Settlement Agreement Report

Fourth Quarter October – December 2019

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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.

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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
ft 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 fourth quarter of 2019 (October - December 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 concentration was below the long-term level for October, November, and December 2019.
- Shark River Slough: The provisional results of two calculation methods based on provisional data for the fourth quarter of 2019 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) is published separately as a revision to the third quarter 2020 report.
- **Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins:** All three 12-month TP FWMCs calculated using Method 1, Method 2, or Method 3 were below the 12-month long-term limit of 11 parts per billion (ppb) during the fourth quarter.

Table 1. Fourth 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.

Month	Geometric Me TP Concentration		Long-Term L (ppb)	evel	Mean Stage (ft NGVD29)		Number of Samples			
Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge										
Oct 2019	6.7		9.8		16.4	7		13		
Nov 2019	5.6		8.6		16.7	5		14		
Dec 2019	5.2		9.3		16.5	9		14		
12-Month	Total Flow	12-M	onth TP FWMC	_				mpling Events nan 10 ppb		
Period Ending	(kac-ft)		(ppb)		(ppb)	Guideli	ne	Observed		
Everglades Na	ational Park – Shark Riv	/er Slou	ıgh — <i>PROVISIOI</i>	VAL DAT	A and RESUL	TS				
Oct 2019	629.8 (733.1)		10.4 (9.6)	9.	8 (9.3)	51.2 (48	8.2)	54.2 (50.0)		
Nov 2019	638.1 (755.1)		10.4 (9.5)	9.	8 (9.1)	50.9 (47.6)		50.0 (44.0)		
Dec 2019	627.0 (744.0)		10.4 (9.5)	9.	8 (9.2)	51.3 (47	51.3 (47.9) 54.5 (4			
Everglades Na	ational Park – Taylor Sl	ough ar	nd Coastal Basins	;						
Oct 2019	229.8 (241.6, 239.8)	5	.3 (5.2, 5.0)		11.0	53.1		1.9 (1.9, 1.9)		
Nov 2019	228.2 (240.4, 238.6)	5	.3 (5.2, 4.9)		11.0	53.1		1.9 (1.9, 1.9)		
Dec 2019	231.8 (244.6, 242.8)	5	.2 (5.1, 4.9)		11.0	53.1		1.9 (1.9, 1.9)		

Notes:

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.

• For an explanation of the multiple results for ENP inflows, see **Tables 3** and **4**.

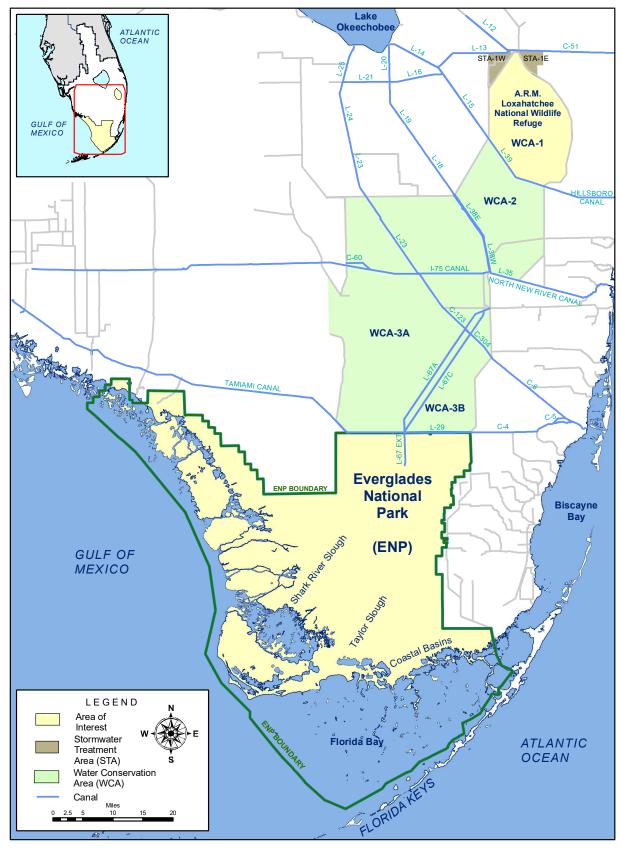


Figure 1. Areas of interest.

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 (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 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

Thirteen stations were sampled in October, and all fourteen stations were sampled in November and December 2019. A TP sample was not collected at LOX3 in October because the water depth was less than 0.1 meter at the station.

Sampling day average stages in the Refuge were 16.47, 16.75, and 16.59 feet NGVD29 in October, November, and December 2019, respectively (**Figure 3** and **Table 2**). The geometric means calculated from TP concentrations measured in water samples collected in October, November, and December 2019 were 6.7, 5.6, and 5.2 ppb, respectively. The geometric mean TP concentrations were below the long-term levels during the reporting period.

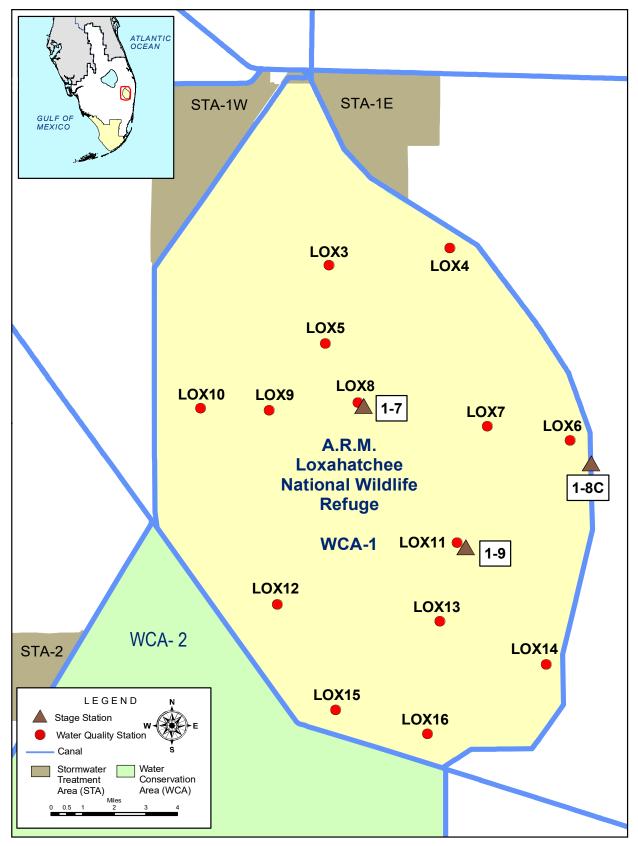


Figure 2. Refuge water quality sampling and stage measurement stations.

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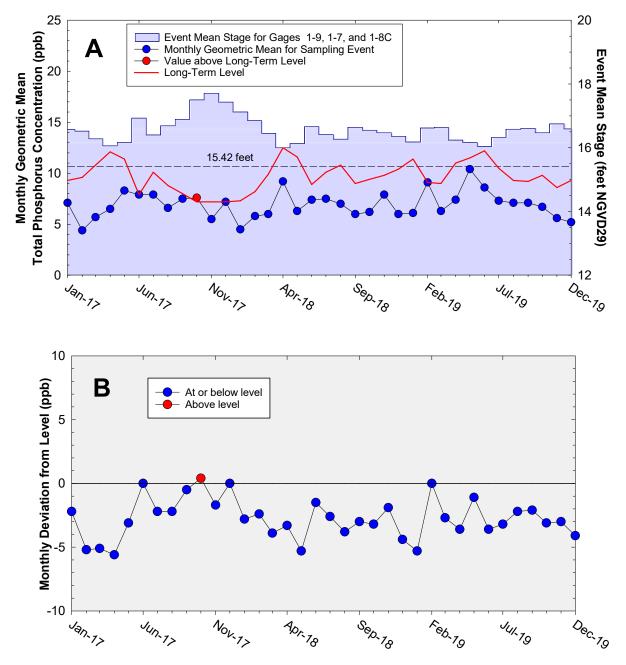


Figure 3. (A) Monthly TP geometric mean concentrations for the Refuge compared to calculated long-term levels, which are adjusted for fluctuations in stage. The geometric mean TP concentration was above the long-term level in October 2017. (B) Deviation of monthly geometric mean TP concentrations from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

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Month	Geometric Mean TP Concentration (ppb)			Number of Samples
Jan-2017	7.1	9.3	16.57	13
Feb-2017	4.4	9.6	16.52	13
Mar-2017	5.7	10.8	16.28	12
Apr-2017	6.5	12.1	16.06	7
May-2017	8.3	11.4	16.17	13
Jun-2017	7.9	7.9	16.93	14
Jul-2017	7.9	10.1	16.40	13
Aug-2017	6.6	8.8	16.69	14
Sep-2017	7.5	8.0	16.89	13
Oct-2017	7.6	7.2	17.50	14
Nov-2017	5.5	7.2	17.71	14
Dec-2017	7.2	7.2	17.43	14
Jan-2018	4.5	7.3	17.12	14
Feb-2018	5.8	8.2	16.85	14
Mar-2018	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-2018	7.0	10.8	16.27	12
Sep-2018	6.0	9.0	16.64	14
Oct-2018	6.2	9.4	16.55	14
Nov-2018	7.9	9.8	16.47	12
Dec-2018	6.0	10.4	16.36	11
Jan-2019	6.1	11.4	16.18	10
Feb-2019	9.1	9.1	16.62	14
Mar-2019	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-2019	7.1	9.3	16.58	14
Sep-2019	7.1	9.2	16.61	14
Oct-2019	6.7	9.8	16.47	13
Nov-2019	5.6	8.6	16.75	14
Dec-2019	5.2	9.3	16.59	14

Table 2. Refuge TP compliance tracking.

Notes:

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); and ft NGVD29 – elevation in feet relative to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929.

• Highlighted row with bold, italicized text indicates 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.

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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, <u>https://www.sfwmd.gov/our-work/toc</u>, 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 have been implemented beginning with the January – March 2013 first 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 has been tasked with recommending an appropriate method for incorporating S356 into the compliance calculation. Since adoption of a single appropriate method has not yet been made by the TOC, this report contains results based on two calculation methods. Method 1 is TP FWMC computed as S12s + (S333 + S355A + S355B - S334). Method 2 is TP FWMC computed as S12s + (S333 + S355A + S355B - S334) using all flow and TP grabs on biweekly compliance sampling dates. Neither method excludes S334 flow from the total flow for long-term limit calculations. Beginning with the 12-month period ending in October 2015, values for both Method 1 and Method 2 (in parenthesis) have been presented.

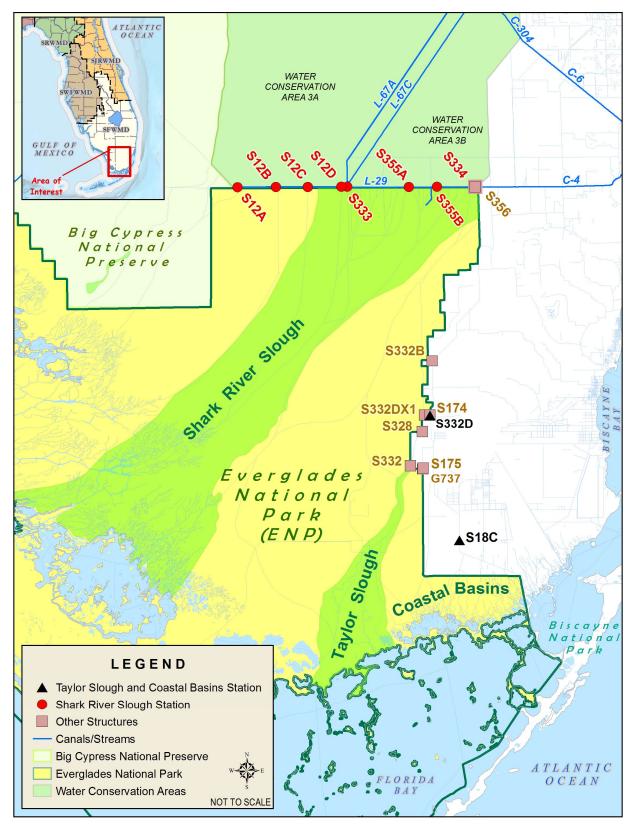


Figure 4. ENP flow structures.

For the 12-month period ending on September 30, 2019, both results of the alternative methods for the 12-month TP FWMCs (10.0 ppb for Method 1 and 9.3 ppb for Method 2) were above the long-term limits (9.7 ppb for Method 1 and 9.2 ppb for Method 2). Therefore, inflows to Shark River Slough did not meet the TP limit for WY2019 (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019).

The final 12-month TP FWMC for WY2019 to determine compliance with the long-term limit is published separately as a revision to the third quarter (July – September 2019) report.

The final WY2019 monitoring data are posted separately to the TOC website.

Reporting Period Update

Table 3 presents the provisional 12-month FWMCs for each month with the corresponding longterm TP concentration limits calculated using the provisional 12-month period flow. The fourth quarter flow data for the S12s are provisional. It is anticipated that the final approved flow data for WY2020 for the S12s will be available in April 2021. The annual 12-month TP FWMC will be calculated to determine compliance with the long-term limit and will be published as a revision to the 2020 third quarter (July – September) report.

The fourth quarter water quality data for Shark River Slough are available in **Appendix B** of this report.

12-Month Period	Total How	Flow-Weighted Mean TP	Long-Term	Percent of Sampling Events Greater than 10 ppb			
Period	(kac-ft)	Concentration (ppb)	Limit (ppb)	Guideline	Observed		
Feb 2016 - Jan 2017	1,231.9 (1,235.7)	6.9 (6.9)	7.6 (7.6)	40.1 (40.1)	11.5 (11.5)		
Mar 2016 - Feb 2017	1,041.5 (1,045.3)	7.3 (7.3)	7.7 (7.7)	40.5 (40.5)	11.5 (11.5)		
Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	825.2 (829.0)	7.7 (7.7)	8.8 (8.8)	45.7 (45.6)	12.0 (11.5)		
May 2016 - Apr 2017	681.8 (685.6)	7.8 (7.8)	9.5 (9.5)	49.6 (49.5)	16.0 (15.4)		
Jun 2016 - May 2017	602.3 (606.1)	7.6 (7.6)	10.0 (9.9)	52.0 (51.9)	20.8 (20.0)		
Jul 2016 - Jun 2017	648.9 (662.7)	11.9 (11.9)	9.7 (9.7)	50.6 (50.5)	25.0 (24.0)		
Aug 2016 - Jul 2017	768.2 (772.0)	10.7 (10.7)	9.1 (9.1)	47.2 (47.1)	20.8 (20.0)		
Sep 2016 - Aug 2017	871.9 (872.7)	10.1 (10.1)	8.5 (8.5)	44.5 (44.5)	20.8 (20.0)		
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	1,010.6 (1,014.8)	9.7 (9.7)	7.9 (7.8)	41.2 (41.1)	20.8 (20.0)		
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	629.8 (733.1)	10.4 (9.6)	9.8 (9.3)	51.2 (48.2)	54.2 (50.0)		
Dec 2018 - Nov 2019	638.1 (755.1)	10.4 (9.5)	9.8 (9.1)	50.9 (47.6)	50.0 (44.0)		
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	627.0 (744.0)	10.4 (9.5)	9.8 (9.2)	51.3 (47.9)	54.5 (47.8)		

Table 3. Provisional Shark River Slough TP compliance tracking.

Notes:

Key to units: kac-feet – thousand acre feet; and 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 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:

• Method 1 (left value) is computed as S12s + (S333 + S355A + S355B - S334).

Method 2 (value in parentheses) is computed as S12s + (S333 + S355A + S355B + S356 - S334) using all flow and TP grabs on biweekly compliance sampling dates.

Neither method excludes S334 flow from the total flow for long-term limit calculations.

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 5**). The narrow bars in **Figure 5** 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.

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.

Results of the alternative methods for the 12-month TP FWMCs for the 12-month period ending on September 30, 2019, were 5.3, 5.2, and 4.9 ppb for Method 1, Method 2, and Method 3, respectively, and lower than the 11.0 ppb long-term limit. Therefore, inflows into ENP through Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins met the TP limit for WY2019.

Reporting Period Update

Figure 6 presents the 12-month and individual sampling event TP FWMCs at the S332D and S18C 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.

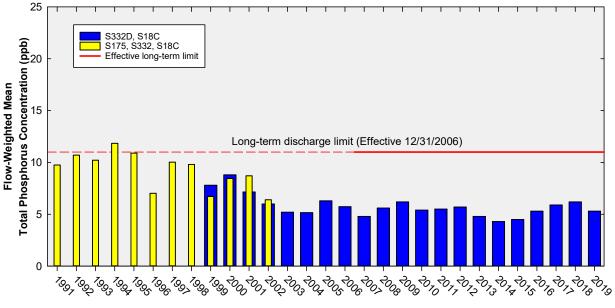
The daily flows into ENP through S332D, G737, and S18C are presented in **Figure 7**. Daily flows from S332D pumps and downstream structures are presented in **Figure 8**. Daily flows at individual Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins structures into ENP are presented in **Figure 9**.

For the periods ending October, November, and December 2019, the 12-month TP FWMCs for Method 1 were 5.3, 5.3, and 5.2 ppb, respectively; for Method 2, they were 5.2, 5.2, and 5.1 ppb, respectively; and for Method 3, they were 5.0, 4.9, and 4.9 ppb, respectively (**Table 4**).

The Consent Decree stipulates that the percent of TP FWMCs greater than 10 ppb from each sampling event in any 12-month period must not exceed the fixed guideline of 53.1 percent (**Table 4**). There was no sampling event with TP concentrations greater than 10 ppb for all three methods during the fourth quarter. The last sampling event with TP concentrations greater than 10 ppb was 11 ppb for all 3 methods on May 28, 2019.

Figure 10 shows the relationship between the daily inflows and the corresponding TP FWMCs for each sampling event for Method 1. The sampling event TP FWMCs generally remained low. The averages of the sampling event TP FWMCs were 5.1, 5.0, and 4.5 ppb, respectively, for Methods 1, 2, and 3 in the fourth quarter of 2019.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers authorized the C-111 Spreader Canal project in 1995 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. Upon completion of United States Army Corps of Engineers construction contracts 8, 8A, and 9 in 2018, an interconnected detention system now exists starting at the S357 discharge to the 8.5 Square Mile Area detention cell and continuing to the S332D detention area.



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Figure 5. 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.

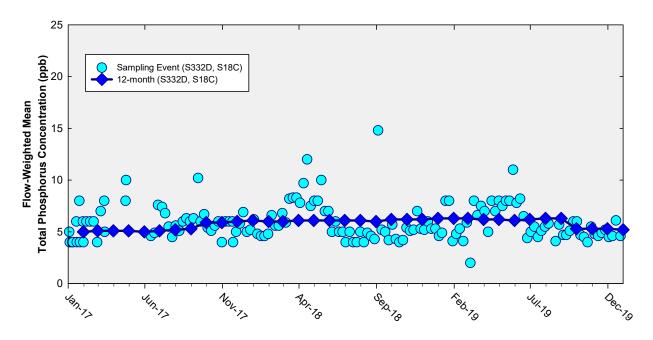


Figure 6. The 12-month TP FWMCs in inflows to ENP through Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins at the end of each month and the TP FWMC for each sampling event (Method 1).

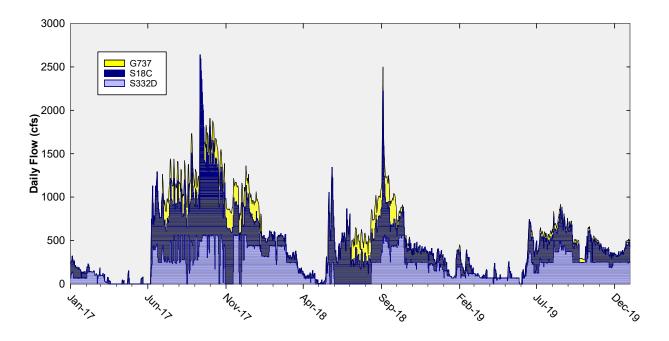


Figure 7. Daily flows into ENP as a stacked sum of Taylor Slough (structures S332D and G737) and Coastal Basins (structure S18C). Daily flow data are missing for S18C from September 23 to September 30, 2019.

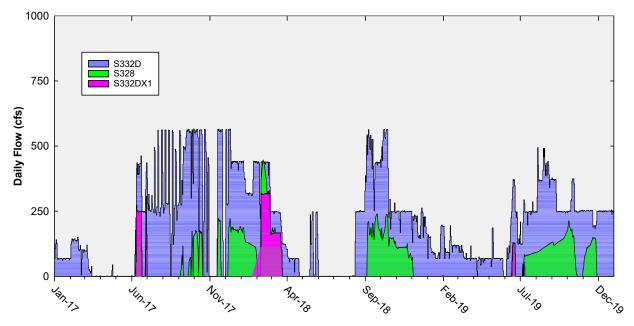


Figure 8. Daily flows from S332D pumps overlaid with stacked daily flows at downstream structures.

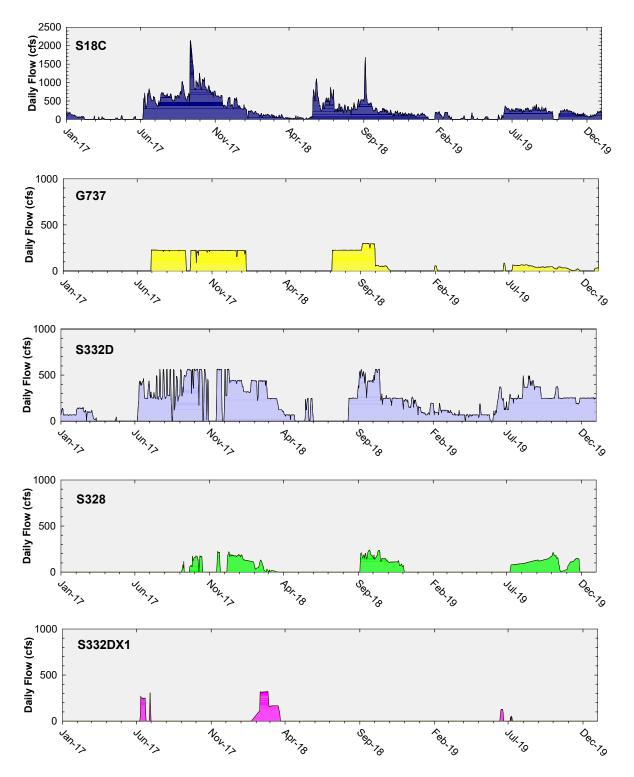


Figure 9. Daily flows at individual Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins structures into ENP. G737 flow prior to October 1, 2018, is based on S200 pump flow on days when G737 gates are open. Daily flow data are missing for S18C from September 23 to September 30, 2019.

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	
Feb 2016 - Jan 2017	384.1	5.0	11.0	53.1	0.0	
Mar 2016 - Feb 2017	368.1	5.1	11.0	53.1	0.0	
Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	345.0	5.1	11.0	53.1	0.0	
May 2016 - Apr 2017	321.7	5.1	11.0	53.1	0.0	
Jun 2016 - May 2017	282.1	5.0	11.0	53.1	0.0	
Jul 2016 - Jun 2017	290.9 (291.4, 285.0)	5.1 (5.1, 5.1)	11.0	53.1	0.0	
Aug 2016 - Jul 2017	322.1 (336.4, 329.9)	5.2 (5.2, 5.2)	11.0	53.1	0.0	
Sep 2016 - Aug 2017	346.6 (374.6, 368.2)	5.3 (5.3, 5.3)	11.0	53.1	0.0	
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	383.3 (420.1, 413.7)	5.9 (5.9, 6.0)	11.0	53.1	1.6 (1.6, 1.6)	
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)			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	228.2 (240.4, 238.6)	5.3 (5.2, 4.9)	11.0	53.1	1.9 (1.9, 1.9)	
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	231.8 (244.6, 242.8)	5.2 (5.1, 4.9)	11.0	53.1	1.9 (1.9, 1.9)	

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

Notes:

• Key to units: kac-feet – thousand acre feet and 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 water year 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:

• Method 1 (left value) is computed as S332D + S18C.

• Method 2 (first value in parentheses) is computed as S332D + S18C + G737.

• Method 3 (second value in parentheses) is computed as (S332D - S332DX1 - S328) + S328 + S18C + G737.

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

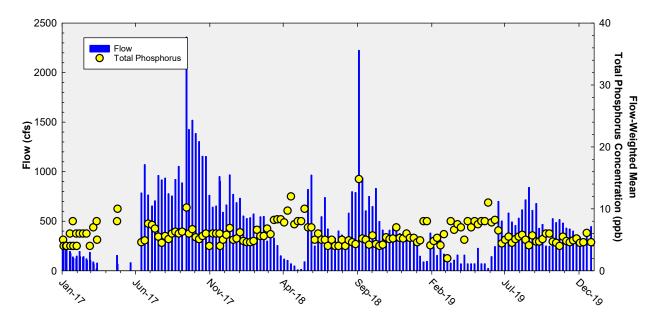


Figure 10. Flow from Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins structures (S332D and S18C) on the days of sampling, and the corresponding TP FWMCs for individual sampling events (Method 1).

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+a nd+date_collected+>=+'01-OCT-2019'+and+date_collected+<+'01-JAN-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_date=2 0191001&v_end_date=20191231&v_report_type=format7&v_target_code=file_csv&v_run_mod e=onLine&v_js_flag=Y&v_dbkey=FE775/FE776/FE777.

Month-Year	LOX3	LOX4	LOX5	LOX6	LOX7	LOX8	LOX9	LOX10	LOX11	LOX12	LOX13	LOX14	LOX15	LOX16
Jan-2017	8	9		5	7	10	7	7	6	7	8	6	6	8
Feb-2017	5	4		4	5	5	5	4	4	5	3	4	4	6
Mar-2017		8		5	7	7	10	8	4	5	5	3	4	6
Apr-2017				6					7	7	7	7	5	7
May-2017	9	11		8	8	9	10	11	8	7	7	7	6	9
Jun-2017	12	15	10	6	11	10	9	8	7	5	7	7	5	5
Jul-2017	10	8	10	4	8		13	9	6	7	7	8	7	9
Aug-2017	6	8	8	5	6	6	7	6	6	6	7	7	7	8
Sep-2017		10	9	8	7	8	8	8	8	6	6	7	7	6
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	8	7	8	8	7		10	6	6	8	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	8	9	8	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

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

Notes:

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APPENDIX B

WEEKLY GRAB TOTAL PHOSPHORUS CONCENTRATION DATA FOR SHARK RIVER SLOUGH

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+('S12A','S12B','S12C','S12D','S333','S355A','S355B','S356-334')+and+test_number+=+25+and+collect_method+=+'G'+and+date_collected+>=+'01-OCT-2019'+and+date_collected+<+'01-JAN-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 daily mean flow data for stations S355A, S355B, S355B Temporary Pumps, and S356, for WY2019 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_date=2 0180701&v_end_date=20180930&v_report_type=format7&v_target_code=file_csv&v_run_mod e=onLine&v_js_flag=Y&v_dbkey=FE771/FE772/FE773/FE774/15042/FB752/MQ895/MQ896/ AM173/64136.

The provisional daily mean flow data for stations S12A, S12B, S12C, S12D, S355A, S355B, S355B Temporary Pumps, and S356 and the "Preferred DBKEY" daily mean flow data for stations S333 and S334, during the reporting quarter (the fourth quarter of 2019) 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_date=2 0191001&v_end_date=20191231&v_report_type=format7&v_target_code=file_csv&v_run_mod e=onLine&v_js_flag=Y&v_dbkey=03620/03626/03632/03638/MQ895/MQ896/AM173/64136/ 15042/FB752.

The "Preferred DBKEY" daily mean flow data for S12A, S12B, S12C, and S12D structures for WY2020 will be available for retrieval upon completion of the final approved flow data (expected April 2021).

Data	6124	61.20	6120	6120	6222	COFFA	COLLD	6256	Dowowka
Date	S12A	S12B	S12C	\$12D	<u>\$333</u>	S355A	S355B	S356	Remarks
01/02/2019	19				8			13	N/A
01/07/2019	20				10	13	12	12	Compliance date
01/14/2019	15				10			16	N/A
01/22/2019	17				10			15	Compliance date
01/28/2019	19				9			15	N/A
02/04/2019	16				10			14	Compliance date
02/12/2019	22				10			18	N/A
02/18/2019	23				11	11	13	16	Compliance date
02/25/2019	21				16			16	N/A
03/05/2019	18				17			14	Compliance date
03/11/2019	15				12			14	N/A
03/18/2019	14				12	17	19	19	Compliance date
03/25/2019	16				12	13	14	19	N/A
04/01/2019	30				15			18	Compliance date
04/08/2019	18				14			14	N/A
04/15/2019	18				12			16	Compliance date
04/22/2019	24				12			16	N/A
04/29/2019	26				12	21	29	16	Compliance date
05/06/2019	19				13			24	N/A
05/13/2019	18				12			14	Compliance date
05/20/2019	21				31			14	N/A
05/28/2019	21				19	20	28	17	Compliance date
	31				19			17	
06/03/2019									N/A
06/10/2019	25				16			17	Compliance date
06/17/2019	20				9			8	N/A
06/24/2019	16				19	13	22	7	Compliance date
07/01/2019	19		9	11	16			6	N/A
07/08/2019	26		11	12	10	14	16	5	Compliance date
07/15/2019	21		9	12	14			6	N/A
07/22/2019	12	9	8	11	13			6	Compliance date
07/29/2019	12	12	11	12	12			7	N/A
08/05/2019	10	9	8	12	12	17	10	6	Compliance date
08/12/2019	8	7	8	11	10			6	N/A
08/19/2019	8	7	8	10	10			4	Compliance date
08/26/2019	7	6	6	10	9			6	N/A
09/04/2019	7	6	7	8	10	9	10	6	Compliance date
09/09/2019	7	7	8	10	11			6	N/A
09/16/2019	7	6	6	8	7	6	8	6	Compliance date
09/23/2019	6	6	7	8	7			6	N/A
09/30/2019	6	6	7	8	7			7	Compliance date
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			12	N/A
12/26/2019	11				8			8	Compliance date
12/30/2019	8				8			9	N/A

Notes:

--- indicates water sample was not collected.

"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-OCT-2019'+and+date_collected+<+'01-JAN-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_date=2 0191001&v_end_date=20191231&v_report_type=format7&v_target_code=file_csv&v_run_mod e=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_date=2 0191001&v_end_date=20191231&v_report_type=format7&v_target_code=file_csv&v_run_mod e=onLine&v_js_flag=Y&v_dbkey=AN670/AN671/AN672.

S328

G737

S332DX

S18C

Date	S332DX	S18C	S328	G737	Date
01/02/2019	6	3	20	5	07/02/2019
01/08/2019	6	3	24	4	07/09/2019
01/15/2019	8	4	22	4	07/16/2019
01/22/2019	8	4	J	4	07/23/2019
01/29/2019	6	2	J	4	07/30/2019
02/05/2019	6	4	J	4	08/06/2019
02/12/2019	7	4	J	4	08/13/2019
02/19/2019	6	3	J	5	08/20/2019
02/26/2019	7	3	J	4	08/27/2019
03/05/2019	2	3	J	3	09/04/2019
03/12/2019	8	3	J		09/10/2019
03/19/2019	8	4	22		09/17/2019
03/26/2019	8	6	17		09/24/2019
04/02/2019	7	4	J		10/01/2019
04/09/2019	8	3	J		10/08/2019
04/16/2019	8	4	J		10/15/2019
04/23/2019	7	5	J		10/22/2019
04/30/2019	8	5	J		10/29/2019
05/07/2019	8	5	J		11/05/2019
05/14/2019	8	6	J		11/12/2019
05/21/2019	8	6	J		11/19/2019
05/28/2019	11	7	J		11/26/2019
06/04/2019	10	6	84		12/03/2019
06/11/2019	10	6	62	8	12/10/2019
06/18/2019	7	6	29	4	12/17/2019
06/25/2019	5	4	30	6	12/26/2019

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

Notes:

-- indicates water sample was not collected.

"J" indicates the sample was collected from a disconnected pool and was not representative of the surrounding water body. The surrounding area was dry.

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.

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Discharge Limits and OFW Standards for Shark River Slough

Interim Discharge Limit:

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

Long-Term Discharge Limit & OFW Standard:

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

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-feet per year (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 1,061 kac-ft/yr. If the total flow for any water year exceeds 1,061 kac-ft/yr, a flow of 1,061 kac-ft/yr should be used in calculating the discharge limits.

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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, and S-18C, plus any new release points from this basin established in the future, thousand acre-feet per year (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.

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APPENDIX E

DOCUMENT REVISIONS

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

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