



## Hydrilla treatment scheduled for Lake Kissimmee

02/20/2017

Feb. 20, 2017

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## Hydrilla treatment scheduled for Lake Kissimmee

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will treat portions of Lake Kissimmee in Osceola County for invasive hydrilla from Feb. 20 through March 3, weather permitting.

The FWC will treat 404 acres of Lake Kissimmee using herbicides approved for use in lakes by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. There are no restrictions on fishing and swimming in the treated area.

Hydrilla is an invasive aquatic plant spread easily by boats throughout the state's lakes and rivers. While recreational anglers and waterfowl hunters may see some benefits from hydrilla, there are other potential impacts to consider, including negative impacts to beneficial native habitat, navigation, flood control, potable and irrigation water supplies, recreation and the aesthetic qualities of lakes. The FWC strives to balance these needs while managing hydrilla.

For more information about this treatment, contact Danielle Kirkland, FWC invasive plant management regional biologist, at 863-534-7074.

Go to [MyFWC.com/WildlifeHabitats](http://MyFWC.com/WildlifeHabitats) and click on "Invasive Plants" to find out more about management of invasive plant species, including [FAQs](#).

## FWC announces final opportunity for municipalities,

# counties to apply for derelict vessel removal funds

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## FWC announces final opportunity for municipalities, counties to apply for derelict vessel removal funds

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has announced the final 2016/2017 opportunity to apply for derelict vessel removal funds. The application period began Feb. 8, 2017, and will run on a first-come, first-served basis. Approximately \$399,000 in remaining derelict vessel removal funds are available to state, county and city governments. Applications received after April 30, 2017, will not be eligible for consideration. The [Commission Derelict Vessel Final Removal Funding Opportunity Program](#) application and guidelines may be downloaded at [MyFWC.com/DVGrant](http://MyFWC.com/DVGrant).

Funds for removal of derelict vessels that meet the requirements may be applied for at any time during this opportunity period. Applications will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until all available funds have been expended or until April 30, 2017, whichever comes first. Applicants should call the FWC Boating and Waterways Section at 850-617-9540 to determine available funding before mailing or emailing an application.

Projects must be executed immediately upon receipt of an approved purchase order. Payment will be issued upon completion of the closeout requirements in the Commission Derelict Vessel Final Removal Funding Opportunity Program Guidelines.