

South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

Plan for Coordinating Science

Requirements and Next Steps

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Purpose

- The Task Force prepares a Plan for Coordinating Science (PCS) every 2 years
- In May 2007 the Task Force provided guidance to complete the current draft of the PCS
- The current status of these actions will be presented for discussion and additional guidance to complete the report



Background



Major Milestones

- Mar 2003 – GAO Report
- Aug 2004 – Committee Report
- Dec 2004 – Task Force approved Phase I PCS



Task Force Directive to the SCG

1. Develop a scientifically defensible process for identifying programmatic-level restoration science needs and gaps
2. Have the process independently reviewed
3. Prepare a plan using this process to identify system-wide restoration science needs and gaps
4. Ensure an open and transparent forum for the development of the plan



Four Major Sections

- Science Needs & Gaps
- Information Sharing
- Quality Assurance
- Progress Tracking



Actions to Complete the Current PCS

- In Sep 2006 a draft of the Phase II PCS was provided to Task Force
- The members discussed the draft in December 2006 and March 2007
- In May 2007 the Task Force provided guidance to complete PCS



Task Force Guidance

- **Members will provide edits to clarify the purpose and use of the PCS**
- **An independent panel to assist with prioritization of the gaps will be established**
- **After steps 1 and 2 are finished, the final report will be completed**

