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Keep Florida Fishing Statement on the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project

(TALLAHASSEE, Fla.) – [Keep Florida Fishing](#)[®], an advocacy arm of the American Sportfishing Association (ASA), released the following statement by Kellie Ralston, ASA’s Fishing Policy Director, on the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir project, related to today’s South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) vote to submit the reservoir plan, known as the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) Post Authorization Change Report (PACR), to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

“We appreciate Governor Rick Scott and Senator Joe Negron’s strong and unwavering voices on behalf of Florida’s environment. We commend SFWMD Executive Director Ernie Marks and the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board and staff for their hard work, tireless efforts, and overall leadership of this Everglades restoration project, along with DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein and the Department of Environmental Protection for their steadfast support.

“The 240,000 acre-feet EAA Reservoir, when combined with other projects, will provide significant relief for our coastal estuaries, and is an important component to restore water flow south to the Everglades. The collective projects are expected to exceed the average annual flow goal of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) by sending 370,000 acre-feet of water to the Everglades.

“On behalf of Florida’s three million anglers, Keep Florida Fishing is committed to working on the next steps in the months ahead, including approval by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and Congressional authorization and subsequent funding.”

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