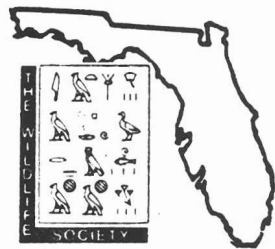


FLORIDA CHAPTER
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



1807 NW 39th Terrace
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December 5, 1986

Mr. Tom Swihart
Department of Environmental Regulation
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, Fl. 32301

Dear Mr. Swihart:

The Florida Chapter of Wildlife Society is pleased to support efforts by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission to obtain Outstanding Florida Waters designation for Orange Lake, River Styx, and Cross Creek. As outlined in the supporting document, these waters provide habitat to many animals in Florida that are listed by the State as endangered, threatened, or species of special concern. In addition to supporting a significant recreational and commercial resource base, these waters also provide an important study area for university and government sponsored research. We feel that these features clearly establish the ecological and recreational significance of these waters and that OFW designation will help protect the unique ecological values. For these reasons, we strongly urge you to recommend to the Environmental Regulation Commission that they designate Orange Lake, River Styx, and Cross Creek as an Outstanding Florida Water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne R. Marion".

Wayne R. Marion
President

cc: Executive Board