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Southwest Florida Refuges Complex Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge 12411 State Road 29S. Immokalee, Florida 34142 PH: 239-657-8001

October 23, 2024

Memorandum

To: Kevin Godsea and Erin Myers

Cc: John Galvez, Edward Perri and Mitchell Barazowski

From: Mark Danaher, Supervisory Wildlife Biologist

Subject: Mercury Concentrations in Fishes Collected from Pistol Pond

Because the 2021 Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge (FPNWR) Visitor Service's Plan identified Pistol Pond as a location that could be opened to public fishing, it was determined that a more recent analysis of mercury concentrations in Pistol Pond fishes was needed. During 2023 and 2024, eighteen fishes were collected from Pistol Pond on FPNWR (Figures 1, and 3-20) to analyze their muscle tissue for mercury. Fishes were collected by electrofishing and hook-and-line. Fishes were bagged in Ziploc freezer bags and placed on ice until they could be stored in the Refuge's chest freezer. These fish specimens were kept in the Refuge's chest freezer without thawing until they were sent overnight in a styrofoam cooler (with frozen cold packs) to Pace Analytical's laboratory in Green Bay, Wisconsin on September 10, 2024. Fishes sampled (N=18) included 3 largemouth bass, 2 bluegill, 1 redear sunfish, 6 Mayan cichlids, and 6 oscar. All 18 samples were analyzed for EPA 7473 by Pace Analytical Services Green Bay (Table 1). As noted on the attached report from Pace Analytical, all samples were received in acceptable condition, and all criteria were within method requirements for analysis.

The first FPNWR mercury analyses conducted by Brim et al. 1994 were conducted from fish samples obtained during 1990 (Brim et al. 1994). Of the largemouth bass that Brim et al. 1994 sampled, 43% exceeded the Florida limited-consumption concentration of .5 ppm. However, all of these largemouth bass were collected in the Barron River Canal, I-75 Canal, and a small pond that they called "Bullet Pond." Brim et al. 1994 sampled seven largemouth bass from Pistol Pond, and all of them had mercury concentrations below the Florida limited-consumption concentration of .5 mg/kg wet weight occurring at the time of their report. For individuals other than women of childbearing age and young children, the 2021 Florida Health Department's Guide to Eating Fish Caught in Florida recommends limiting consumption of largemouth bass out of the I-75 Canal (Broward County) to one meal per month, and Mayan cichlid, Oscar, redear sunfish, spotted sunfish, and warmouth to two per week. The 2021 Florida Health Department's Guide to Eating Fish Caught in Florida recommends women of childbearing age and young children to limit consumption of largemouth bass from the Barron River Canal to one meal per month, and the rest of the population to two meals per week. On the adjacent Big Cypress National Preserve, the 2021 Florida Health Department's Guide to Eating Fish Caught in Florida recommends that

women of childbearing age and young children not consume largemouth bass from Big Cypress National Preserve, and all other individuals to limit consumption to one per month.

To follow-up to the 1990 sampling and analyses conducted by Brim et al. 1994, another sampling was conducted in 1993 by Richards and Morrison (Richards and Morrison 1994). Richards and Morrison sampled nine largemouth bass, ten gar, and ten bluegill from Pistol Pond, and ten bluegill from Bullet Pond during 1993. Richards and Morrison discovered that mercury concentrations ranged from 1.6-4.68 mg/kg in Pistol Pond largemouth bass, .97-1.74 mg/kg in Pistol Pond Florida gar, .43-2.19 mg/kg in Pistol Pond bluegill, and .53-1.39 in Bullet Pond bluegill. The geometric mean mercury concentration for Pistol Pond largemouth bass that Richards and Morrison 1994 reported was 1.08 mg/kg.

Of the 18 samples that were analyzed during 2024, only one, a Mayan cichlid, exceeded the .46 mg/kg mercury concentration that the EPA recommends for women of childbearing age (about 16-49 years old), pregnant and breastfeeding women, and young children to avoid eating (Figure 2 and Table 1). Two other Mayan cichlids and one largemouth bass were fairly close to the highest allowable average mercury concentration in fish per serving when eating 1 serving per week, which is 0.46 mg/kg for women of childbearing age, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and young children (Table 1). These are promising results when compared to those that were documented by Richards and Morrison when they sampled FPNWR fishes during 1993, and the 2024 results are similar or lower than those documented by Brim et al. 1994. However, it should be noted that all three mercury studies consisted of small sample sizes. As such, it is recommended that the Refuge continue long-term mercury sampling/analysis to obtain a better approximation of the normal distribution with regards to mercury concentrations in fishes. Should Pistol Pond be opened for public fishing and/or public fishing events in the future, it is recommended that public health advisory signage be posted in a highly visible location at Pistol Pond (e.g., at the entrance/parking area).



Figure 1. Aerial map of Pistol Pond.

Weekly fish servings	Screening value (μg/g)	Chart category
0	> 0.46	Choices to Avoid
1	≤ 0.46	Good Choices
2	≤ 0.23	Good Choices
3	≤ 0.15	Best Choices

The screening value is the highest allowable average amount of mercury in fish at a given consumption rate. Therefore:

Highest allowable average mercury concentration in fish per serving when eating 3 servings per week = $0.15 \,\mu\text{g/g}$. Any fish with an average mercury concentration less than or equal to $0.15 \,\mu\text{g/g}$ was placed in the "best choices – eat 2-3 servings a week" category.

Highest allowable average mercury concentration in fish per serving when eating 2 servings per week = $0.23 \,\mu\text{g/g}$. In order to be protective, any fish with an average mercury concentration greater than $0.15 \,\mu\text{g/g}$ up to $0.23 \,\mu\text{g/g}$ was placed in the "good choices – eat 1 serving a week" category because it could not be eaten 3 times a week without exceeding the reference dose.

Highest allowable average mercury concentration in fish per serving when eating 1 serving per week = $0.46 \,\mu\text{g/g}$. Any fish with an average mercury concentration greater than $0.23 \,\mu\text{g/g}$ up to $0.46 \,\mu\text{g/g}$ was placed in the "good choices – eat 1 serving a week" category. Any fish with an average mercury concentration greater than $0.46 \,\mu\text{g/g}$ was placed in the "choices to avoid" category.

Figure 2. EPA-FDA mercury screening values and recommendations for human fish consumption by women of childbearing age (about 16-49 years old), pregnant and breastfeeding women, and young children.

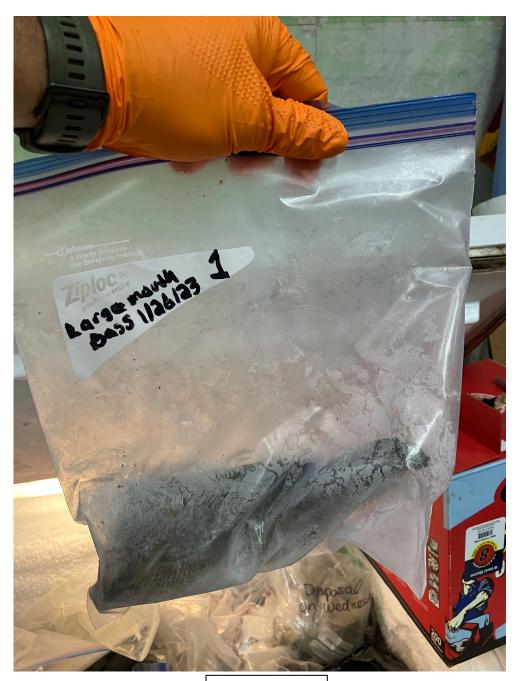


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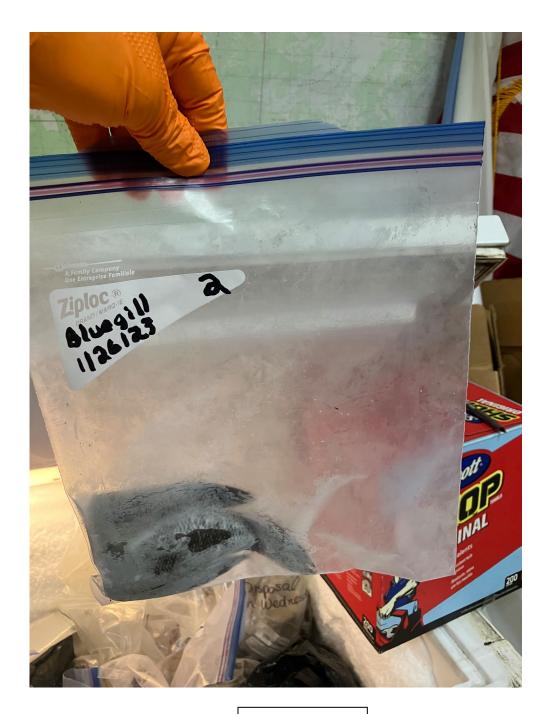


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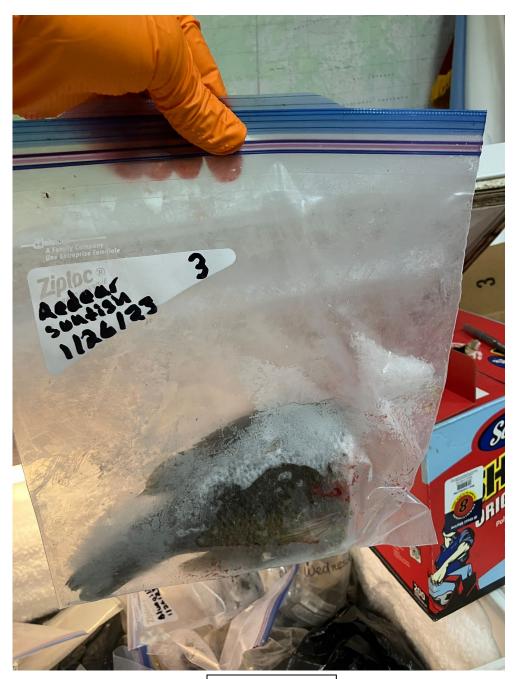


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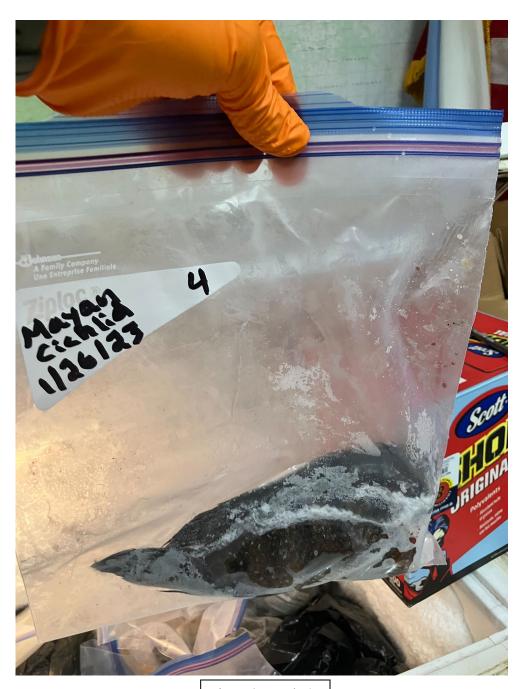


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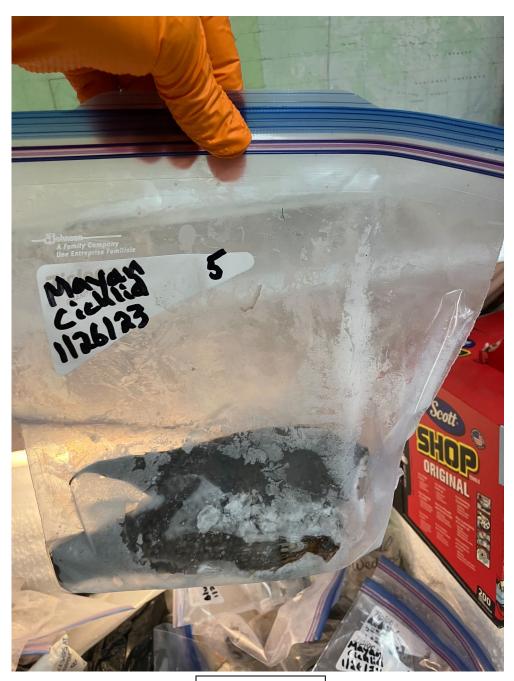


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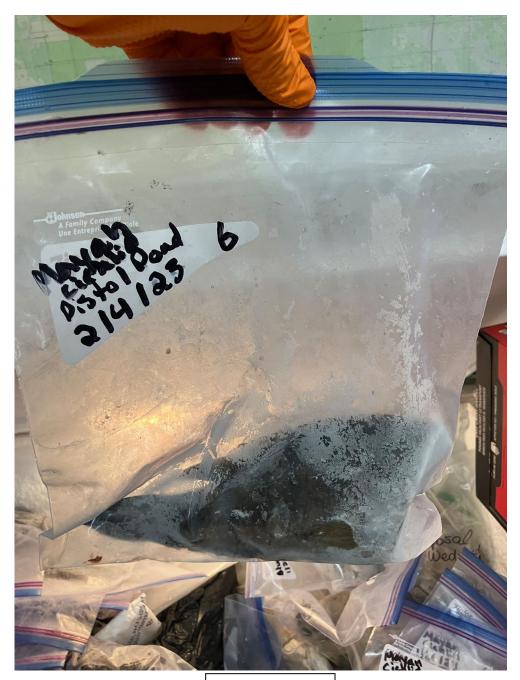


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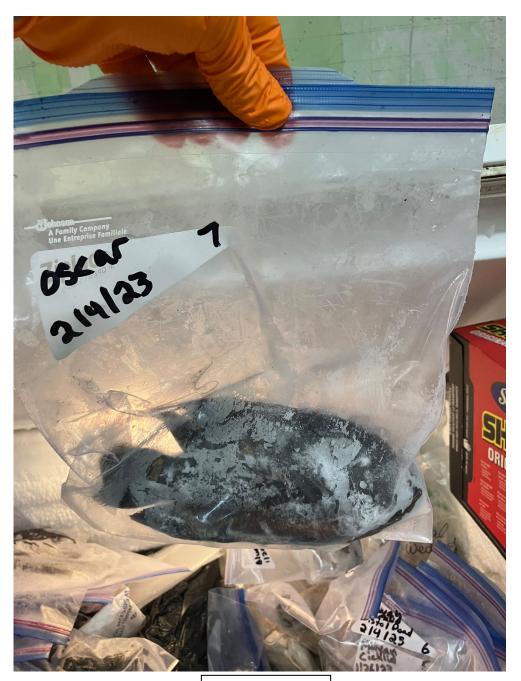


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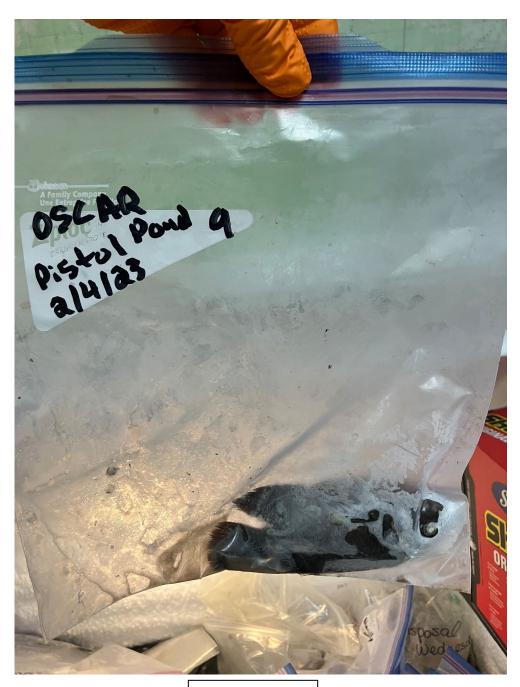


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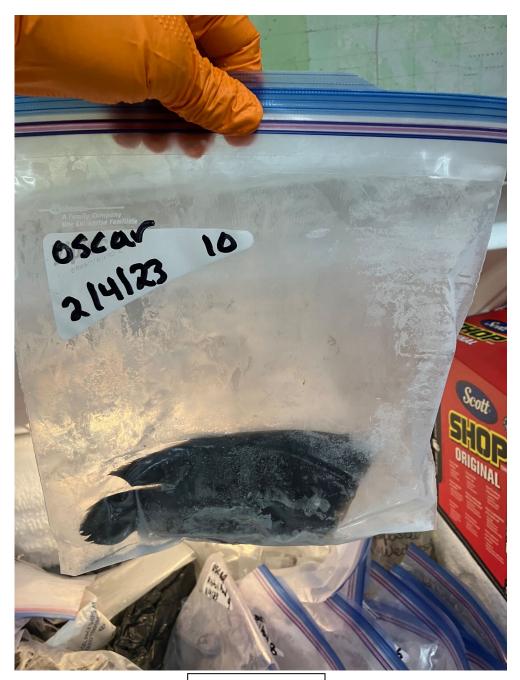


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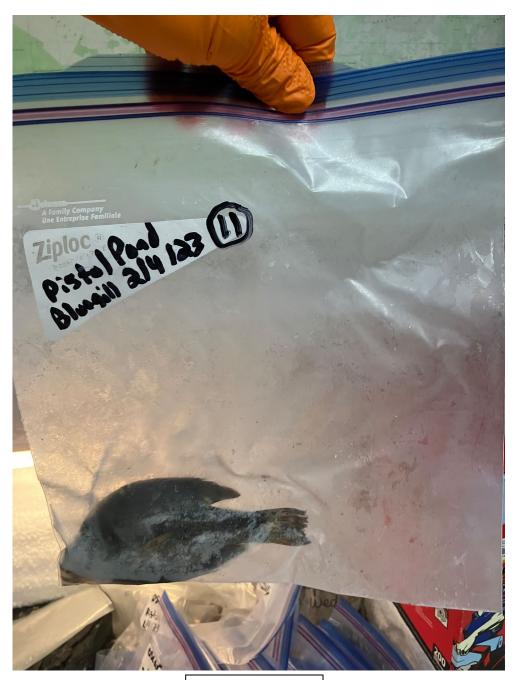


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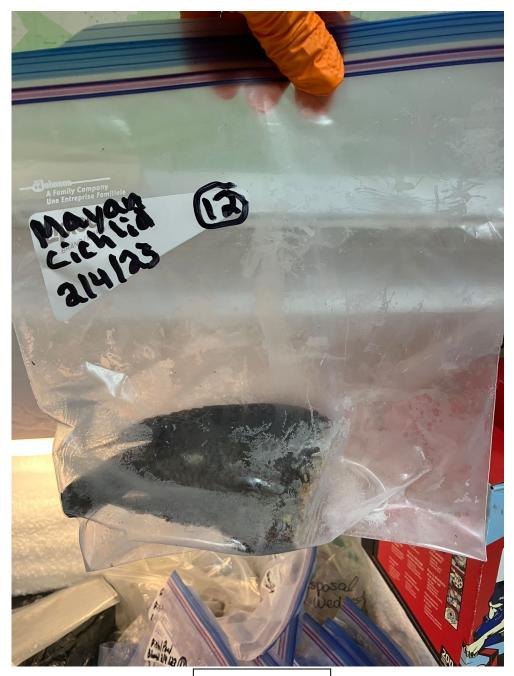


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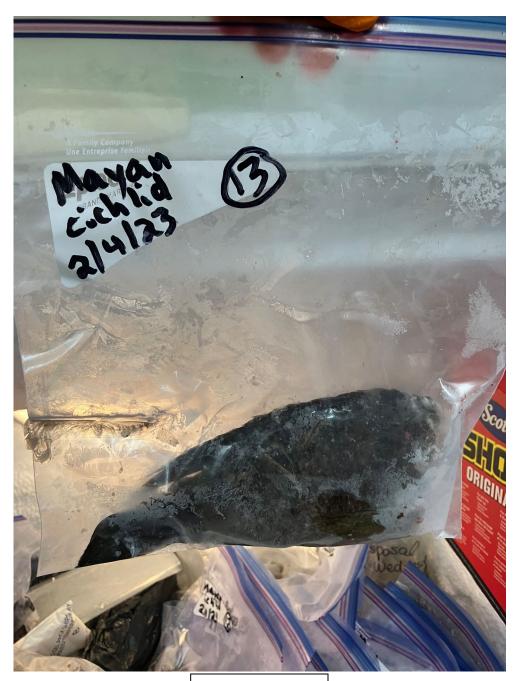


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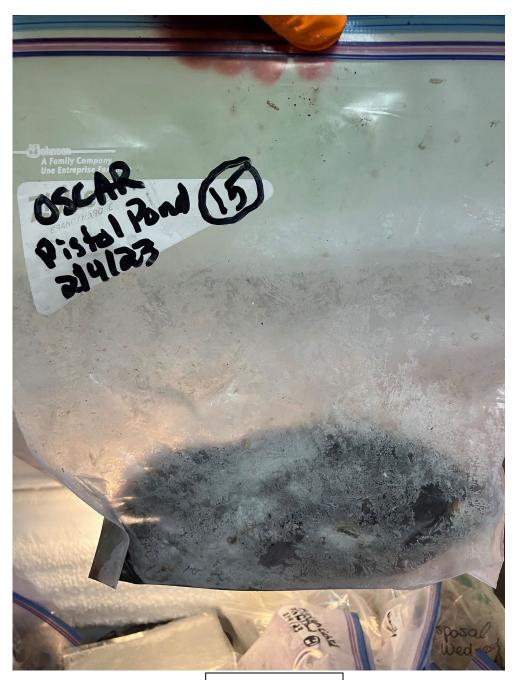


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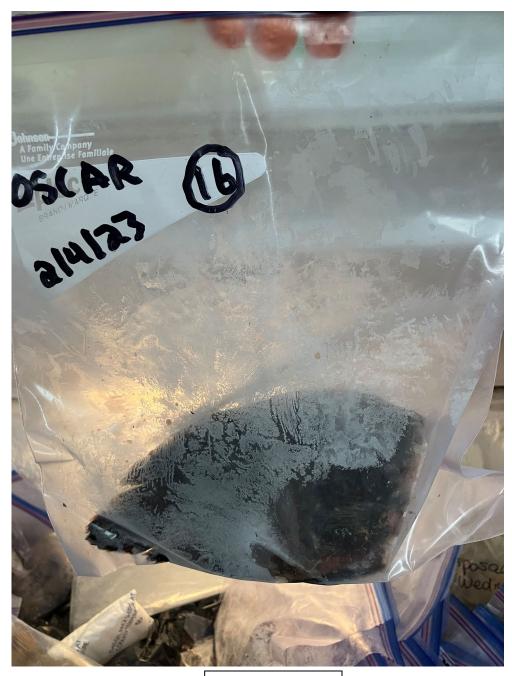


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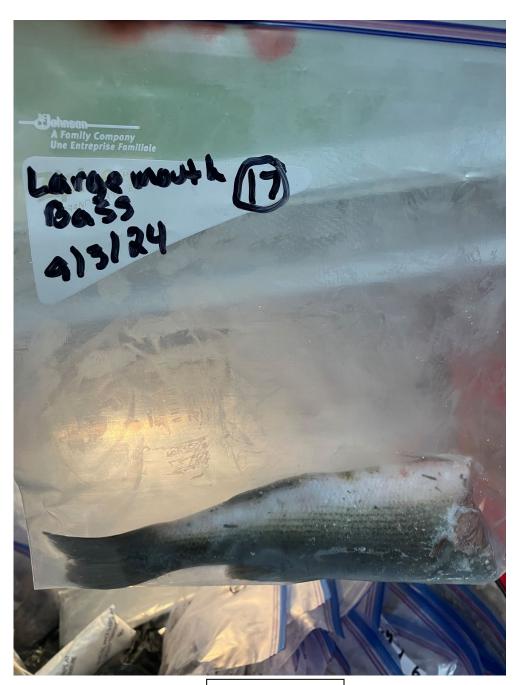


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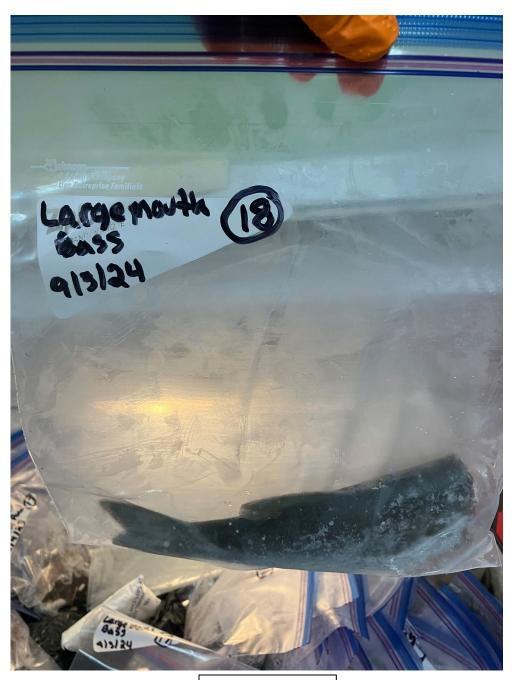


Figure 20. Sample 18

Lab Sample	Field ID (species)	Analysis Method	Parameter	Mercury	MDL	EQL	Dilution	Collection	Analysis
Number				Concentration				Date	Date
				(mg/kg)					
40283840001	LARGEMOUTH	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.17	0.018	0.054	1	01/26/23	09/30/24
40283840002	BLUEGILL	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.12	0.018	0.053	1	01/26/23	09/30/24
40283840003	REDEAR SUNFISH	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.066	0.018	0.055	1	01/26/23	09/30/24
40283840004	MAYAN CICHLID	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.40	0.017	0.052	1	01/26/23	09/30/24
40283840005	MAYAN CICHLID	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.16	0.018	0.054	1	01/26/23	09/30/24
40283840006	MAYAN CICHLID	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.37	0.018	0.053	1	02/04/23	09/30/24
40283840007	OSCAR	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.34	0.017	0.052	1	02/04/23	09/30/24
40283840008	OSCAR	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.15	0.018	0.054	1	02/04/23	09/30/24
40283840009	OSCAR	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.18	0.018	0.054	1	02/04/23	09/30/24
40283840010	OSCAR	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.14	0.017	0.052	1	02/04/23	09/30/24
40283840011	BLUEGILL	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.15	0.018	0.055	1	02/04/23	09/30/24
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40283840014	MAYAN CICHLID	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.49	0.018	0.054	1	02/04/23	09/30/24
40283840015	OSCAR	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.15	0.018	0.054	1	02/04/23	09/30/24
40283840016	OSCAR	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.15	0.018	0.055	1	02/04/23	09/30/24
40283840017	LARGEMOUTH	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.44	0.019	0.056	1	09/03/24	09/30/24
40283840018	LARGEMOUTH	EPA 7473	Mercury	0.33	0.018	0.055	1	09/03/24	09/30/24

References

- Brim, M.S. D. Bateman, R. Jarvis, and G. Carmody. 1994. Mercury in largemouth bass and spotted gar of the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (PCFO-EC 94-04), Panama City, Florida, 28 pp.
- Richards, Patricia and D. Morrison. 1994. Mercury Concentrations in Fishes In Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (VBFO-EC 04-01), Vero Beach, Florida, 18 pp.





October 08, 2024

Mark Danaher US Fish & Wildlife Service 12411 State Road 29 S Immokalee, FL 341425591

RE: Project: 2024 PISTOL POND MERCURY ANALY

Pace Project No.: 40283840

Dear Mark Danaher:

Enclosed are the analytical results for sample(s) received by the laboratory on September 10, 2024. The results relate only to the samples included in this report. Results reported herein conform to the applicable TNI/NELAC Standards and the laboratory's Quality Manual, where applicable, unless otherwise noted in the body of the report.

The test results provided in this final report were generated by each of the following laboratories within the Pace Network:

• Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay

If you have any questions concerning this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tod Noltemeyer tod.noltemeyer@pacelabs.com (920)469-2436

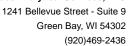
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Enclosures

cc: John Galvez, US Fish & Wildlife Service







CERTIFICATIONS

Project: 2024 PISTOL POND MERCURY ANALY

Pace Project No.: 40283840

Pace Analytical Services Green Bay

North Dakota Certification #: R-150

1241 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI 54302 Florida/NELAP Certification #: E87948 Illinois Certification #: 200050 Kentucky UST Certification #: 82 Louisiana Certification #: 04168 Minnesota Certification #: 055-999-334 New York Certification #: 12064 South Carolina Certification #: 83006001 Texas Certification #: T104704529-21-8 Virginia VELAP Certification ID: 11873 Wisconsin Certification #: 405132750 Wisconsin DATCP Certification #: 105-444 USDA Soil Permit #: P330-21-00008 Federal Fish & Wildlife Permit #: 51774A



SAMPLE SUMMARY

Project: 2024 PISTOL POND MERCURY ANALY

Pace Project No.: 40283840

Lab ID	Sample ID	Matrix	Date Collected	Date Received
40283840001	LARGEMOUTH BASS	Tissue	01/26/23 00:00	09/10/24 09:30
40283840002	BLUEGILL	Tissue	01/26/23 00:00	09/10/24 09:30
40283840003	REDEAR SUNFISH	Tissue	01/26/23 00:00	09/10/24 09:30
40283840004	MAYAN CICHLID	Tissue	01/26/23 00:00	09/10/24 09:30
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40283840017	LARGEMOUTH BASS	Tissue	09/03/24 00:00	09/10/24 09:30
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SAMPLE ANALYTE COUNT

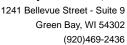
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40283840011	BLUEGILL	EPA 7473	AJT	1
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PASI-G = Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay

REPORT OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS





PROJECT NARRATIVE

Project: 2024 PISTOL POND MERCURY ANALY

Pace Project No.: 40283840

Method: EPA 7473

Description: 7473 Mercury, Tissue **Client:** US Fish & Wildlife Service

Date: October 08, 2024

General Information:

18 samples were analyzed for EPA 7473 by Pace Analytical Services Green Bay. All samples were received in acceptable condition with any exceptions noted below or on the chain-of custody and/or the sample condition upon receipt form (SCUR) attached at the end of this report.

Hold Time:

The samples were analyzed within the method required hold times with any exceptions noted below.

Initial Calibrations (including MS Tune as applicable):

All criteria were within method requirements with any exceptions noted below.

Continuing Calibration:

All criteria were within method requirements with any exceptions noted below.

Method Blank:

All analytes were below the report limit in the method blank, where applicable, with any exceptions noted below.

Laboratory Control Spike:

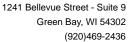
All laboratory control spike compounds were within QC limits with any exceptions noted below.

Matrix Spikes:

All percent recoveries and relative percent differences (RPDs) were within acceptance criteria with any exceptions noted below.

Additional Comments:

This data package has been reviewed for quality and completeness and is approved for release.





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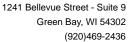
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Sample: LARGEMOUTH BASS Lab ID: 40283840001 Collected: 01/26/23 00:00 Received: 09/10/24 09:30 Matrix: Tissue

Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

Parameters Results Units **PQL** MDL DF Prepared Analyzed CAS No. Qual 7473 Mercury, Tissue Analytical Method: EPA 7473 Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay 0.054 09/30/24 13:05 7439-97-6 Mercury 0.17 mg/kg 0.018 1





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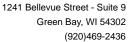
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Sample: BLUEGILL Lab ID: 40283840002 Collected: 01/26/23 00:00 Received: 09/10/24 09:30 Matrix: Tissue

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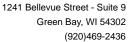
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Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

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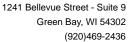
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Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

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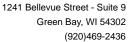
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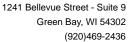
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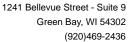
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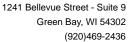
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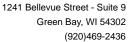
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Sample: OSCAR Lab ID: 40283840009 Collected: 02/04/23 00:00 Received: 09/10/24 09:30 Matrix: Tissue

Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

Parameters Results Units **PQL** MDL DF Prepared Analyzed CAS No. Qual Analytical Method: EPA 7473 7473 Mercury, Tissue Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay 0.054 09/30/24 15:38 7439-97-6 Mercury 0.18 mg/kg 0.018 1





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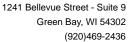
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Sample: OSCAR Lab ID: 40283840010 Collected: 02/04/23 00:00 Received: 09/10/24 09:30 Matrix: Tissue

Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

Parameters Results Units **PQL** MDL DF Prepared Analyzed CAS No. Qual Analytical Method: EPA 7473 7473 Mercury, Tissue Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay 0.017 0.052 09/30/24 16:27 7439-97-6 Mercury 0.14 mg/kg 1





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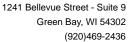
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Sample: BLUEGILL Lab ID: 40283840011 Collected: 02/04/23 00:00 Received: 09/10/24 09:30 Matrix: Tissue

Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

Parameters Results Units **PQL** MDL DF Prepared Analyzed CAS No. Qual 7473 Mercury, Tissue Analytical Method: EPA 7473 Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay 0.055 09/30/24 16:39 7439-97-6 Mercury 0.15 mg/kg 0.018 1





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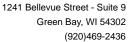
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Sample: MAYAN CICHLID Lab ID: 40283840012 Collected: 02/04/23 00:00 Received: 09/10/24 09:30 Matrix: Tissue

Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

Parameters Results Units **PQL** MDL DF Prepared Analyzed CAS No. Qual Analytical Method: EPA 7473 7473 Mercury, Tissue Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay 0.44 0.056 09/30/24 16:51 7439-97-6 Mercury mg/kg 0.019 1





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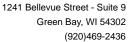
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Sample: MAYAN CICHLID Lab ID: 40283840013 Collected: 02/04/23 00:00 Received: 09/10/24 09:30 Matrix: Tissue

Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

Parameters Results Units **PQL** MDL DF Prepared Analyzed CAS No. Qual Analytical Method: EPA 7473 7473 Mercury, Tissue Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay 0.44 0.055 09/30/24 17:02 7439-97-6 Mercury mg/kg 0.018 1





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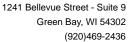
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Sample: MAYAN CICHLID Lab ID: 40283840014 Collected: 02/04/23 00:00 Received: 09/10/24 09:30 Matrix: Tissue

Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

Parameters Results Units **PQL** MDL DF Prepared Analyzed CAS No. Qual 7473 Mercury, Tissue Analytical Method: EPA 7473 Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay 0.054 09/30/24 17:14 7439-97-6 Mercury 0.49 mg/kg 0.018 1





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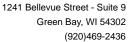
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Sample: OSCAR Lab ID: 40283840015 Collected: 02/04/23 00:00 Received: 09/10/24 09:30 Matrix: Tissue

Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

Parameters Results Units **PQL** MDL DF Prepared Analyzed CAS No. Qual 7473 Mercury, Tissue Analytical Method: EPA 7473 Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay 0.054 09/30/24 17:26 7439-97-6 Mercury 0.15 mg/kg 0.018 1





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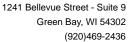
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Sample: OSCAR Lab ID: 40283840016 Collected: 02/04/23 00:00 Received: 09/10/24 09:30 Matrix: Tissue

Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

Parameters Results Units **PQL** MDL DF Prepared Analyzed CAS No. Qual 7473 Mercury, Tissue Analytical Method: EPA 7473 Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay 0.055 09/30/24 17:38 7439-97-6 Mercury 0.15 mg/kg 0.018 1





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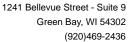
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Sample: LARGEMOUTH BASS Lab ID: 40283840017 Collected: 09/03/24 00:00 Received: 09/10/24 09:30 Matrix: Tissue

Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

Parameters Results Units **PQL** MDL DF Prepared Analyzed CAS No. Qual 7473 Mercury, Tissue Analytical Method: EPA 7473 Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay 0.056 09/30/24 17:49 7439-97-6 Mercury 0.44 mg/kg 0.019 1





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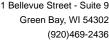
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Sample: LARGEMOUTH BASS Lab ID: 40283840018 Collected: 09/03/24 00:00 Received: 09/10/24 09:30 Matrix: Tissue

Results reported on a "dry weight" basis and are adjusted for percent moisture, sample size and any dilutions.

Parameters Results Units **PQL** MDL DF Prepared Analyzed CAS No. Qual 7473 Mercury, Tissue Analytical Method: EPA 7473 Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay 0.055 09/30/24 18:01 7439-97-6 Mercury 0.33 mg/kg 0.018 1





QUALITY CONTROL DATA

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Pace Project No.: 40283840

QC Batch: 485741 Analysis Method: EPA 7473

QC Batch Method: EPA 7473 Analysis Description: 7473 Mercury

Laboratory: Pace Analytical Services - Green Bay

Associated Lab Samples: 40283840001, 40283840002, 40283840003, 40283840004, 40283840005, 40283840006, 40283840007,

40283840008, 40283840009, 40283840010, 40283840011, 40283840012, 40283840013, 40283840014,

40283840015, 40283840016, 40283840017, 40283840018

METHOD BLANK: 2782064 Matrix: Tissue

Associated Lab Samples: 40283840001, 40283840002, 40283840003, 40283840004, 40283840005, 40283840006, 40283840007,

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LABORATORY CONTROL SAMPLE: 2782065

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Spike LCS LCS % Rec Parameter Units Conc. Result % Rec Limits Qualifiers Mercury 0.25 0.33 128 17-200 mg/kg

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MATRIX SPIKE & MATRIX SPIKE DUPLICATE: 2782066 2782067

40283840001 Spike Spike MS MSD MS MSD % Rec Max Parameter Units Result Conc. Conc. Result Result % Rec % Rec Limits **RPD** RPD Qual Mercury 0.17 0.15 0.33 0.35 129 17-200 6 20 mg/kg 0.14 115

Results presented on this page are in the units indicated by the "Units" column except where an alternate unit is presented to the right of the result.

REPORT OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS



QUALIFIERS

Project: 2024 PISTOL POND MERCURY ANALY

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DEFINITIONS

DF - Dilution Factor, if reported, represents the factor applied to the reported data due to dilution of the sample aliquot.

ND - Not Detected at or above adjusted reporting limit.

TNTC - Too Numerous To Count

J - Estimated concentration above the adjusted method detection limit and below the adjusted reporting limit.

MDL - Adjusted Method Detection Limit.

PQL - Practical Quantitation Limit.

RL - Reporting Limit - The lowest concentration value that meets project requirements for quantitative data with known precision and bias for a specific analyte in a specific matrix.

S - Surrogate

1,2-Diphenylhydrazine decomposes to and cannot be separated from Azobenzene using Method 8270. The result for each analyte is a combined concentration.

Consistent with EPA guidelines, unrounded data are displayed and have been used to calculate % recovery and RPD values.

LCS(D) - Laboratory Control Sample (Duplicate)

MS(D) - Matrix Spike (Duplicate)

DUP - Sample Duplicate

RPD - Relative Percent Difference

NC - Not Calculable.

SG - Silica Gel - Clean-Up

U - Indicates the compound was analyzed for, but not detected.

N-Nitrosodiphenylamine decomposes and cannot be separated from Diphenylamine using Method 8270. The result reported for each analyte is a combined concentration.

Reported results are not rounded until the final step prior to reporting. Therefore, calculated parameters that are typically reported as "Total" may vary slightly from the sum of the reported component parameters.

Pace Analytical is TNI accredited. Contact your Pace PM for the current list of accredited analytes.

TNI - The NELAC Institute.

ANALYTE QUALIFIERS

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J Analyte detected below the reporting limit, therefore result is an estimate. This qualifier is also used for all TICs.

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QUALITY CONTROL DATA CROSS REFERENCE TABLE

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Pace Project No.: 40283840

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Lab ID	Sample ID	QC Batch Method	QC Batch	Analytical Method	Analytical Batch
40283840001	LARGEMOUTH BASS	EPA 7473	485741		
40283840002	BLUEGILL	EPA 7473	485741		
40283840003	REDEAR SUNFISH	EPA 7473	485741		
40283840004	MAYAN CICHLID	EPA 7473	485741		
40283840005	MAYAN CICHLID	EPA 7473	485741		
40283840006	MAYAN CICHLID	EPA 7473	485741		
40283840007	OSCAR	EPA 7473	485741		
10283840008	OSCAR	EPA 7473	485741		
40283840009	OSCAR	EPA 7473	485741		
10283840010	OSCAR	EPA 7473	485741		
10283840011	BLUEGILL	EPA 7473	485741		
10283840012	MAYAN CICHLID	EPA 7473	485741		
40283840013	MAYAN CICHLID	EPA 7473	485741		
10283840014	MAYAN CICHLID	EPA 7473	485741		
40283840015	OSCAR	EPA 7473	485741		
40283840016	OSCAR	EPA 7473	485741		
10283840017	LARGEMOUTH BASS	EPA 7473	485741		
10283840018	LARGEMOUTH BASS	EPA 7473	485741		



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Section A Section B Section C of Page: Required Client Information Required Project Information Invoice Information Mark Danaher Company U.S. Fish&Wildlife Service/FL Panther Report To Mark Danaher (mark danaher@fws gov) USFWS/FL Panther NWR Address 12411 SR29 South John Galvez (john_galvez@fws.gov) REGULATORY AGENCY Immokalee, FL 34142 Address 12411 SR29 South Immokalee, FL 34 GROUND WATER DRINKING WATER Pace Quote Email To mark_danaher@fws.gov Purchase Order No. □ UST RCRA OTHER Reference Pace Project Phone 239-986-6158 Fax Project Name 2024 Pistol Pond Mercury Analysis Site Location Manager FL Pace Profile # Requested Due Date/TAT: Project Number STATE: Requested Analysis Filtered (Y/N) Section D Valid Matrix Codes C=COMP) COLLECTED Preservatives Required Client Information MATRIX CODE 5 DRINKING WATER DW SAMPLE TEMP AT COLLECTION WATER COMPOSITE WASTE WATER ww COMPOSITE END/GRAB Necury EPA 7473 Residual Chlorine (Y/N) valid (G=GRAB START PRODUCT SOIL/SOLID SL (see Analysis Test # OF CONTAINERS WIPE SAMPLE ID WP AR OT MATRIX CODE (A-Z, 0-9/,-) OTHER Unpreserved H₂SO₄ SAMPLE TYPE Sample IDs MUST BE UNIQUE Methanol Other Na₂S₂O₃ NaOH HNO3 ITEM DATE TIME DATE TIME Pace Project No./ Lab I.D. 9192 Wouth hass 1/26/23 CIO ? 2 1/26/23 3 1/26/23 1/26/23 5 1/26/23 6 214123 7 21412 8 OSCAY 9 OSCAV 214/2 10 OSCAr ો*ચીયી 23* Bluegill 11 Mayan Cichlid 12 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS **RELINQUISHED BY / AFFILIATION** DATE TIME **ACCEPTED BY / AFFILIATION** SAMPLE CONDITIONS DATE TIME Mark Danaher/USFWS 09:30 Matt Van Som Well fice 2004 09:30 2.5 SAMPLER NAME AND SIGNATURE Sealed (Y/N) Received or Ice (Y/N) 3N) PRINT Name of SAMPLER: Mark Danaher ⊑ Tempı ustody : SIGNATURE OF SAMPLER: WWW. **DATE Staned** (MM/DD/YY): 9/3/24



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PM Review is documented electronically in LIMs. By releas	ing the	e project, the PM acknowledges they have reviewed the sample log