

!!! THESE ARE THE FACTS !!!

WHAT A PROPOSED HIGHWAY ACROSS FLORIDA BAY AND EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK TO THE WEST COAST OF FLORIDA MEANS TO YOU . . .

1. **EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK**, with its vast biological resources for whose protection this area was set aside as a national heritage, is directly related to the physical and chemical characteristics of Florida Bay. Alteration of the hydrography of this area, which cannot be prevented in construction of the proposed highway, poses a grave threat to the aesthetic, recreational and multi-million dollar value of this complex.
2. **SPORT AND COMMERCIAL FISHING** depend upon Florida Bay estuaries for their protection. Alteration of the ecology of this body of water will seriously damage, even destroy, many species of fishes upon which these industries depend.
3. **SHRIMP** would be severely damaged, if not totally destroyed, since primary nursery grounds for the shrimp are located in this area.
4. **TIDAL FLOW** reduction in Florida Bay would necessarily follow this proposed construction and would further raise **SALINITY** of the waters, even now a grave and existing problem.
5. **TIDAL MOVEMENTS** in Florida Bay would be markedly affected by sealing off a major portion from the open Gulf of Mexico, resulting in a huge sterile cesspool.

**THIS PLAN TO RAPE FLORIDA BAY IS A GRIM THREAT
TO IRREPLACEABLE NATURAL RESOURCES,
LIFE BLOOD OF THE FLORIDA KEYS.**

Will you join with us in efforts to save this vital and productive area?

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