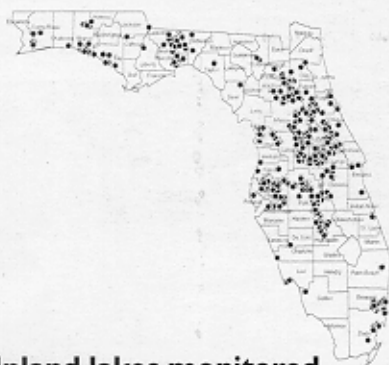
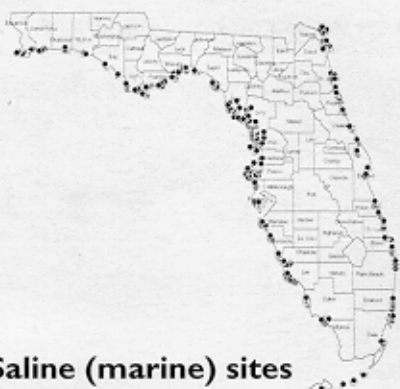


LAKEWATCH/Project COAST Update



Inland lakes monitored by Florida LAKEWATCH/Project COAST volunteers in 2000



Saline (marine) sites monitored by Florida LAKEWATCH/Project COAST staff in 2000



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This year's LAKEWATCH/Project COAST program is off to a strong start. The combined monitoring of both inland and marine waters around the state has not only made things busy for our crew, but also productive!

A brief summary of our most recent accomplishments for the year 2000:

- Water chemistry data were collected and compiled for 673 inland waterbodies;
- 68 aquatic plant surveys were completed;
- Bathymetric maps were drawn for 54 waterbodies bringing the total to nearly 200;
- 25 electrofishing surveys and 12 trawling surveys were completed as part of our long-term fish data project;
- 76 bacteria summaries (i.e., total and fecal coliforms) were provided to volunteers;

In addition, Project COAST staff are now in the final phase of their coastal monitoring

survey. After this third round, the 393 newly established sites will hopefully be monitored by volunteers (111 other sites are currently sampled by volunteers).

The bulk of the coastal survey is being done by three individuals that have recently joined the LAKEWATCH/Project COAST team, David Geightbrock, Sky Notestein, and Rebecca Varner. Once the survey is complete, we will be looking for volunteers to take over the sampling duties.

More on our Project COAST crew:

◆ David Geightbrock earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamline University and then worked on the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Cape Cod, MA.

◆ Sky Notestein has worked on coastal monitoring projects for several years now. He will be completing his Master's degree in May with a thesis that involves the limnology of Florida's Chassahowitzka River.

◆ Rebecca Varner has a Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University in Fisheries

Management. She's also worked for Alabama Water Watch and Auburn's Fisheries Extension program. She joined us last summer, assisting with aquatic plant surveys and bathymetric mapping.



Rebecca Varner and David Geightbrock



Sky Notestein



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