

Application of the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS2008) on 09/26/2022 (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 Niña years³ and a sub-sampling of warm years of the Atlantic Multi-decadal Oscillation (AMO) in combination with La Niña 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 Niña ENSO Years ³		Sub-sampling of AMO Warm + La Niña ENSO Years ⁴	
	Value (ft)	<u>Condition</u>	Value (ft)	<u>Condition</u>	Value (ft)	<u>Condition</u>	Value (ft)	<u>Condition</u>
Current (Sep-Feb)	N/A	N/A	1.30	Normal	1.11	Normal	1.02	Normal
Multi Seasonal (Sep-Apr)	N/A	N/A	1.49	Normal	1.01	Dry	0.78	Dry

*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:

7539 cfs 14-day running average for Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow through 09/26/2022. According to the classification in Tributary Hydrologic Conditions table, this condition is Very Wet.

-3.02 for Palmer Drought Index on 09/24/2022.

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

The wetter of the two conditions above is **Very Wet**.

LORS2008 Classification Tables:

Lake Okeechobee Stage on 09/26/2022:

Lake Okeechobee Stage: **13.11 feet**

Lake Okeechobee Management Zone/Band		Bottom Elevation (feet, NGVD)	Current Lake Stage
High Lake Management Band		16.66	
Operational Band	High sub-band	16.29	
	Intermediate sub-band	15.86	
	Low sub-band	14.33	
Base Flow sub-band		12.92	← 13.11 ft
Beneficial Use sub-band		12.90	
Water Shortage Management Band			

Part C of LORS2008: Discharge to WCAs

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.

**Lake Okeechobee Releases to the Caloosahatchee Estuary
for 2008 LORS Baseflow & for Environmental Water Supply**

Guidance for Lake Okeechobee Releases to the Caloosahatchee Estuary indicates no S77 release to the Caloosahatchee Estuary unless the Governing Board recommends otherwise.

LORS2008 Implementation on 09/26/2022 (ENSO Condition- La Niña Watch)*:

Status for week ending 09/26/2022:

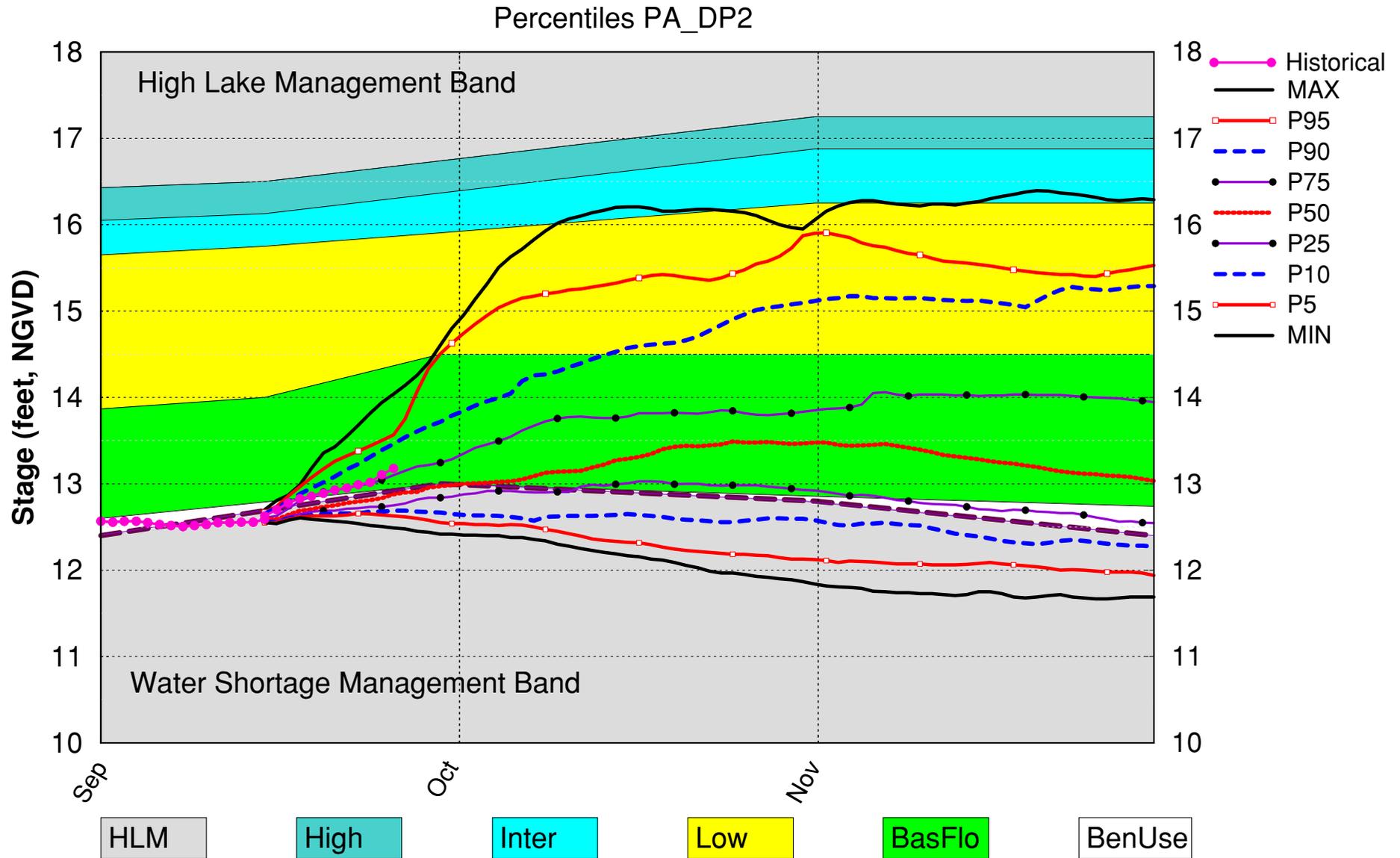
Water Supply Risk Evaluation

Area	Indicator	Value	Color Coded Scoring Scheme
LOK	Projected LOK Stage for the next two months	Base Flow Sub-band	M
	Palmer Drought Index for LOK Tributary Conditions	-3.02 (Extremely Dry)	H
	CPC Precipitation Outlook	1 month: Normal	L
		3 months: Normal	L
	LOK Seasonal Net Inflow Outlook	1.11 ft	L
	ENSO Forecast	Normal to Extremely Wet	
	LOK Multi-Seasonal Net Inflow Outlook	1.01 ft	H
	ENSO Forecast	Dry	
WCAs	WCA 1: 3 Station Average (Sites 1-7, 1-8T, 1-9)	Above Line 1 (16.80 ft)	L
	WCA 2A: Site 2-17	Above Line 1 (12.94 ft)	L
	WCA-3A: 3 Station Average (Sites 63, 64, and 65)	Above Line 1 (9.81 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.

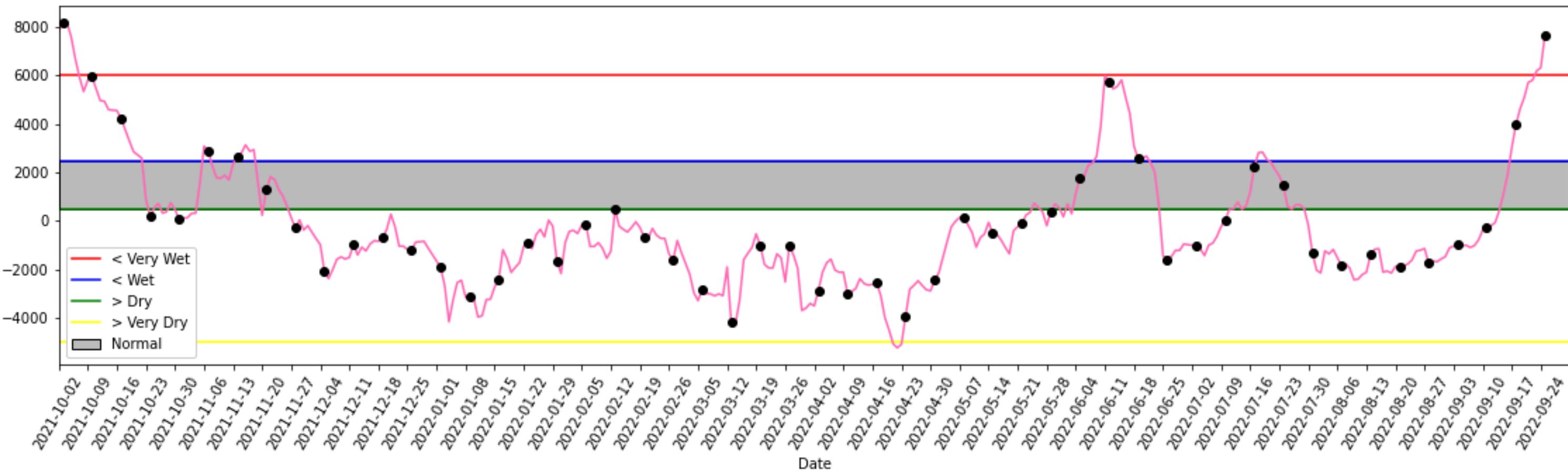
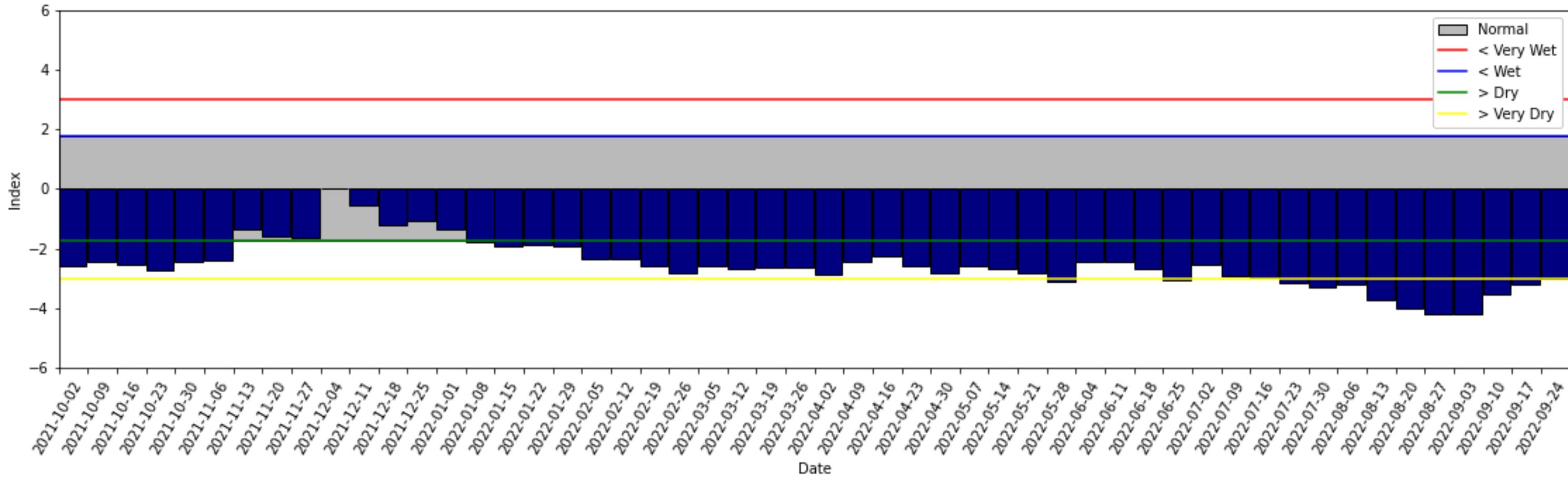
*- some flow data at S80 is missing from Sep 4, 2022 and was assumed to be zero

Lake Okeechobee SFWMM Sep Mid–Mon 2022 Position Analysis



(See assumptions on the Position Analysis Results website)

Tributary Basin Condition Indicators as of September 25 2022



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

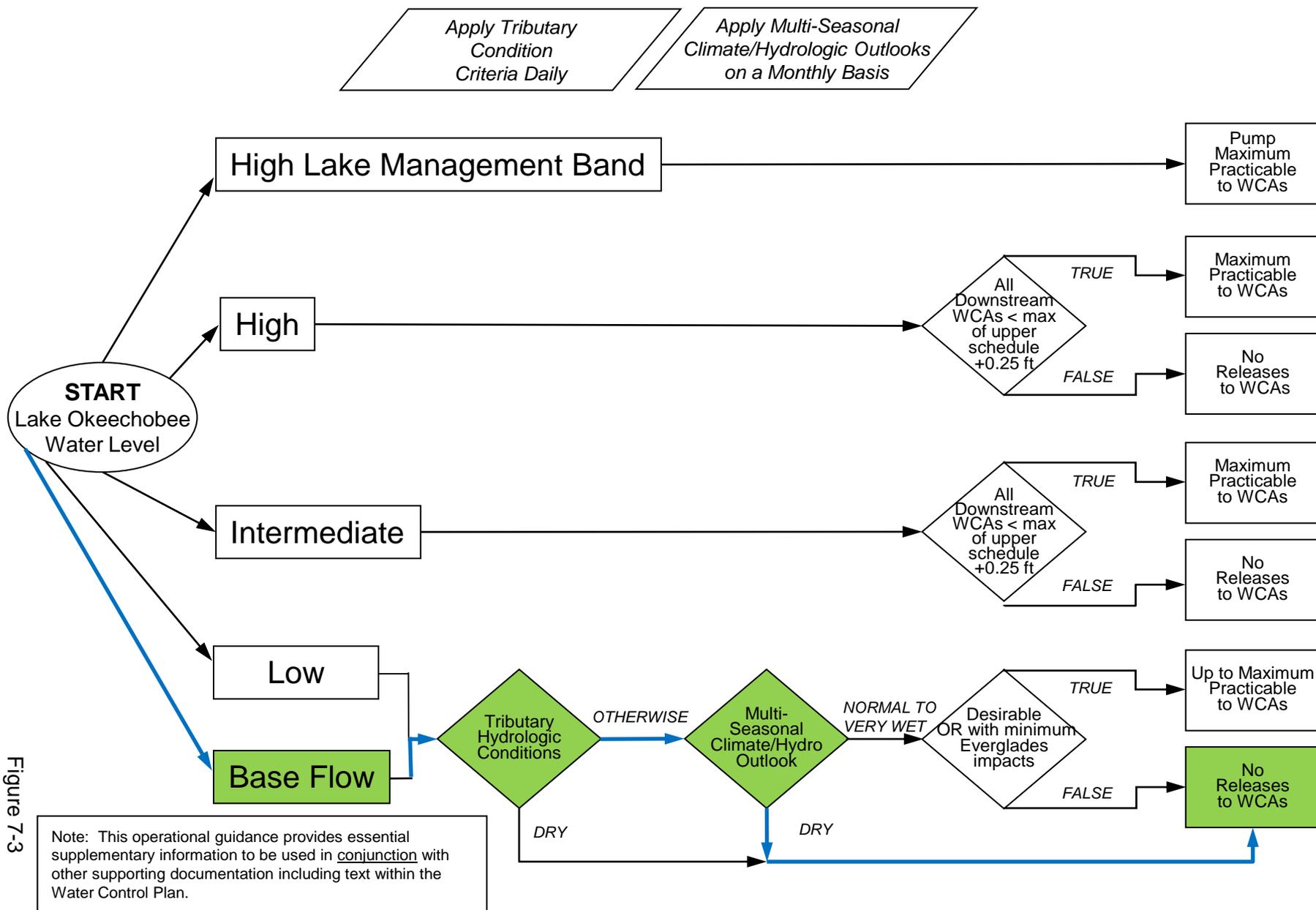


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Part D: Establish Allowable Lake Okeechobee Releases to Tide (Estuaries)

Note: This operational guidance provides essential supplementary information to be used in conjunction with other supporting documentation including text within the Water Control Plan.

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

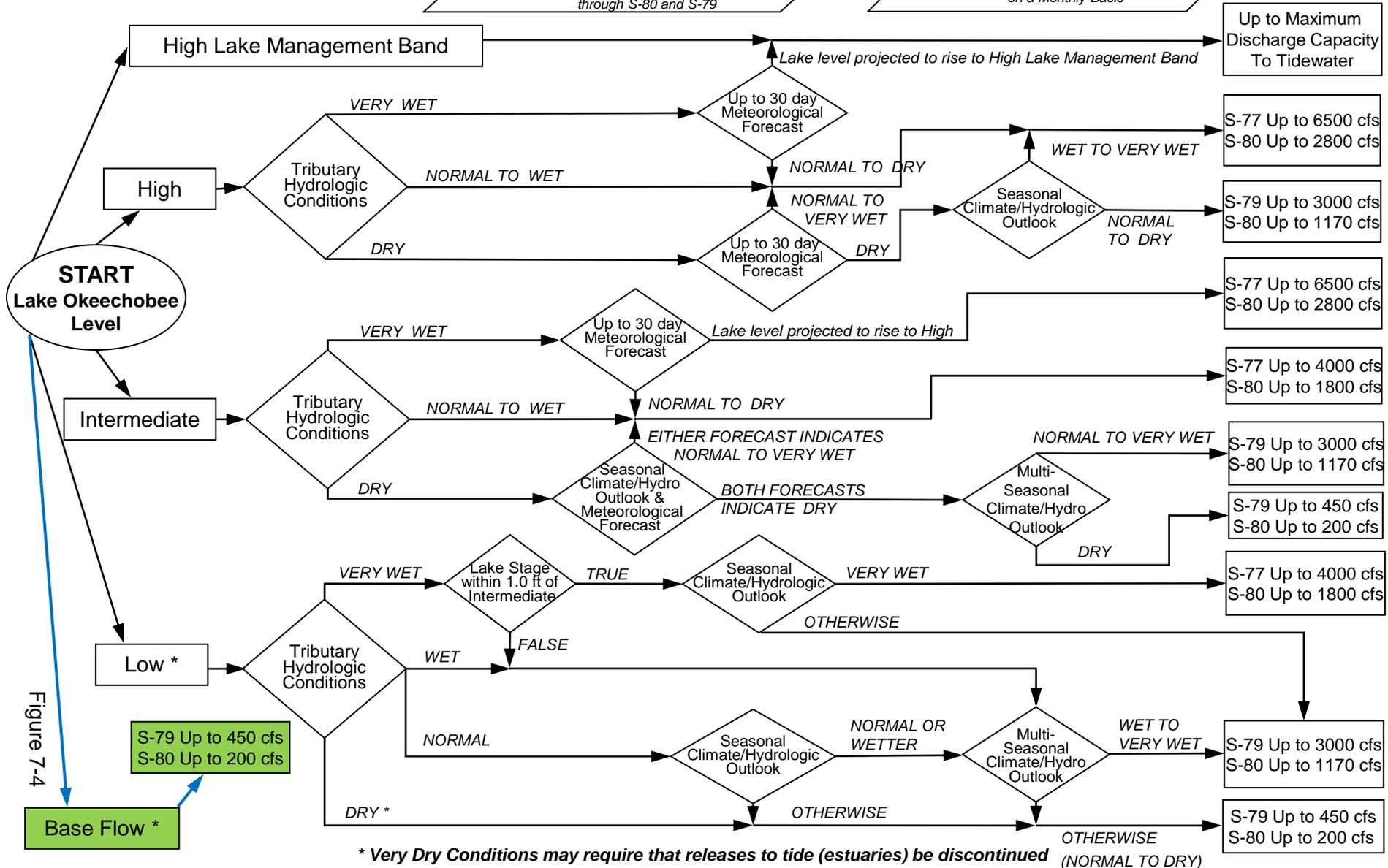
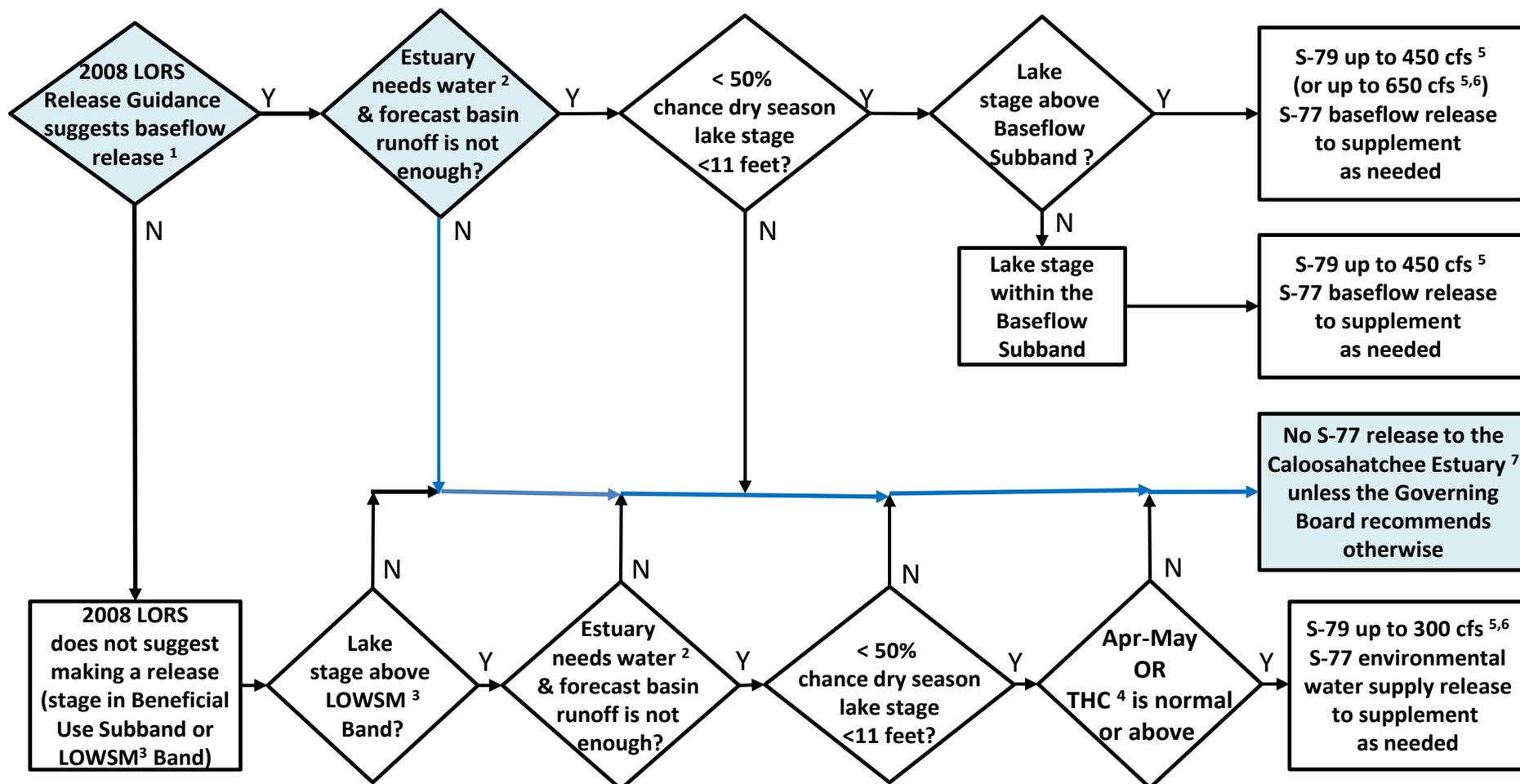


Figure 7-4

Flowchart to Guide Recommendations for Lake Okeechobee Releases to the Caloosahatchee Estuary for 2008 LORS Baseflow & for Environmental Water Supply (revised 9-Aug-2012)



¹The 2008 LORS Release Guidance (Part D) can suggest baseflow releases in the Intermediate, Low, or Baseflow Subbands.

²Estuary “needs” water when the 30-day moving average salinity at I-75 bridge is projected to exceed 5 practical salinity units (psu) within 2 weeks.

³LOWSM = Lake Okeechobee Water Shortage Management.

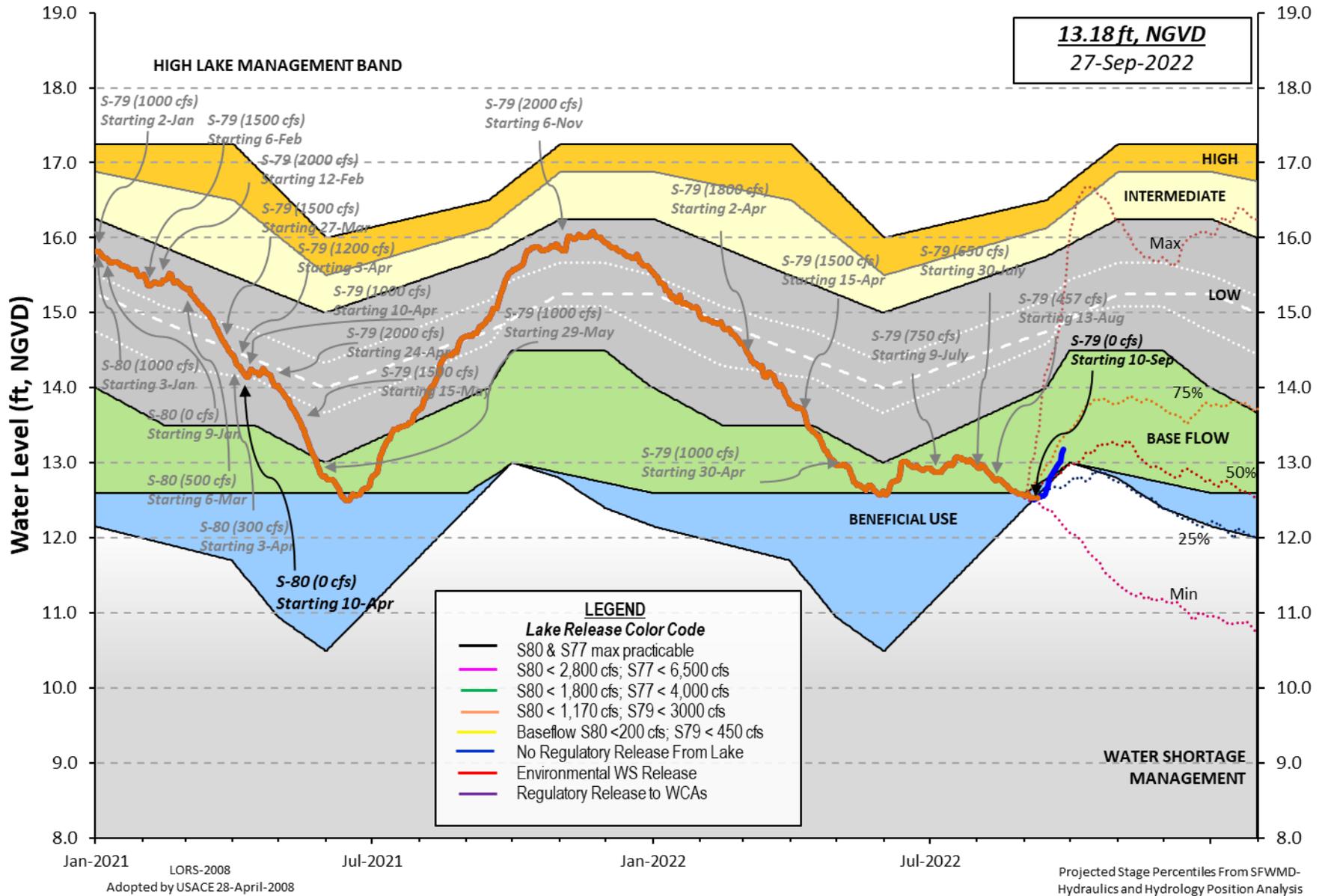
⁴Tributary Hydrologic Condition (THC) is based on classification of Lake Okeechobee Net Inflow and Palmer Index.

⁵Can release less than the “up to” limit if lower release is sufficient to reach or sustain desired estuary salinity; cfs = cubic feet per second.

⁶After reviewing conditions in Water Conservation Areas (WCAs), Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs), ENP, St. Lucie Estuary and Lake Okeechobee.

⁷Should this condition be reached, the Governing Board will be briefed at their next regularly scheduled meeting as part of the State of the Water Resources agenda item.

Lake Okeechobee Water Level History and Projected Stages



is equal to -NR-
 Lake Okeechobee (Change in Storage) Flow is 19058 cfs or 37800 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:	13.25	13.11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(cfs)
S193:											
S191:	19.04	13.10	202	0.5	0.5	0.0					
S135 Pumps:	13.28	13.11	0	0	0	0	0				(cfs)
S135 Culverts:			169	4.5	4.5						
North West Shore											
S65E:	21.20	13.34	3933	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.7		
S65EX1:	21.20	13.34	0								
S127 Pumps:	13.18	13.10	0	0	0	0	0	0			(cfs)
S127 Culvert:			0	0.0							
S129 Pumps:	12.87	13.28	25	31	0	0					(cfs)
S129 Culvert:			0	0.0							
S131 Pumps:	12.97	13.40	0	0	0						(cfs)
S131 Culvert:			0								
Fisheating Creek											
nr Palmdale		33.53	1736								
nr Lakeport											
C5:		-NR-	0	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-					
South Shore											
S4 Pumps:	13.07	-NR-	0	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-					(cfs)
S169:	13.04	13.07	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-					
S310:	13.04		12								
S3 Pumps:	10.15	13.12	0	0	0	0					(cfs)
S354:	13.12	10.15	0	0.0	0.0						
S2 Pumps:	9.93	13.09	0	0	0	0	0				(cfs)
S351:	13.09	9.93	0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
S352:	13.26	9.81	0	0.0	0.0						
C10A:	-NR-	16.88		8.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0			
L8 Canal PT		16.91	-NR-								

S351 and S352 Temporary Pumps/S354 Spillway

S351:	9.93	13.09	0	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-		
S352:	9.81	13.26	0	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-				
S354:	10.15	13.12	0	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-	-NR-				

Caloosahatchee River (S77, S78, S79)

S47B:	13.09	10.99		0.0	0.0						
S47D:	11.02	11.02	66	5.0							
S77:											
Spillway and Sector Preferred Flow:	12.94	10.86	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Flow Due to Lockages+:			-NR-								

S78:

Spillway and Sector Flow:
 10.92 2.66 1064 0.0 0.0 0.0 2.0
 Flow Due to Lockages+: 11

S79:

Spillway and Sector Flow:
 2.83 1.60 5056 0.0 0.0 4.0 4.0 5.0 5.0 4.0 4.0
 Flow Due to Lockages+: 5
 Percent of flow from S77 0%
 Chloride (ppm) 0

St. Lucie Canal (S308, S80)

S308:

Spillway and Sector Preferred Flow:
 13.05 14.08 -337 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
 Flow Due to Lockages+: -1

S153: 18.98 14.18 51 0.0 0.5

S80:

Spillway and Sector Flow:
 14.39 2.80 0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
 Flow Due to Lockages+: -NR-
 Percent of flow from S308 NA %

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:	17.23	17.32	17.39	159	4
S78:	0.09	0.09	0.11	145	3
S79:	18.28	18.60	19.21	2	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:	0.00	0.00	0.00	122	4
S80:	11.42	12.48	12.77	81	0
Okeechobee Average (Sites S78, S79 and S80 not included)	8.61	1.33	1.34		

Oke Nexrad Basin Avg	-NR-	0.00	0.00		

Okeechobee Lake Elevations 25 SEP 2022 13.11 Difference from 25SEP22
 25SEP22 -1 Day = 24 SEP 2022 13.02 -0.09

25SEP22	-2 Days =	23 SEP 2022	12.99	-0.12
25SEP22	-3 Days =	22 SEP 2022	12.95	-0.16
25SEP22	-4 Days =	21 SEP 2022	12.93	-0.18
25SEP22	-5 Days =	20 SEP 2022	12.89	-0.22
25SEP22	-6 Days =	19 SEP 2022	12.86	-0.25
25SEP22	-7 Days =	18 SEP 2022	12.83	-0.28
25SEP22	-30 Days =	26 AUG 2022	12.61	-0.50
25SEP22	-1 Year =	25 SEP 2021	15.39	2.28
25SEP22	-2 Year =	25 SEP 2020	15.33	2.22

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
25SEP22	Today =	25 SEP 2022	7919 MON	19058
25SEP22	-1 Day =	24 SEP 2022	6559 SUN	6201
25SEP22	-2 Days =	23 SEP 2022	6403 SAT	7865
25SEP22	-3 Days =	22 SEP 2022	5988 FRI	3933
25SEP22	-4 Days =	21 SEP 2022	5876 THU	7815
25SEP22	-5 Days =	20 SEP 2022	5222 WED	5748
25SEP22	-6 Days =	19 SEP 2022	4725 TUE	5748
25SEP22	-7 Days =	18 SEP 2022	4074 MON	9680
25SEP22	-8 Days =	17 SEP 2022	3118 SUN	15730
25SEP22	-9 Days =	16 SEP 2022	2004 SAT	13411
25SEP22	-10 Days =	15 SEP 2022	1202 FRI	7714
25SEP22	-11 Days =	14 SEP 2022	521 THU	5966
25SEP22	-12 Days =	13 SEP 2022	-8 WED	25
25SEP22	-13 Days =	12 SEP 2022	-130 TUE	1966

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		Average Flow over previous 14 days		Avg-Daily Flow
25SEP22	Today=	25 SEP 2022	1551 MON	4245
25SEP22	-1 Day =	24 SEP 2022	1262 SUN	3158
25SEP22	-2 Days =	23 SEP 2022	1050 SAT	2376
25SEP22	-3 Days =	22 SEP 2022	892 FRI	1860
25SEP22	-4 Days =	21 SEP 2022	780 THU	1684
25SEP22	-5 Days =	20 SEP 2022	684 WED	1570
25SEP22	-6 Days =	19 SEP 2022	596 TUE	1406
25SEP22	-7 Days =	18 SEP 2022	521 MON	1248
25SEP22	-8 Days =	17 SEP 2022	465 SUN	1113
25SEP22	-9 Days =	16 SEP 2022	436 SAT	962
25SEP22	-10 Days =	15 SEP 2022	433 FRI	823
25SEP22	-11 Days =	14 SEP 2022	445 THU	784
25SEP22	-12 Days =	13 SEP 2022	460 WED	309
25SEP22	-13 Days =	12 SEP 2022	497 TUE	181

S65EX1

		Average Flow over previous 14 days		Avg-Daily Flow
25SEP22	Today=	25 SEP 2022	0 MON	0
25SEP22	-1 Day =	24 SEP 2022	0 SUN	0
25SEP22	-2 Days =	23 SEP 2022	0 SAT	0
25SEP22	-3 Days =	22 SEP 2022	0 FRI	0
25SEP22	-4 Days =	21 SEP 2022	0 THU	0
25SEP22	-5 Days =	20 SEP 2022	0 WED	0
25SEP22	-6 Days =	19 SEP 2022	0 TUE	0
25SEP22	-7 Days =	18 SEP 2022	0 MON	0
25SEP22	-8 Days =	17 SEP 2022	0 SUN	0
25SEP22	-9 Days =	16 SEP 2022	0 SAT	0
25SEP22	-10 Days =	15 SEP 2022	0 FRI	0
25SEP22	-11 Days =	14 SEP 2022	0 THU	0
25SEP22	-12 Days =	13 SEP 2022	0 WED	0
25SEP22	-13 Days =	12 SEP 2022	0 TUE	0

Lake Okeechobee Outlets Last 14 Days

DATE	S-77 Discharge (ALL DAY) (AC-FT)	Below S-77 Discharge (ALL-DAY) (AC-FT)	S-78 Discharge (ALL DAY) (AC-FT)	S-79 Discharge (ALL DAY) (AC-FT)
25 SEP 2022	-NR-	-49	2084	10027
24 SEP 2022	2	183	3273	12466
23 SEP 2022	3	217	2695	12198
22 SEP 2022	1	-14	3593	15100
21 SEP 2022	0	297	4337	15855
20 SEP 2022	1	444	4213	17166
19 SEP 2022	1	430	5010	18282
18 SEP 2022	2	181	5747	22869
17 SEP 2022	1	33	4865	12897
16 SEP 2022	1	-74	2572	9184
15 SEP 2022	1	69	2009	7251
14 SEP 2022	1	152	1031	6600
13 SEP 2022	2	102	964	5126
12 SEP 2022	1	82	1473	8022

DATE	S-310 Discharge (ALL DAY) (AC-FT)	S-351 Discharge (ALL DAY) (AC-FT)	S-352 Discharge (ALL DAY) (AC-FT)	S-354 Discharge (ALL DAY) (AC-FT)	L8 Canal Pt Discharge (ALL DAY) (AC-FT)
25 SEP 2022	24	0	0	0	-NR-
24 SEP 2022	134	0	0	0	-NR-
23 SEP 2022	-131	0	0	0	-NR-
22 SEP 2022	-56	0	0	0	-NR-
21 SEP 2022	-285	0	0	0	-NR-
20 SEP 2022	-517	0	0	0	-NR-
19 SEP 2022	-547	0	0	0	-NR-
18 SEP 2022	-407	0	0	0	-NR-
17 SEP 2022	-482	0	0	0	-NR-
16 SEP 2022	-341	0	0	0	-NR-
15 SEP 2022	-133	0	0	0	-NR-
14 SEP 2022	-117	0	0	0	-NR-
13 SEP 2022	23	0	0	0	-NR-
12 SEP 2022	-48	0	0	0	-NR-

DATE	S-308 Discharge (ALL DAY) (AC-FT)	Below S-308 Discharge (ALL-DAY) (AC-FT)	S-80 Discharge (ALL-DAY) (AC-FT)
25 SEP 2022	-646	-NR-	-NR-
24 SEP 2022	-675	-NR-	-NR-
23 SEP 2022	-759	-NR-	39
22 SEP 2022	-796	-NR-	14
21 SEP 2022	-602	-NR-	4
20 SEP 2022	-791	-NR-	25
19 SEP 2022	-2	-NR-	22
18 SEP 2022	-2	-NR-	25
17 SEP 2022	-1	-NR-	11
16 SEP 2022	-213	-NR-	15
15 SEP 2022	-306	-NR-	8
14 SEP 2022	-584	-NR-	19
13 SEP 2022	-2	-NR-	7
12 SEP 2022	-929	-NR-	-NR-

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

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

* 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

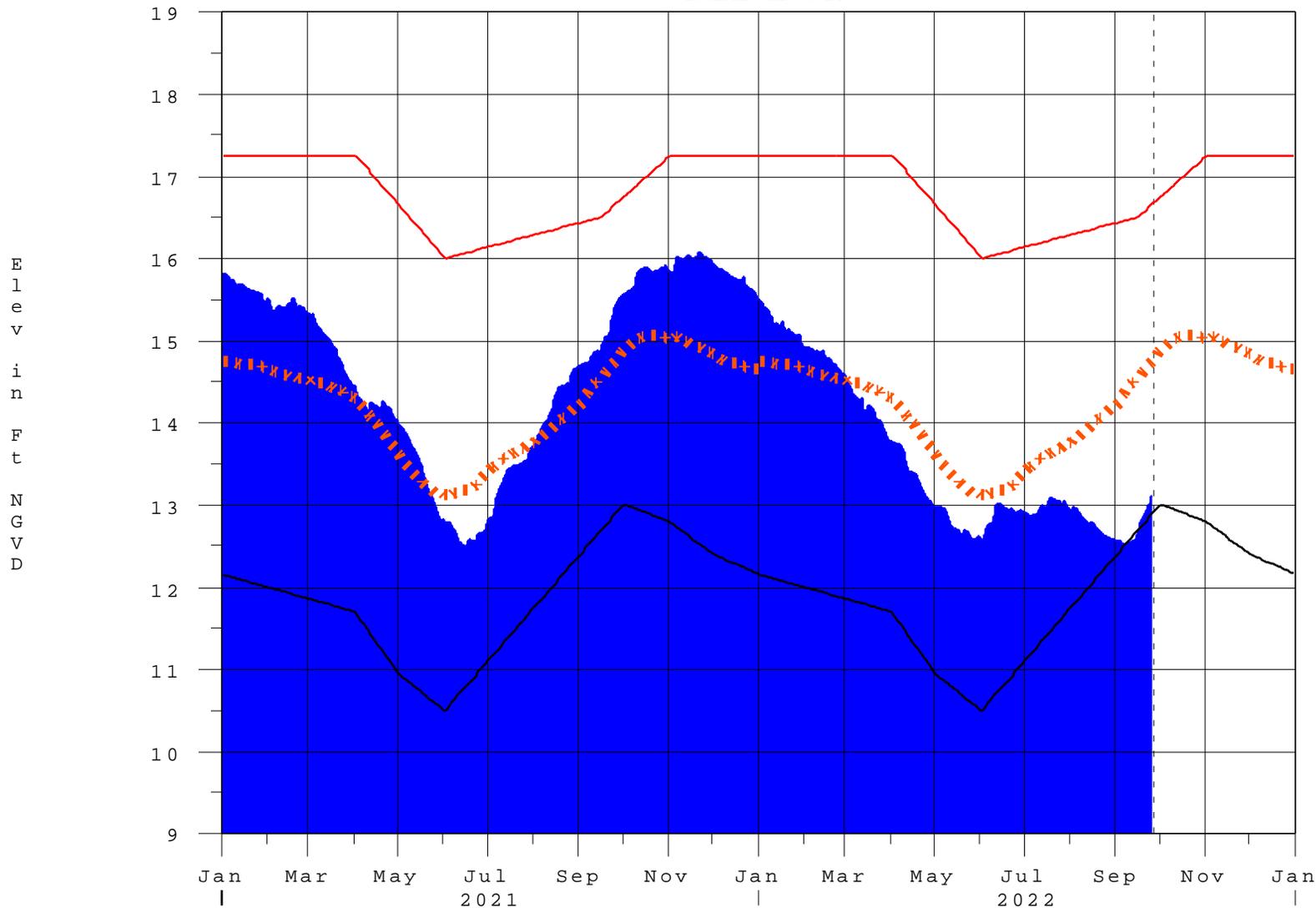
++ For more information see the Jacksonville District Navigation website at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/>

\$ 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
<p>> 0.93</p>	<p>> 2.0</p>	<p>Very Wet</p>
<p>0.71 to 0.93</p>	<p>1.51 to 2.0</p>	<p>Wet</p>
<p>0.35 to 0.70</p>	<p>0.75 to 1.5</p>	<p>Normal</p>
<p>< 0.35</p>	<p>< 0.75</p>	<p>Dry</p>

****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**