

SEEKING A BETTER SET OF OPERATION IN THE ACF BASIN - WHAT DO THE PERFORMANCE MEASURES TELL US?

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Abstract. The Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) Basin has been under various versions of the Interim Operation Plan (IOP) since 2006. The latest revision (RIOP) was released in May 2012, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion (BiOp) supporting it. Through the history of the RIOP and various versions of the BiOp's, performance measures for the different biological aspects have become better defined and understood. This development makes it possible to tailor the operations and target the specific performance measures to enhance biological and other performances. Georgia EPD has cooperated with external technical experts to test alternative operations in the ACF Basin. Preliminary results seem to be promising.