Florida Legislature Passes Major Everglades Restoration Bill 

*Keep Florida Fishing® Thanks Florida House and Senate for Prioritizing Water Issues*

(TALLAHASSEE, Fla.) – Keep Florida Fishing®, an advocacy arm of the American Sportfishing Association, today praised the Florida Legislature for their support of Everglades restoration following the passage of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 10. CS/SB 10 now heads to Governor Rick Scott for signature.

The legislation, a top priority of Senate President Joe Negron (R-Stuart), would provide additional funding and accelerate the timeline to establish a water storage reservoir south of Lake Okeechobee with the goal of reducing harmful releases to coastal estuaries.

“We are grateful for House Speaker Richard Corcoran, Rep. Matt Caldwell, Rep. Holly Raschein, Senate President Joe Negron, Sen. Rob Bradley, Sen. Jack Latvala and the entire Florida Legislature for their support of Everglades restoration projects and funding. This much-needed focus on our state’s natural resources will provide for the implementation of comprehensive solutions that will have the greatest and most immediate impact on the Everglades, Florida Bay and our south Florida estuaries,” said Kellie Ralston, Florida Fishery Policy Director of the American Sportfishing Association.

Keep Florida Fishing represents the interests of the recreational fishing community. Florida is the “Fishing Capital of the World,” with more than 3 million anglers who generate $9.6 billion in economic impact, support more than 128,000 jobs and contribute $53.3 million to Florida conservation efforts through license fees and special taxes on motor boat fuel and equipment.