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SFWMD Releases More Canal-Clearing Carp

5,000 hungry grass carp will help control invasive plants in flood control canals



(Click picture for a larger version.)

WHAT:

As part of a committed nuisance aquatic vegetation management program, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is set to release another 5,000 grass carp to eat canal-clogging plants in the C-8 and C-9 canals in northern Miami-Dade County.

Though the carp are Arkansas fish-farm natives, they are far from dangerous exotic species such as the Burmese python that have invaded South Florida. These effective biological controls are sterile and do not breed. They can focus all their energies on eating hydrilla, a rapidly

growing invasive plant that slows water flow and can clog structures in SFWMD canals that must be kept clear for flood control purposes.

For more information about [grass carp](#), visit the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Web site.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 3, 2010

TIME: 7 a.m.

WHERE: The first carp release will be at the C-9 Canal just off U.S. Highway 27.

RSVP: Media interested in attending should RSVP to Randy Smith at rsmith@sfwmd.gov or Nestor Yglesias at ynestor@sfwmd.gov.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.