



## SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## **Work Begins to Replace Kissimmee Navigation Markers** *SFWMD project accommodates nesting ospreys*

**Kissimmee, FL** – The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) began work today to guide boaters traveling between the City of Kissimmee and the Kissimmee River by replacing a set of aging navigational markers in the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes.

Special consideration has been given to ospreys that have built nests atop the existing navigational markers. Avian experts will carefully move the nests to special osprey nesting platforms that will be placed adjacent to the markers.

During a six-month period, the project will result in construction of:

- 27 navigational markers along the federal navigation channel stretching from the City of Kissimmee lakefront to the Kissimmee River
- Two directional day beacons, one at the south end of Lake Tohopekaliga and the other at the north end of Lake Kissimmee
- Two navigation barriers – known as dolphins – with floating booms that will replace an aging boat barrier at the flood control structure on Lake Tohopekaliga

The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year. A map of the marker locations is available [here](#).

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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.*