FWRMC 2006-2008

- Council established with State and Regional Water Resource agencies to address 4 objectives set by the DEP Secretary

- 4 objectives:
  - Develop water-quality data and metadata standards for adoption by state agencies.
  - Support development of a replacement for STORET for sharing WQ data
  - Mesh ongoing fresh water monitoring with new coastal monitoring network.
  - Coordinate Florida’s monitoring efforts with federal programs.
Existing Challenges

• Data Challenges
  • Provide data/information that can be shared with others
  • Collect data that can be combined with that from other programs
  • Adopt means to distinguish data that is appropriate for the users purposes (metadata)

• Program Challenges
  • Identify and describe present monitoring programs
  • Identify whether monitoring goals are sufficiently similar to allow coordination of efforts
  • Determine if monitoring programs are sufficiently similar that coordination offers a cost benefit
  • Fill gaps in monitoring and determine where expansion of existing programs is more cost effective than adding new programs
Work Products of FWRMC

- Monitoring-Coordination Action Plan
  - Provides consensus of participating monitoring agencies on how to address the overarching issues common to all agencies
- Recommendations for the Oversight structure to implement the Monitoring-Coordination Action Plan
  - Tiered approach – Statewide Council appointed/coordinated by FDEP Secretary
  - Regional councils to engage monitoring stakeholders at a local level
Future Plans

- FDEP is preparing invitation letters to establish the statewide council.
- Statewide council will be instrumental in developing region councils; State council member will participate in respective regional council to facilitate information exchange.
- For additional information on background and accomplishments of FWRMC:
  http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/WaterMonitoringCouncil/default.htm