

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

**Summary of Event**  
**December 4, 2009**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held a holiday gathering for the committee and its partners on December 4, 2009, at the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee, Florida. A quorum of members was not present. This event was not an official meeting of the committee, thus no business was brought before the committee and no action was taken.

Florida co-chairman Dean Woehrle began the evening at 7:00 p.m., welcoming the members and guests to White Oak. He gave some opening remarks and recognized the efforts of the committee, thanking the partners as well. Dean Woehrle then explained that tonight's gathering was the committee's attempt to say thank you for all the hard work that people have put into the committee.

Georgia co-chairman Chip Campbell then addressed the group, summarizing the current status of the committee, reviewing the committee's efforts in the past year, and laying out plans for the coming year.

Nassau County Commissioner Walter Boatright and Baker County planning director Ed Preston briefly spoke to the group about their county's involvement with the committee.

The keynote speaker for the evening was John Moran, who after a 23-year career as a photographer, writer and editor for The Gainesville Sun, left the world of daily journalism in 2003 to concentrate full time on photographing the best of vanishing natural Florida. Mr. Moran presented his program titled "*John Moran's Journal of Light: A Photographer's Search for the Soul of Florida.*"

The committee received a number of donations to the Toys for Tots campaign.

The event ended at 8:45 p.m.