FALSE RIVER DRAWDOWN 2017-2018

DRAWDOWN: September 5, 2017 to January 15, 2018

DRI YING, CONSOLIDATION, AND COMPACTION

FISH STOCKING IN FALSE RIVER SINCE 2012

- Florida Largemouth Bass: 26,791 fingerlings, 301 adults
- Redear Sunfish: 306,147 fingerlings
- Hybrid Striped Bass: 79,018 fingerlings
- Alligator Gar: 43 sub-adults
- Bluegill: 314,928 fingerlings
- Striped Bass: 10,000 fingerlings

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- Has several positive impacts on older/aging lakes:
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     b) improved pre-spawn body condition through more available forage
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  3) Reduces turbidity by consolidating exposed sediments

TERRESTRIAL VEGETATION ON EXPOSED RIVER BOTTOM

NEAR M2 (PATIN DYKE) CANAL

BAYOU CHENAL

OLD STUMPS MARKING BANK WHEN LAKE WAS STILL ACTIVE

SOUTH FLATS

NORTH FLATS

False River North Flats

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