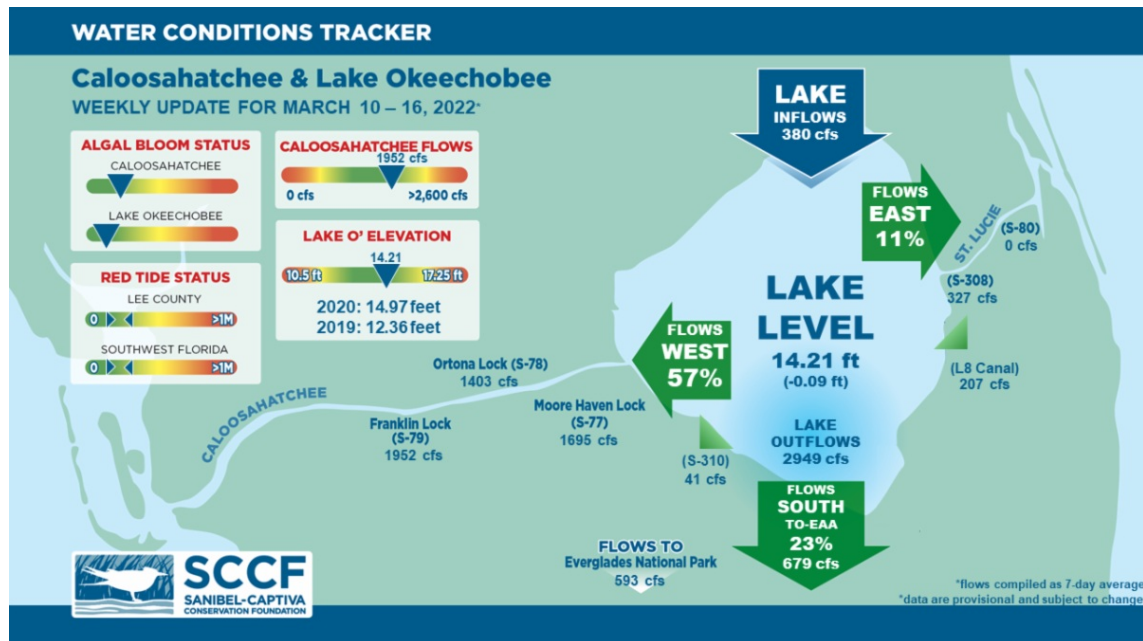




This Week's Water Conditions Update

March 18, 2022

Water Conditions Tracker



Lake Okeechobee Levels & Caloosahatchee Flow Impacts

On 3/16/22 Lake Okeechobee was at 14.21 feet, decreasing by 0.09 feet in the past week. The weekly average flow at S-79 was 1,952 cfs (cubic feet per second) and flow from the Lake at S-77 was an average of 1,695 cfs. The 14-day average flow was **1,943 cfs** and has been in the **optimal flow envelope for 113 days**.

For more information on Lake Okeechobee and estuary conditions go to the latest [Caloosahatchee Conditions Report](#)



Virtual Water Quality Tour from Lighthouse Beach

[Click here](#) or on the image above to take a virtual tour from above Lighthouse Beach Park to see how the water looked this week.

Photo was taken on 3/14/22 at 1:16 PM on a hide tide (high tide @ 12:58 PM (1.66 ft)).

Red Tide

[Satellite imagery](#) over the past week has not detected any blooms off the coast of Southwest Florida.

On 3/11/22, the FWC reported that *K. brevis* was not observed in samples collected statewide over the past week.

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) on Sanibel received 5 birds with toxicosis symptoms (from red tide or blue-green algae) from 3/8/22 - 3/14/22.

Blue-Green Algae

On 3/14/22 sampling for cyanobacteria by the Lee County Environmental Lab reported the presence of *Dolichospermum* and *Microcystis* at the **Alva Boat Ramp** as visible specks, **upstream of the Franklin Locks** with some accumulation and streaks along the lock, and at the **Davis Boat Ramp** with some streaks visible.

Over the past week, [satellite imagery](#) from Lake Okeechobee showed less than 5% coverage of low to moderate cyanobacteria bloom potential along the north western shoreline of the lake.

Resources To Follow:

To learn more about our current water conditions, click on the following links:

[Caloosahatchee Conditions Report](#)

A collaborative, weekly analysis, including recommendations for water managers regarding Lake Okeechobee flows.

[RECON](#)

SCCF's River, Estuary, and Coastal Observing Network is a network of eight optical water quality sensors deployed throughout the Caloosahatchee and the Pine Island Sound estuary to provide real-time water quality data.

[Red Tide Resources](#)

[NOAA HAB Monitoring System - Lake Okeechobee](#)

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