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## C-18 suit is settled

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Attorneys for the Florida Wildlife Federation and the South Florida Water Management District tentatively forged a settlement in a lawsuit over operation of the C-18 Canal Tuesday afternoon.

"They will have something to me in writing by the end of the week on what they are willing to do and what they will give their best to do in conjunction with other agencies," said Tom Kingcade, federation attorney.

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Federation Director John C. Jones filed suit against the WMD in 1979, asking that drainage from the S-46 lock on the C-18 Canal west of Jupiter be altered and the canal's flow be diverted from the southwest fork of the Loxahatchee River through the northwest fork to combat salt water intrusion there.

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WCD representatives agreed to hold the S-46 lock at a 15-foot level, except during storms and divert flow to the northwest fork.

The current flow from the C-18 is 50 cubic feet per second, as called for in an old U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' study, but the flow was not reaching the northwest fork.

Kingcade said the WMD, in conjunction with the Corps, will restore an old dam along the river to ensure the flow does not get lost in the South Indian River Water Control District drainage system. The plan could increase the flow to the northwest fork up to 1,000 cubic feet per second in Jonathan Dickinson State Park and that part of the river," Kingcade said.

"It will probably take a period of years to get the permits and modify some of these structures," he added.

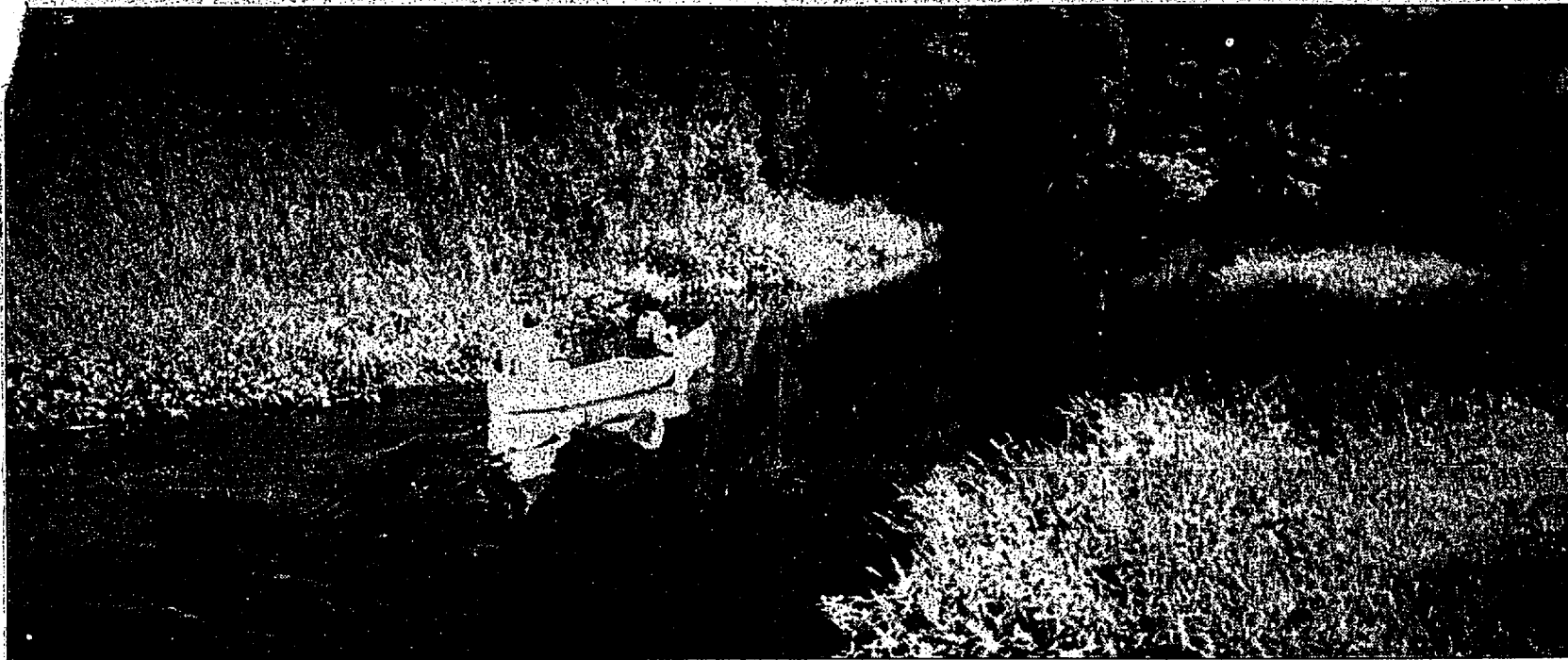
Another part of the suit was not settled, he said.

The federation contends the state Department of Environmental Regulations should permit and monitor the S-46 outflow. The DER agreed Wednesday but the WMD continued to argue that DER permission was not necessary.

"That will probably be settled in a future lawsuit," Kingcade said.

No other meetings are planned between the various parties.

If the federation agrees with the written stipulations from the WMD, Kingcade said he would ask Palm Beach County Circuit Court Judge Timothy Poulton to issue an order incorporating the agreement.



### Nice job

Don Deis and Harvey Rudolph of the state Department of Environmental Regulations visited the Loxahatchee River Tuesday to conduct water quality tests. In top photo, the duo examines an ar-

tificial habitat they placed before canoeing towards Trapper Nelson's, conducting tests along the way. Staff photos by Nancy November.