

1 SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2008- _____

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5 **A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA**
6 **WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE FLORIDA FISH**
7 **AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (FWC) TO ESTABLISH**
8 **STORMWATER TREATMENT AREAS 1W (STA-1W) and 5 (STA-5) AS**
9 **ALLIGATOR MANAGEMENT UNITS AND ALLOW FWC TO MANAGE**
10 **FUTURE ALLIGATOR HARVESTS AT STA-1W AND STA-5 DURING THE**
11 **ANNUAL ALLIGATOR HARVEST SEASONS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN**
12 **TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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15 **WHEREAS**, the District is required by the Everglades Forever Act (Section 373.4592, Florida
16 Statutes) to make “[stormwater treatment areas] available for public recreational use unless the
17 District Governing Board can demonstrate that such uses are incompatible with the restoration goals
18 of the Everglades Construction Project or the water quality or hydrological purposes of the STA’s or
19 would otherwise adversely impact the implementation of the project”; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District deems it
21 necessary, appropriate, and in the public interest to authorize the Florida Fish and Wildlife
22 Conservation Commission (FWC) to establish Stormwater Treatment Areas 1W (STA-1W) and 5
23 (STA-5) as Alligator Management Units, in accordance with Rule 68A-25.042, Florida Administrative
24 Code, and to manage future alligator harvests in consultation with SFWMD staff during the annual
25 alligator harvest seasons; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the FWC will manage the annual alligator harvests at STA-1W and STA-5 in
27 compliance with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and requirements and in a similar manner to
28 alligator harvests in other Alligator Management Units in Florida; and

29 **WHEREAS**, FWC law enforcement officers will control the access to and provide an increased
30 presence at each site during the alligator harvests; and

31 **WHEREAS**, hunters will not be permitted to use air boats, other motorized boats or all terrain
32 vehicles in STA-1W or in STA-5 during the annual alligator harvests; and

33 **WHEREAS**, hunting will occur on the weekends during the annual alligator harvest seasons,
34 with hunt hours limited to Friday and Saturday nights only, from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after
35 sunrise; and

36 **WHEREAS**, the number of permits issued by FWC for the annual alligator harvest seasons
37 shall be determined in consultation with SFWMD staff; and

