

**Martin County Projects Update**  
**June 28, 2018 at 11 a.m., City of Stuart Commission Chambers**  
**(Update provided by Dianne Hughes, Senior Ecosystem Specialist,**  
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**LAKE OKEECHOBEE / WATER CONDITIONS**

- Lake elevation is 14.10'
  - 7 days ago 14.02'
  - 30 days ago 14.02'
  - Last year 12.31'
  - Two years ago 14.90'
- Total Structure Inflows – 6705 cfs
- Total Structure Outflows – 3331 cfs
- S-308 Outflows – 2101 cfs
- S-80 Outflows – 1788 cfs
- Enterococcus – Roosevelt Bridge, Sandsprit Park and Stuart Sandbar are good, Leighton Park is listed at poor.

**Project Updates**

- Martin County staff requested no releases to the St. Lucie Estuary during the Periodic Scientist Call this past Tuesday. The Corps responded this morning that the releases will stop for one week beginning this Saturday.
- Jensen Beach Impoundment – improvements to the parking lot and new pavilion are in design phase and will be constructed in the fall of 2018.
- Bat Box Installation – Ecosystems Division is looking for volunteers to assist with bat box installations within our conservations areas. Please contact Jay Mann at 772-320-3209.
- We all know that tourism is a vital industry in Martin County and we want to make sure you have the most accurate information on conditions. We created [www.protectourparadise.com](http://www.protectourparadise.com) as a way to keep people informed. Here you can find the answers to many questions your customers might have, as well as links related to beach and water conditions.

**Blue Green Algae**

- County staff continues to monitor social media, news and perform reconnaissance around the County at public access points to understand the extent and impact of algae in our watershed.
- County staff is currently evaluating the feasibility of drone technology and costs to determine if this will assist us in monitoring the algae bloom through the summer.
- The County has been coordinating with the Health Department offers the following “Swim It, Shore It or Dodge It” reminders:
  - Swim It with a buddy when safety flags and signs indicate that it is safe to do so.
  - Shore It on the sand if you have a cut on your skin, have a weakened immune system or you are alone
  - Dodge It avoid organisms that live in or near the water, and stay clear of algae blooms.
- If you experience illness related to an algae bloom, please call the Florida Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.
- For health-related questions, contact the Florida Department of Health in Martin County at 772-221-4090.
- To report fish kills, call Fish Kill Hotline (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission) at 800-636-0511.
- To report algae blooms, contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection at 855-305-3903.