

OKEFENOKEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE RESULTS OF BEAR BAIT STATIONS

JULY 2002

TOTAL POTENTIAL STATIONS = 33
TOTAL STATIONS SET = 32
**STATIONS VISITED BY BEARS = 6 or 19% (1 on Moonshine Ridge, 1 on Soldiers
Camp Island, 3 on Fiddler's Island, and 1 on
the
Pocket)**

A total of 32 bait stations were set. Each station consisted of three sardine cans (except P12 where only 2 cans were placed due to sardine can shortage) nailed to a tree approximately 1.5 meters above ground level. Cans were slightly opened, then nailed to the tree with lids against the bark. Stations were set on Soldier Camp, Moonshine Ridge, Mimms Island, Sapp Prairie, the Pocket, and Fiddler's Island and checked on the eighth day after placement.

Wildfires spread across the swamp from March 20 to June 18, covering approximately 124,000 acres. Fire reached Fiddlers Island and Mimms Island. See attached map.

SAPP PRAIRIE 2 STATIONS

| <u>Station</u> | <u>Date checked</u> | <u>Bear</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| M05 | 7-16-02 | no | (New marker) |
| M06 | 7-16-02 | no | (New marker) |

MIMMS ISLAND 4 STATIONS

| <u>Station</u> | <u>Date checked</u> | <u>Bear</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|--|
| M07 | 7-16-02 | no | Area burned during recent fires. |
| M08 | 7-16-02 | no | Area burned during recent fires. |
| M09 | 7-16-02 | no | (New marker) |
| M10 | 7-16-02 | no | Bear tracks on road nearby. (New marker) |

MOONSHINE RIDGE 3 STATIONS

| <u>Station</u> | <u>Date checked</u> | <u>Bear</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| M11 | 7-16-02 | no | |
| M12 | 7-16-02 | no | |
| M13 | 7-16-02 | yes | Bear tracks |

SOLDIER CAMP**5 STATIONS**

| <u>Station</u> | <u>Date checked</u> | <u>Bear</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| M14 | 7-16-02 | no | |
| M15 | 7-16-02 | yes | No cans, scat |
| M16 | 7-16-02 | no | |
| M17 | 7-16-02 | no | |
| M18 | 7-16-02 | no | |

FIDDLER'S ISLAND**6 STATIONS**

| <u>Station</u> | <u>Date checked</u> | <u>Bear</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| S01 | 7-17-02 | yes | Area burned in recent fire. |
| S02 | 7-17-02 | yes | |
| S03 | 7-17-02 | yes | |
| S04 | 7-17-02 | no | Area burned in recent fire. |
| S05 | 7-17-02 | no | One can on the ground. |
| S06 | 7-17-02 | no | |

THE POCKET**13 STATIONS**

| <u>Station</u> | <u>Date checked</u> | <u>Bear</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| P01 | 7-17-02 | no | |
| P02 | 7-17-02 | no | |
| P03 | 7-17-02 | no | (New marker) |
| P04 | 7-17-02 | no | |
| P05 | 7-17-02 | no | (New marker) |
| P06 | 7-17-02 | no | |
| P07 | 7-17-02 | no | (New marker) |
| P08 | 7-17-02 | no | |
| P09 | 7-17-02 | no | |
| P10 | 7-17-02 | yes | One can missing. |
| P11 | 7-17-02 | no | |
| P12 | 7-17-02 | no | Two cans placed on tree. |
| P13 | | | |