

TOO FAR NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE FOXES ARE CIRCLING OUR HENHOUSES

St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) sponsored the "Big Meeting" at Orlando Utilities Commission July 18, 2007. At the meeting it was reported that 150,000,000 gallons of water per day were available from the Withlacoochee River at Lake Rousseau and Holder. Linda Shelley who is from Fowler, White, Boggs, Banker (a law firm that does work for Citrus County) opened the meeting and made the point later that Interdistrict transfer law relates to groundwater not surface water.

Does this mean "Local Sources First" is dead and Citrus County is supporting the firm pushing that opinion? Citrus County may be supporting the law firm that is pandering to SJRWMD but "Local Sources First" is not dead. Former Senator Nancy Argenziano, Senator Charlie Dean, Representative Ron Schultz, SWFWMD Executive Director Dave Moore, at least four of the Citrus County Commissioners and important water board members Sam Lyons, Wayne Sawyer and Sandra Clodwick attended the September 19th meeting, supporting us and "Local Sources First." But the even more important supporters were the citizens that showed up at the Withlacoochee River Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) Board Meeting September 19th in Brooksville. There were many people, some alone and some with groups - many groups. I am proud to tell you that the largest group and the continuing front line of water protection and "accountable representation" was TOO FAR. The presence of aroused citizens helps the politicians to see clearly.

More foxes... The Executive Director of the WRWSA also consults for the Villages. And, one more... Pete Hubbell, the former Executive Director of SWFWMD and arch-enemy of TOO FAR is a consultant to WRWSA. He made a Planning and Implementation presentation at the September 19th meeting that should terrify everyone in Citrus County all the way to the coast. He proposed a reservoir at Trilby on the Withlacoochee River to recharge Pasco County and steal from the Withlacoochee River upstream of the Tsala Apopka Lakes.

Stick with us there is still lots to do. You probably do not want to go to as many meetings as we go to but when we need a show of force, join us and wear your TOO FAR shirt.

Al

TOO FAR General Meeting

Thursday October 25, 2007 at 7 pm at East Citrus Community Center
Invited Speaker: Mark Edwards, Director Aquatic Division Citrus County

TOO FAR Board Meeting

Thursday November 1 at 6 pm at the TOO FAR office

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To my very dear Florida Friends,
From Wayne Sawyer

Subject: Urgent Petition for **Florida Hometown Democracy**

Date: September 19, 2007

I believe that each one of us are deeply concerned at the rapid growth in Florida. Developers are running rampant through all of the state building huge developments surrounded with many water-consuming golf courses. Nature is suffering. Our wetlands are falling victims to greed and sharp talking lawyers. Our once wonderful water resources are dwindling at an alarming and in some areas critical rate. The developers talk a smooth talk and get the backing and go-ahead from state and local politicians. Our state agencies that are charged with the responsibility of protecting and managing our natural resources are pressured and coerced to grant the permits to developers to proceed ahead with devastating developments. You know the score. You read about it every day. Like me, you grit your teeth and wonder how and when some sanity will emerge and bring a halt.

Maybe there is an answer. Voters and taxpayers all over Florida have a chance to finally say, "Enough is Enough." I am told that over 400,000 petitions have already been signed. Look up the website:

FloridaHometownDemocracy.com. On it you will find the petition form that you can print, sign, and mail. Please pass this info on to your Florida Friends. Let's become the electors who approve or disapprove local zoning changes that enable the development to be approved or denied.

The developers are scared to death about this and they are fighting it tooth and nail with all kind of scare tactics and double talk. The St. Pete Times wrote about these scare tactics in their publication of 9/18/07. Thanks and good luck, Wayne

HILITES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

By Pat Brady

Thanks to Jan Grubman and Mary Agius for the treats.

Al opened the meeting with the Pledge and Jerry delivered the invocation. Greg presented the financial report.

Speaker: Lt. Bob Wesch. Bob presented an overview of the Citrus County Emergency Plan and described the functions and responsibilities of the Emergency Operations Center. He encouraged members to prepare for natural disasters and outlined the items to keep on hand and the procedures and processes to be followed. Handouts were available for members.

Bob also gave members a phone number to call (746-6555) to register with Code Red. This is the county's emergency communications system providing phone messages for emergencies.

A Q&A session followed and many issues were discussed including the following: the new EOC building, sirens, hazardous material disposal sites.

President's Report
Directors' Report
Bullfrog Drawing
Meeting adjourned.

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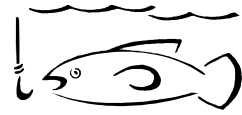
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THE CATCHING REPORT



Hello Fellow Fishermen, as always I hope these words find you healthy and happy.

On the Salt:

Love is in the air, or should I say water, as far as the red fish are concerned. Their spawn should have peaked with the Sep. full moon and will continue on into Nov. if the weather holds. As the schools grow in size more keeper reds are available to fill out your limit. Some very large reds have been taken from schools in the area around the spoil banks.

This same area is producing some large flounder. Live shrimp or cut mullet are the preferred baits for these flat fish. Some fine cobia black tip sharks are being hooked in the Yankeetown area on cut bait. Increasing numbers of gag grouper are still holding on structure in 30-45' of water. Cut mullet or sardines are the bait of choice.

Two of the Gulf Coasts top game fish are moving into the Homosassa River. Snook and tarpon are being taken in increasing numbers. Fish live shrimp around docks or seawalls in the early morning or under lighted docks at night for these beauties. If you want to blow a fuse in your pacemaker, these two will "git 'er done".

Getting Fresh:

The first day of fall has passed but the weather still has the fish in their summer pattern. Top water baits early and late in the day are producing fish in the five pound range.

A young boy, a huge smile, a ten pound bass; all of these are in a picture over the counter at Molly McGee's deli/bait shop (see ad). Owner Mike Steele said the lad was fishing a medium size shiner purchased there when he caught his trophy from Lake Henderson.

Our president, Al Grubman, has been too busy to fish (is that possible?). If you consider how hard he works for TOO FAR, maybe it is. Take a break Al, go fishing. Greg and June Schmulak are still fishing Lake Rouseau. Fair is how Greg described his last trip there. They landed several fish but none were bragging size. The lake levels are slowly rising due to the rains but not enough to open any of the boat ramps. We need a tropical storm desperately.

That's all there is for now. I wish you blue skies and tight lines, Jerry's gone fishin'.

Fish Camp Philosophy: "One of the great charms of angling is that of all sports, it offers the best opportunity to enjoy the wonders and beauty of nature." J.J. Manley



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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING - THURSDAY—OCTOBER 25, 2007
7 pm at the East Citrus Community Center
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Division of Aquatic Services, Citrus County**

Lake Levels as of October 1, 2007

Structure:	Current
Floral City	37.44
Inverness	35.15
Hernando	34.75
Panasoffkee	37.85
Wysong Up Stream	37.13
Wysong Down Stream	34.70
Leslie Heifner Outside	38.20
Leslie Heifner Inside	38.20
Levels are in ft. above sea level.	

**The Wysong Main Gate is closed.
Low Flow Gate is fully open.
46 cfs total flow.
Floral City, Inverness and Hernando
Pools— structures are closed.
Leslie Heifner gate open.**

**Please call Mike Bartlett, SWFWMD, at
800-423-1476 ext. 4515 for more informa-
tion on the lake levels/structures.**

Remember to recycle and deposit your cans and newspapers in our recycle bins. Newspapers in bin and cans in plastic bags on the porch. TOO FAR is located at 26 N Florida Avenue, Inverness. Thank you!