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## **PUBLIC INVITED TO WORKSHOPS FOR LAKE OKEECHOBEE REGULATION SCHEDULE STUDY**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The public is invited to attend one of three public workshops on the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule Study (LORSS). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District will host the workshops and present a tentatively selected plan to revise the operations management of Lake Okeechobee. The workshops, which all begin at 7 p.m., will be held:

### Tuesday, July 11

John Boy Auditorium, 1200 WC Owen Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440

*Simultaneous Spanish translation will be available at this location.*

### Wednesday, July 12

Lee County Commission Chambers, 2120 Main St., Ft. Myers, FL 33901

### Thursday, July 13

Indian River Community College / Chastain Campus, Wolf High-Technology Center

2400 S.E. Salerno Rd., Stuart, FL 34997

All interested parties will be given an opportunity to comment and ask questions. The workshops build on a series of meetings held last fall that began the study process by soliciting public input regarding the existing regulation schedule and suggestions for improvements.

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An additional workshop was held in Okeechobee in February, 2006, where preliminary performance measures and lake regulation schedule alternatives under consideration were presented. At the upcoming workshops a tentatively selected plan will be presented. A final series of meetings will be held this fall to present and receive public comment on the proposed environmental report, known as the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS).

"The communities that are most affected by regulations governing water levels in Lake Okeechobee are an integral part of this process," said Col. Robert M. Carpenter, Jacksonville District commander. "This is a time for the public to stay engaged. We must look for a fix to the problems plaguing Lake Okeechobee and the estuaries. The Corps is committed to finding a solution and implementing it by January 2007."

For further information, please call the Jacksonville District Corporate Communication Office at 904-232-2235 or 1953, or email [publicmail.cesaj-cc@saj02.usace.army.mil](mailto:publicmail.cesaj-cc@saj02.usace.army.mil). Additional information regarding the regulation schedule study and related topics is available at the Lake Okeechobee link on the Jacksonville District web site, [www.saj.usace.army.mil/index.html](http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/index.html).

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