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## **U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN LAKE OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY LOCK SCHEDULE**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will begin a new lock schedule on the W. P. Franklin and St. Lucie Locks on the Okeechobee Waterway, effective Thursday, June 7th until further notice, due to the continued decline in water levels on Lake Okeechobee.

The Franklin and St. Lucie Locks will lock boats through only at Noon, with one lockage in each direction. Moore Haven and Port Mayaca will continue to provide lockage on an unrestricted basis, between 6 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. The Ortona Lock is closed for maintenance until July 21, 2007, preventing crossing of the Okeechobee Waterway.

Conditions will be evaluated on a weekly basis.

Additional information concerning Lake Okeechobee, the Okeechobee Waterway and related Navigation Bulletins may be obtained on the Jacksonville District web site at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil>, and linking to the Navigation section, or by calling 904-232-2236.

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