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SFWMD Working to Increase Safety at Navigation Locks

Protection of the boating community on Lake Okeechobee, Kissimmee is paramount

Lake Okeechobee, FL – The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is taking action to improve the safety of boaters moving through two locks on popular fishing lakes and navigation routes near the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and Lake Okeechobee.

As a temporary measure, additional personnel are now stationed at the S-61 and S-193 navigation locks to ensure that as many boats as possible can safely move through these structures. The S-61 allows boat traffic to move between Lake Tohopekaliga and the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, and the S-193 moves traffic between Taylor Creek and Lake Okeechobee.

SFWMD is working on a long-term solution that moves boaters through these important navigation locks as safely and efficiently as possible.

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The South Florida Water Management District is a regional governmental agency that manages water resources in the southern part of the state. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts.

Our mission is to protect South Florida's water resources by balancing and improving flood control, water supply, water quality and natural systems.