

WHY DO WE CARE ABOUT PROTECTING THE ESTUARY?

- Protection of Southwest Florida's Natural Resources
- Public Health & Safety
- Our Economy

Problems and Challenges: Caloosahatchee River and Estuary



...and when it is bad, it's really bad.



S-79 (Franklin Lock and Dam) – Algal bloom east of structure



Olga Water Treatment Plant – upstream of S-79



Mouth of the Caloosahatchee River



Sanibel Boat Ramp

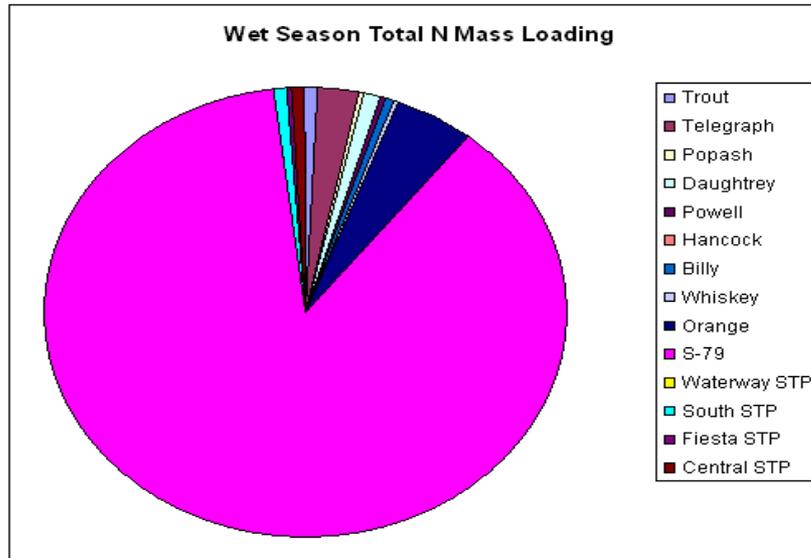
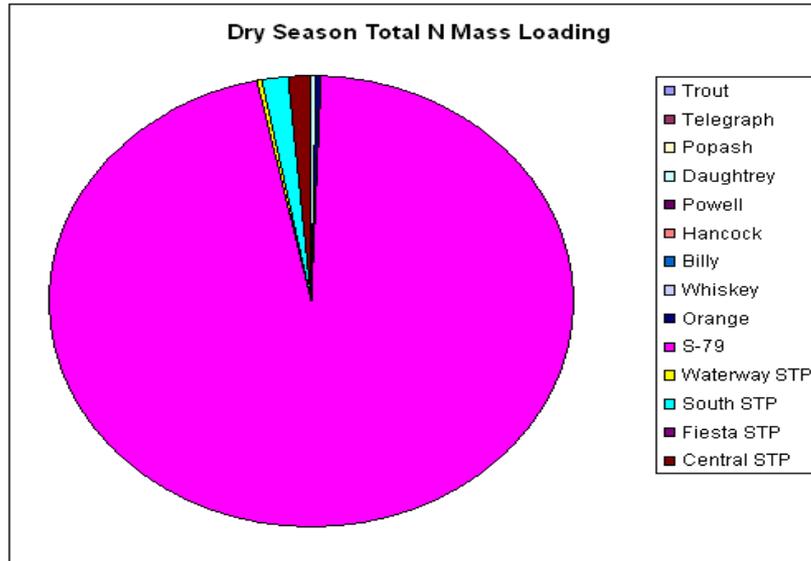


Lee County Island Coast



Sanibel Island

Lion's share nutrient loading in Caloosahatchee comes from upstream of S-79





...as it should be.