

Restoring America's Everglades



– Recovering Multiple Species –

Briefing for the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group

West Palm Beach, Florida

July 20, 2007

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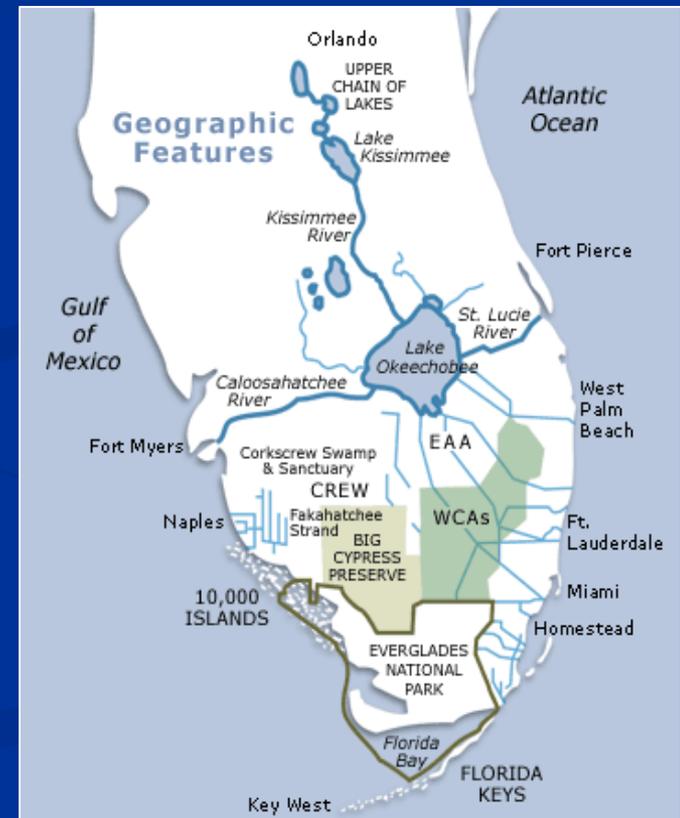
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Outline of Presentation

I. Independent Review: Best Available Science

- Avian Ecology Workshop 2003
- Avian Ecology Workshop 2007

II. Take Home Messages



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Using the Best Available Science

Avian Ecology Workshop, 2003

- Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow
- Snail Kite
- Wood Stork
- Roseate Spoonbill



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Using the Best Available Science

Avian Ecology Workshop – Findings

- “Strong Indications” Restoration Will Benefit All Four Species
- Restore Natural Flow from WCA 3A to 3B and into NE Shark River Slough
- Uncertainties in Transition to Full CERP, Especially for Sparrows
- Monitoring and Adaptive Management Are Keys to Success



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Avian Ecology Workshop 2007

- Independent Review –
Sustainable Ecosystems Institute
- August 13-15, 2007
- Florida International University
- Multi-Species Focus
- Actions We Can Take in the
Transition
- Adaptive Management



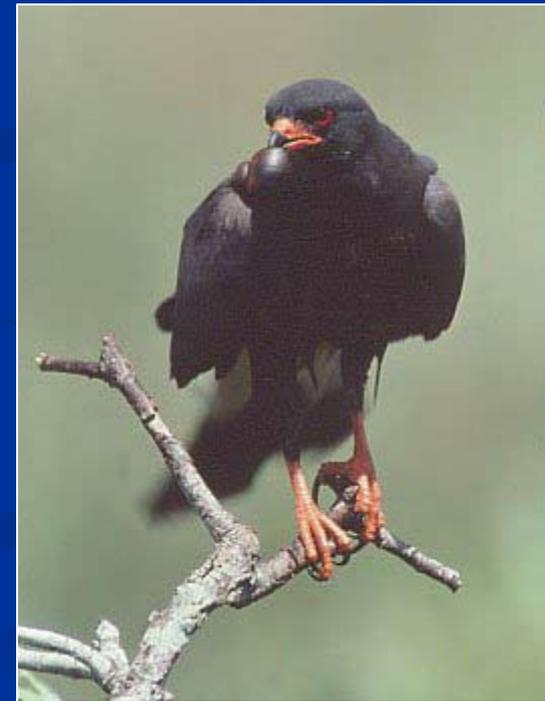


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Avian Ecology Workshop 2007 – Deliverables

- Nine Interdisciplinary Panelists: *Avian Ecology, Hydrology, Vegetation Change, Conservation Biology*
- Organize and Implement Workshop – Draft Agenda
 - **Engage Scientists**
 - **Engage Partners**
 - **Webcast**
- Scientific Report – Dec. 2007
- Peer Reviewed Paper – Dec. 2008



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Take Home Messages

- Maximizing Ecosystem Restoration Is Priority #1
- Proactive Effort to Develop Independent Best Available Science
- Identify Actions Partners Can Take Now and in the Future



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