



**Morning on Lake Istokpoga.
May 2012**

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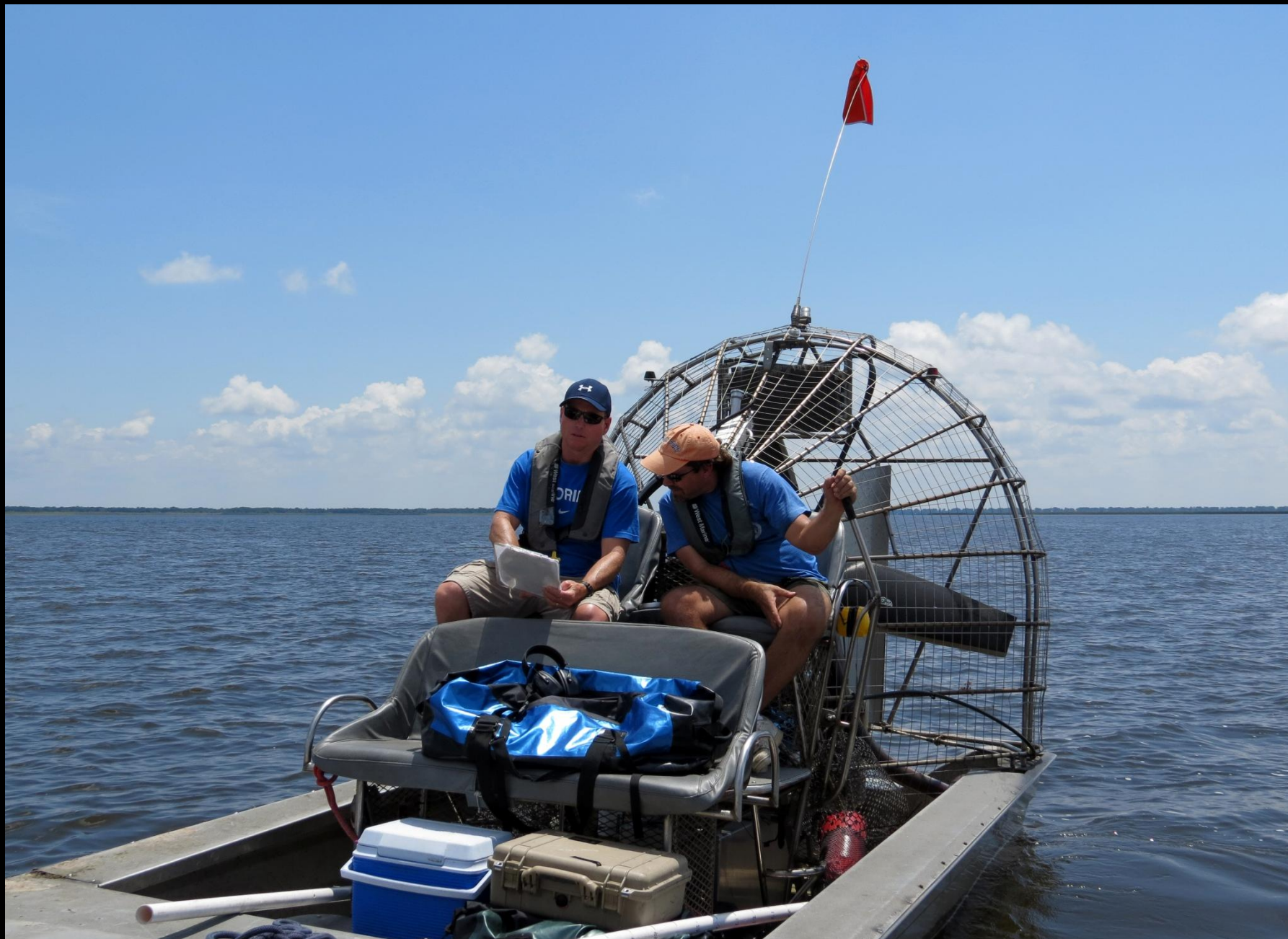
Scientists Andy Rodusky and Chuck Hanlon head out for SAV (submerged aquatic vegetation) sampling on Lake Istokpoga.

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Scientist Karen Donnelly, ready for mapping.
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Amy Peters



Chuck and Andy consult the map.
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Topped-out exotic Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*)



Scientist Amy Peters with topped-out native Illinois Pondweed (*Potamogeton illinoensis*)



**Healthy bed of Illinois Pondweed.
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Amy and an approaching rain storm.
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Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) on the nest
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Anhinga chicks
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American Alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*)
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Insects on a Water Lily (*Nymphaea odorata*)
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An endangered female Everglades Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)
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A male Snail Kite
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Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) with nesting materials.
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Back at the nest.
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Black-bellied Whistling Ducks (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)
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Green Anole (*Anolis carolinensis*)
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Curly-tailed Lizard (*Alaeiocephalus carinatus*)
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Airboating in dense Cattail (*Typha* sp.) (Principal Scientist Bruce Sharfstein in foreground)
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Andy Rodusky



Boat trails cut through thick eelgrass (*Vallisneria americana*) in Fisheating bay.
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An exotic Purple Swamphen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*)
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Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*), ready for lift off.
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Black Skimmers (*Rynchops niger*) on a shoal at the mouth of Harney Pond.
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**Scientist Brent Anderson uses an integrated sampler to collect a representative sample of the water column. This will be used for phytoplankton analysis.
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Scientist Rachael Pierce and a Cottonwood Borer Beetle (*Plectrodera scalator*)
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Andy helps set herpetofauna traps in a spikerush (*Eleocharis cellulosa*) meadow near Indian Prairie.
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A 'forest' of dead Rattlebox (*Sesbania* sp.) north of Indian Prairie. These terrestrial plants colonized the marsh during drought conditions and then died naturally when the water returned. Lake Okeechobee, May 2012

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Eggs from the exotic Island Apple Snail (*Pomacea insularum*), laid on the herpetofauna traps that were set the day before.
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Some of the creatures caught in the herpetofauna traps, May 2012



Baby Greater Siren (*Siren lacertina*)



Armored Catfish (*Hoplosternum littorale*)



Bowfin (*Amia calva*)



Green Tree Frog (*Hyla cinerea*)
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