

St. Marys River Management Committee
P.O. Box 251 Folkston, Georgia 31537

MINUTES OF MEETING
December 8, 2006

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on December 8, 2006, at the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee, Fla. Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed on a separate sheet. A quorum of members was not present.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chairman Dean Woehrle called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. Jim Wildes, SMRMC member and Guest Activities Coordinator at White Oak Conservation Center, welcomed the members and guests to White Oak.

PRESENTATIONS

Dean Woehrle, Co-Chairman of the SMRMC

Dean Woehrle offered thanks and appreciation to the members for their attendance at the monthly meetings, and he thanked White Oak, The Nature Conservancy, the St. Johns River Water Management District, and Keep Nassau Beautiful for all the assistance the entities have provided to the committee. Woehrle then presented a brief history of the committee. He discussed the committee's desire to develop a monitoring program for septic tanks as well as a desire to participate in the future monitoring of the sturgeon population within the river.

Doug Shaw, Director of Conservation Sciences with The Nature Conservancy

Doug Shaw delivered a presentation about the St. Marys River entitled, "A Blackwater Jewel in a Changing Landscape." He discussed the characteristics of the river and the stewardship opportunities along the river.

Bruce Foisy, Program Manager with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Bruce Foisy presented an overview of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' role as it relates to the committee and to the river. He discussed a recent clean up project near Folkston that should have a positive impact on the health of the river. Foisy shared that population growth is increasing in Georgia and that it is affecting area wastewater treatment plants.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.