



## SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

August 11, 2016

**Sent EXPRESS MAIL/FAX (561) 732-3684**

Mr. Rolf Olson  
Refuge Manager  
ARM Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
10216 Lee Road  
Boynton Beach, FL 33437-4796

**Subject: Notice of Default under License Agreement – ARM Loxahatchee  
National Wildlife Refuge License Agreement**

Dear Mr. Olson:

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 7, of the subject License Agreement entered into on July 1, 2002, by the South Florida Water Management District (District) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), this letter provides notice that FWS is in default of its obligations under the License Agreement.

FWS has failed to meet and also has anticipatorily repudiated performance measures, strategies, and goals with respect to its control of invasive exotic plants and protection of tree islands. Additionally, FWS has failed to use best efforts to obtain a dedicated source of funds for exotic plant control.

The District is hereby invoking the resolution process set forth in Article VIII, Section 7. Please coordinate with Rory Feeney, our Bureau Chief, Land Resources, at (561) 682-6976, or me to schedule a meeting within 21 days of receipt of this Notice.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Accardo  
General Counsel  
South Florida Water Management District