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The Istokpoga Newswire

Friends of Istokpoga Lake Association, Inc.



Annual Meeting Scheduled

The annual meeting of the Friends of Istokpoga Lake Association, Inc. will be held at the Lorida Community Center in Lorida, Florida, on February 24, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

Dr. Paul Gray, Florida Audubon Society, will present "The Birds of Istokpoga".

Karen Whall, a biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, will present an update to the bass tracking she gave us last year. If you were there for her first presentation, I know you won't want to miss this update!

In addition to these great presentations, this will be our annual election of Directors. We know that you will not want to miss this one.

Several of our current Directors are willing to run for election and serve another year. But, **we need some new directors to fill some vacancies. We hope you will seriously consider helping protect our beautiful lake by volunteering to serve**

as a director.

We hope you will join us and bring your neighbors for this important meeting.

We will serve refreshments before the meeting, beginning at 6:45 pm. Our meeting usually ends by 8:30 pm.

Hydrilla Treatment

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be treating Lake Istokpoga for hydrilla again this month. It is our understanding that some contact herbicide is being applied in some northern areas of the lake where the hydrilla is topped out as this article is being written.

Aerial spraying is expected to begin about February 8th. Normally the Florodone is applied in pellet form but recent problems with microbes in the soil are forcing DEP to try a different form of application. This year they are applying the herbicide in liquid form. This should allow the herbicide to kill the hydrilla instead of being eaten by the microbes.

After the initial application, the concentration of the herbicide in the water will be monitored to insure a sufficient amount remains in the water column. Additional applications will be based on keeping the concentrations at levels high enough to kill the hydrilla.

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Special points of interest:

- *Mark your calendar for our meeting on February 24th*
- *Be sure to check out our Web site*
- *If you haven't paid your dues for 2005, please do so now.*

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When you visit, be sure to tell them "THANKS" for supporting us.

For more information about our Associate members see www.friendsofistokpoga.homestead.com/associates.htm