

Harris Chain of Lakes Fish, Wildlife, and Habitat Management Plan



Lake Management Plans

- These management plan efforts will guide FWC's fish, wildlife, and habitat management for the Harris Chain
- Involve stakeholders from the beginning of the process.
- Plans will cover management activities within FWC's jurisdiction while providing recommendations to partner agencies on items outside of that jurisdiction.



Stakeholder Engagement Techniques

Stakeholder Engagement will consist of:

- Stakeholder Input Workshops
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Surveys
- Focus Groups
- Public Meetings



Spring 2020

Input
Workshops

Interviews

Survey

1st Draft
of Plan

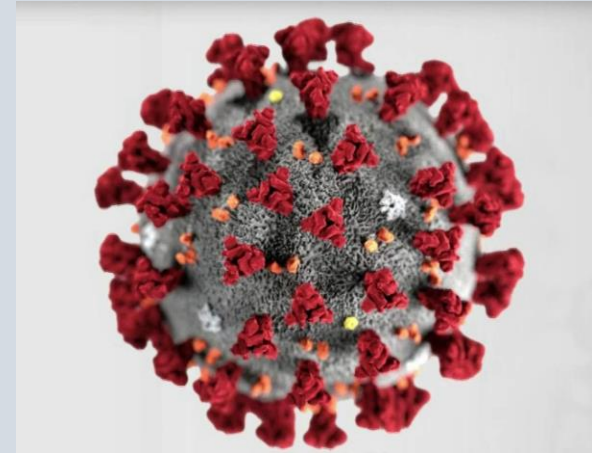
Focus
Groups

2nd Draft
of Plan

Final Plan

Virtual Stakeholder Engagement

- Due to COVID-19 pandemic, we had to adjust to a virtual format
- Workshops and Interviews were conducted virtually using Microsoft TEAMS and phone calls
- Information is being used to inform subsequent engagement activities and initial plan drafts



Stakeholder Workshops

- March-August 2020, 12 virtual workshops consisting over 60 stakeholders representing various user groups and NGO's
- 3 types of workshops
 - User Specific
 - Lake/Area Specific
 - General

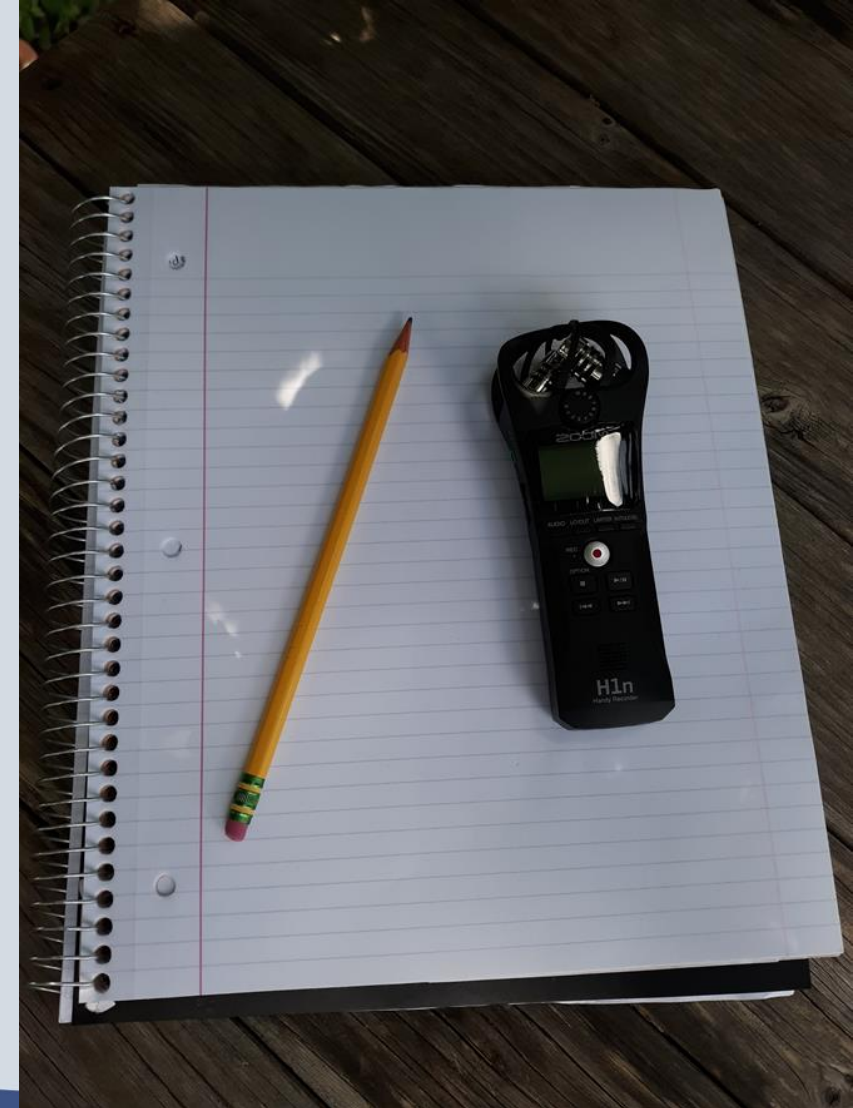


Stakeholder Interviews

- Stakeholder Interviews with Local Business (Tackle Shops/Marinas, etc.) and other managing agencies (LCWA, SJRWMD, etc.). These were conducted over the phone and via video conference when applicable

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- 16 Interviews (July and August)
 - 6 Local Business
 - 10 State, County, and City Government



Harris Chain – Common Themes

- Harris Chain– Themes
 - Water Quality and Levels
 - There is overall satisfaction with the positive trends in water quality metrics
 - Hydrilla Management – Balance
 - Fisheries Importance
 - Communication



Next Steps

- Utilizing the information gained through interviews and workshops FWC will draft a focused survey
 - Multiple distribution methods
 - More focused questions and broader audience
 - Conducted in fall and early winter
- Lake specific working groups will begin digesting and discussing input received and will begin plan formation
 - Plan to have an initial draft as a Focus Group discussion in early 2021





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