg)	Speed (mph)
S133 Pump Station:	-NR-	0.00	0.00		
S193:	-NR-	0.00	0.00	-NR-	-NR-
Okeechobee Field Station:	-NR-	0.00	0.00		
S135 Pump Station:	-NR-	0.00	0.00		
S127 Pump Station:	-NR-	0.00	0.00		
S129 Pump Station:	-NR-	0.00	0.00		
S131 Pump Station:	-NR-	0.00	0.00		
S77:	0.23	0.23	0.23	194	1
S78:	10.51	10.51	10.51	170	0
S79:	0.00	0.00	0.00	291	1
S4 Pump Station:	-NR-	0.00	0.00		
Clewiston Field Station:	-NR-	0.00	0.00		
S3 Pump Station:	-NR-	0.00	0.00		
S2 Pump Station:	-NR-	0.00	0.00		
S308:	15.47	15.47	15.47	302	11
S80:	2.91	2.91	2.91	34	1
Okeechobee Average (Sites S78, S79 and S80 not included)	7.85	1.21	1.21		

Oke Nexrad Basin Avg	-NR-	0.00	0.00		

Okeechobee Lake Elevations 28 MAR 2021 14.53 Difference from 28MAR21
 28MAR21 -1 Day = 27 MAR 2021 14.56 0.03

28MAR21	-2 Days =	26 MAR 2021	14.60	0.07
28MAR21	-3 Days =	25 MAR 2021	14.63	0.10
28MAR21	-4 Days =	24 MAR 2021	14.67	0.14
28MAR21	-5 Days =	23 MAR 2021	14.70	0.17
28MAR21	-6 Days =	22 MAR 2021	14.75	0.22
28MAR21	-7 Days =	21 MAR 2021	14.79	0.26
28MAR21	-30 Days =	26 FEB 2021	15.36	0.83
28MAR21	-1 Year =	28 MAR 2020	11.98	-2.55
28MAR21	-2 Year =	28 MAR 2019	11.94	-2.59

Long Term Mean 30day Avearge ET for Lake Alfred (Inches) = -NR-

Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow (LONIN)

Average Flow over the previous 14 days				Avg-Daily Flow
28MAR21	Today =	28 MAR 2021	-2218 MON	-1330
28MAR21	-1 Day =	27 MAR 2021	-2129 SUN	-3329
28MAR21	-2 Days =	26 MAR 2021	-1913 SAT	-970
28MAR21	-3 Days =	25 MAR 2021	-2029 FRI	-2776
28MAR21	-4 Days =	24 MAR 2021	-1714 THU	-424
28MAR21	-5 Days =	23 MAR 2021	-1889 WED	-4780
28MAR21	-6 Days =	22 MAR 2021	-1632 TUE	-3746
28MAR21	-7 Days =	21 MAR 2021	-1645 MON	1205
28MAR21	-8 Days =	20 MAR 2021	-2031 SUN	-12746
28MAR21	-9 Days =	19 MAR 2021	-1266 SAT	-2012
28MAR21	-10 Days =	18 MAR 2021	-1382 FRI	815
28MAR21	-11 Days =	17 MAR 2021	-2119 THU	-803
28MAR21	-12 Days =	16 MAR 2021	-1692 WED	-757
28MAR21	-13 Days =	15 MAR 2021	-1577 TUE	605

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Average Flow over previous 14 days				Avg-Daily Flow
28MAR21	Today=	28 MAR 2021	902 MON	808
28MAR21	-1 Day =	27 MAR 2021	917 SUN	758
28MAR21	-2 Days =	26 MAR 2021	937 SAT	768
28MAR21	-3 Days =	25 MAR 2021	956 FRI	720
28MAR21	-4 Days =	24 MAR 2021	980 THU	745
28MAR21	-5 Days =	23 MAR 2021	999 WED	850
28MAR21	-6 Days =	22 MAR 2021	1012 TUE	946
28MAR21	-7 Days =	21 MAR 2021	1020 MON	979
28MAR21	-8 Days =	20 MAR 2021	1026 SUN	990
28MAR21	-9 Days =	19 MAR 2021	1034 SAT	1006
28MAR21	-10 Days =	18 MAR 2021	1038 FRI	998
28MAR21	-11 Days =	17 MAR 2021	1043 THU	994
28MAR21	-12 Days =	16 MAR 2021	1048 WED	1014
28MAR21	-13 Days =	15 MAR 2021	1056 TUE	1046

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Average Flow over previous 14 days				Avg-Daily Flow
28MAR21	Today=	28 MAR 2021	0 MON	0
28MAR21	-1 Day =	27 MAR 2021	0 SUN	0
28MAR21	-2 Days =	26 MAR 2021	0 SAT	0
28MAR21	-3 Days =	25 MAR 2021	0 FRI	0
28MAR21	-4 Days =	24 MAR 2021	0 THU	0
28MAR21	-5 Days =	23 MAR 2021	0 WED	0
28MAR21	-6 Days =	22 MAR 2021	0 TUE	0
28MAR21	-7 Days =	21 MAR 2021	0 MON	0
28MAR21	-8 Days =	20 MAR 2021	0 SUN	0
28MAR21	-9 Days =	19 MAR 2021	0 SAT	0
28MAR21	-10 Days =	18 MAR 2021	0 FRI	0
28MAR21	-11 Days =	17 MAR 2021	0 THU	0
28MAR21	-12 Days =	16 MAR 2021	0 WED	0
28MAR21	-13 Days =	15 MAR 2021	0 TUE	0

Lake Okeechobee Outlets Last 14 Days

		S-77	Below S-77	S-78	S-79
		Discharge	Discharge	Discharge	Discharge
		(ALL DAY)	(ALL-DAY)	(ALL DAY)	(ALL DAY)
DATE		(AC-FT)	(AC-FT)	(AC-FT)	(AC-FT)
28 MAR 2021		3262	3319	2519	2921
27 MAR 2021		3338	3328	2336	3518
26 MAR 2021		3965	3944	2723	4311
25 MAR 2021		3935	3765	2719	3615
24 MAR 2021		3982	3788	2709	3622
23 MAR 2021		4105	3759	2701	3618
22 MAR 2021		3179	3015	2720	4098
21 MAR 2021		4116	3988	3291	3992
20 MAR 2021		4407	4246	3163	4122
19 MAR 2021		3522	3440	2924	4519
18 MAR 2021		3458	3472	2934	3633
17 MAR 2021		3569	3561	2953	3807
16 MAR 2021		3628	3639	2958	3661
15 MAR 2021		3633	3690	2945	4124

		S-310	S-351	S-352	S-354	L8 Canal Pt
		Discharge	Discharge	Discharge	Discharge	Discharge
		(ALL DAY)	(ALL DAY)	(ALL DAY)	(ALL DAY)	(ALL DAY)
DATE		(AC-FT)	(AC-FT)	(AC-FT)	(AC-FT)	(AC-FT)
28 MAR 2021		112	2080	1616	1177	-NR-
27 MAR 2021		202	2231	1693	1253	-NR-
26 MAR 2021		321	2157	1686	1200	-NR-
25 MAR 2021		175	2332	1670	1199	-NR-
24 MAR 2021		273	2333	1593	1012	-NR-
23 MAR 2021		126	2137	1498	879	-NR-
22 MAR 2021		92	2167	720	1136	-NR-
21 MAR 2021		215	2688	763	1496	-NR-
20 MAR 2021		222	872	347	2124	-NR-
19 MAR 2021		210	1002	784	1878	-NR-
18 MAR 2021		237	2042	791	1661	-NR-
17 MAR 2021		255	2221	1018	1832	-NR-
16 MAR 2021		287	2152	1094	1886	-NR-
15 MAR 2021		69	2360	993	1112	-NR-

		S-308	Below S-308	S-80
		Discharge	Discharge	Discharge
		(ALL DAY)	(ALL-DAY)	(ALL-DAY)
DATE		(AC-FT)	(AC-FT)	(AC-FT)
28 MAR 2021		1140	1292	857
27 MAR 2021		954	1126	663
26 MAR 2021		988	1248	785
25 MAR 2021		1462	1716	1113
24 MAR 2021		1997	2416	1362
23 MAR 2021		2074	2284	1535
22 MAR 2021		1327	1301	1229
21 MAR 2021		994	954	812
20 MAR 2021		605	635	549
19 MAR 2021		1092	764	785
18 MAR 2021		1626	1699	1143
17 MAR 2021		1935	2242	1368
16 MAR 2021		1902	2149	1654
15 MAR 2021		1228	1269	1231

*** NOTE: Discharge (ALL DAY) is computed using Spillway, Sector Gate and Lockages Discharges from 0015 hrs to 2400 hrs.

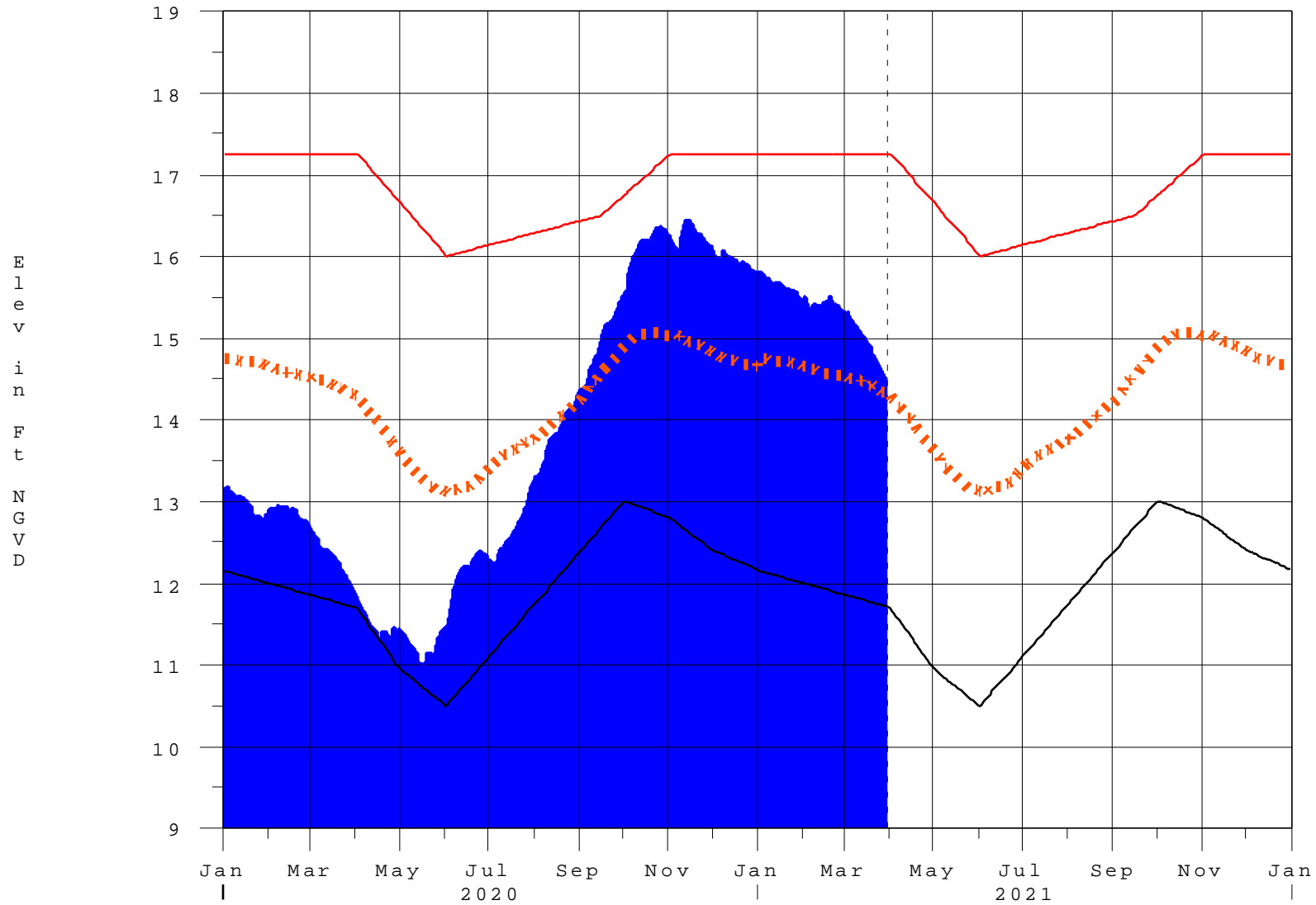
(I) - Flows preceeded by "I" signify an instantaneous flow computed from the single value reported for the day

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- * On 11 May 1999, Lake Okeechobee Elevation was switched from Instantaneous 2400 value to an average-daily lake average.
 - On 14 Mar 2001, due to the isolation of various gages within the standard 10 stations, the average of the interior 4 station gages was used as the Lake Okeechobee Elevation.
 - On 05 November 2010, Lake Okeechobee Elevation was switched to a 9 gage mix of interior and edge gages to obtain a more reliable representation of the lake level.
 - On 09 May 2011, Lake Okeechobee Elevation was switched to a 8 gage mix of interior and edge gages to obtain a more reliable representation of the lake level due to isolation of S135 from low lake levels.
 - Today Lake Okeechobee elevation is determined from the 4 Int & 4 Edge stations
- ++ For more information see the Jacksonville District Navigation website at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/>
- \$ For information regarding Lake Okeechobee Service Area water restrictions please refer to www.sfwmd.gov

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Lake Okeechobee

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- High Lake Management
- Okeechobee Avg Elev
- Average Elev [1965-2007]
- Water Shortage Management

Classification Tables

Supplemental Tables used in conjunction with the LORS2008 Release

Guidance Flow Charts

- [Class Limits for Tributary Hydrologic Conditions](#)

Table K-2 in the Lake Okeechobee Water Control Plan

- [6-15 Day Precipitation Outlook Categories](#)

Table ?? in the Lake Okeechobee Water Control Plan

- [Classification of Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow for Seasonal Outlook](#)

Table K-3 in the Lake Okeechobee Water Control Plan

- [Classification of Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow for Multi-Seasonal Outlook](#)

Table K-4 in the Lake Okeechobee Water Control Plan

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Tributary Hydrologic Classification*	Palmer Index Class Limits	2-wk Mean L.O. Net Inflow Class Limits
Very Wet	3.0 or greater	Greater \geq 6000 cfs
Wet	1.5 to 2.99	2500 - 5999 cfs
Near Normal	-1.49 to 1.49	500 - 2499 cfs
Dry	-2.99 to -1.5	-5000 – 500 cfs
Very Dry	-3.0 or less	Less than -5000 cfs

* use the wettest of the two indicators

Classification of Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow Seasonal Outlook*

Lake Net Inflow Prediction [million acre-feet]	Equivalent Depth** [feet]	Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow Seasonal Outlook
> 0.93	> 2.0	Very Wet
0.71 to 0.93	1.51 to 2.0	Wet
0.35 to 0.70	0.75 to 1.5	Normal
< 0.35	< 0.75	Dry

****Volume-depth conversion based on average lake surface area of 467,000 acres**

Classification of Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow Multi-Seasonal Outlook*

Lake Net Inflow Prediction [million acre-feet]	Equivalent Depth** [feet]	Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow Multi-Seasonal Outlook
> 2.0	> 4.3	Very Wet
1.18 to 2.0	2.51 to 4.3	Wet
0.5 to 1.17	1.1 to 2.5	Normal
< 0.5	< 1.1	Dry

****Volume-depth conversion based on average lake surface area of 467,000 acres**

6-15 Day Precipitation Outlook Categories*

6-15 Day Precipitation Outlook Categories	WSE Decision Tree Categories
Above Normal	Wet to Very Wet
Normal	Normal
Below Normal	Dry

*** Corresponds to Table 7-6 in the Lake Okeechobee Water Control Plan**

Under Construction