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Lieutenant General Todd Semonite
Commanding General and Chief of Engineers
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Dear Lieutenant General Semonite,

I'm writing to request that the attached letters be included as part of the public comment record for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) Water Control Manual and Environmental Impact Statement.

As these letters show, I strongly oppose the Army Corps' decision to move forward with such a deeply flawed management plan that does nothing to address the decades-long abuse of Apalachicola Bay, especially as litigation between the states is ongoing.

At a minimum, I urge you to refrain from implementing the water control manual until the Army Corps properly consults with relevant federal agencies, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and adopts their recommendations.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson