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C-59 Canal in Okeechobee County to Close to Boat Traffic *SFWMD will make repairs to canal during two-month closure*

Okeechobee, FL – Beginning Tuesday, May 25, the C-59 Canal in eastern Okeechobee County will be closed to boat traffic for two months while the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) makes repairs.

Planned work on the canal – located between Lake Okeechobee at Nubbin Slough and U.S. Highway 441 Southeast – includes redefining the canal side slopes and stabilizing the canal banks by installing rip rap (large rocks) and planting sod.

While conducting the repairs, the District will install barriers in the canal at the U.S. 441 Southeast bridge and at the L-63 North and L-63 South canals. The boat ramp between the bridge and the S-191 water control structure will also be barricaded to prevent boats from launching.

The South Florida Water Management District appreciates the public's patience during the repairs. For more information about the canal repairs or for general information about the District, please call the SFWMD Okeechobee Service Center at (863) 462-5260.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.