



**HIGHLANDS COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(HCBCC)
PURCHASING DIVISION**

DATE: January 30, 2018

BID NO. FWQ 18-008 ADDENDUM No. 3

Project.: LAKE ISTOKPOGA -HURRICANE IRMA TUSOCK REMOVAL FROM TWO CANAL SYSTEMS

This addendum is being issued to provide a copy of the permit.

1. Attached is a copy of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission permit that has been obtained for the tussock removal.



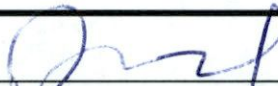
Aquatic Plant Control Permit
 FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 Division of Habitat and Species Conservation
 Invasive Plant Management Section
 3800 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 705
 Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Permittee Name: Highlands County Natural Resources Permit Number: IPM-18-00015
 Permittee Address: 4344 George Blvd Effective Date: 01/29/2018
 SEBRING, FLORIDA Expiration Date: 01/29/2021
 33875 UNITED STATES

IS AUTHORIZED TO:

1. Pursuant to the Agency's authority under Chapter 369.20 Florida Statutes and Chapter 68F-20 Florida Administrative Code, the Permittee is authorized to control aquatic plants under the conditions listed below and in accordance with any site map that may be attached to this permit. A copy of this permit must be present on site and available for review during any aquatic plant control activities.

AUTHORIZED LOCATION(S): **Area of operation:** Istokpoga, Lake(HIGHLANDS)
 Site Address: 4344 George Blvd , SEBRING 33875
 POS: Latitude 27° 24' 37.15' N Longitude 81° 20' 33.97' W

Permittee Signature:  Date: 30 Jan 18

Not valid unless signed. By signature, confirms that all information provided to issue the permit is accurate and complete, and indicates acceptance and understanding of the provisions and conditions listed below. **Any false statements or misrepresentations when applying for this permit may result in felony charges and will result in revocation of this permit.**

Authorized By: Kelle Sullivan Authorized for: Eric Sutton, Executive Director

Authorizing Signature:  Date: 01/29/2018
 Invasive Plant Management Section

Is Authorized To (Continued):

PLANT	ACRES	METHOD
Floating Islands (Tussocks)	5.00	Mechanical (Other), Mechanical Harvester

PERMIT CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS:

- 1 To avoid disturbance of Everglades snail kites, the permittee shall cease aquatic plant management activities if notified by the Commission that their activities are within the 500 meter buffer zone of an active snail kite nest or if their activities may pose negative consequences to other snail kite nesting resources. The permittee will be notified by the Commission when or under what conditions aquatic plant management activities may resume.
- 2 Permittee must manage the above listed aquatic plants in accordance with the attached site plan which is made part of this permit.
- 3 All aquatic vegetation removed pursuant to this permit shall be deposited on a self-contained upland site which shall be located so as to prevent the reintroduction of the removed vegetation into waters of the State.
- 4 Permittee shall not disturb or destabilize the shoreline substrate while using any mechanical equipment. If substrate will/may be disturbed or removed while using a tractor/mower, bush-hog or other mechanical

equipment, then a dredge & fill permit may be required by the Department of Environmental Protection.

- 5 Permittee may remove entire plant (including roots) from the site, as long as no offsite turbidity occurs or sediment is removed. If substrate is removed while conducting the above permitted activities then a dredge & fill permit may be required by the Department of Environmental Protection.
- 6 The permit or a copy of the permit must be present and available for review on site during the time of any aquatic plant control activities.
- 7 The issuance of this permit does not relieve the permittee of the responsibility to comply with all applicable federal, state, county and municipal laws, ordinances, or rules; nor is the permittee relieved of the responsibility to obtain any other licenses or permits.
- 8 This permit is valid for only the activities printed on the front of this document.
- 9 If an aquatic herbicide(s) is authorized for use by this permit, the permittee is required to use the permitted herbicide(s) in a manner that is consistent with the application directions on the product label.
- 10 The Permittee agrees to hold and save the State of Florida, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, its inspectors and employees, harmless from any damage, no matter how occasioned and no matter what the amount, to persons or property, which might result from the aquatic plant management activities pursuant to the permit. [If the Permittee is a Florida "state agency or subdivision" as defined in 768.28, F.S., this provision does not constitute a waiver of the Permittee's sovereign immunity or extend the Permittee's liability beyond the limits established in Section 768.28, F.S.]
- 11 The Permittee is responsible for complying with the restrictions/requirements of any recorded conservation easement along the shoreline. If the activities authorized by this permit are inconsistent or contrary with the restrictions/requirements of a conservation easement, then the permittee must obtain authorization from the conservation easement holder prior to conducting any aquatic plant control activities at the site.
- 12 The removal of aquatic plants is exempt from chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes, dredge and fill permitting requirements, provided the activities are performed in compliance with the conditions of paragraph 403.813(1)(r), Florida Statutes (copy attached). Turbidity caused by aquatic plant control activities must be contained on site so as to prevent violation of state water quality standards.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by FWC's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. A person seeking a hearing on FWC's action shall file a petition for hearing with the agency within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision. The petition must contain the information and otherwise comply with section 120.569, Florida Statutes, and the uniform rules of the Florida Division of Administration, chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code. If the FWC receives a petition, FWC will notify the Permittee. Upon such notification, the Permittee shall cease all work authorized by this permit until the petition is resolved. The enclosed Explanation of Rights statement provides additional information as to the rights of parties whose substantial interests are or may be affected by this action.