From:	Williams, Erica
To:	"Nicholas Curto"
Subject:	RE: Reaching out
Date:	Thursday, January 8, 2026 1:36:00 PM
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Hi Nick,

I'd be interested to compare your recruitment data to ours.

Attached is an Excel workbook containing our St. Lucie recruitment and water quality data from 2020 through 2025. Also attached is the most recent submitted annual report covering a portion of this data to help address questions concerning methodology and results. Please also refer to the 'Metadata' sheet included in the Excel document, but don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 3:16 PM
To: Williams, Erica <Erica.Williams@MyFWC.com>
Subject: Re: Reaching out

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Dear Erica,

Hope you had a good holiday season! That would be fantastic, and would you like to see all of our data? I could send it over in the excel spreadsheet that it's on. I would like to look at 2020 to the present to start with, compare data and see if there are any similarities or differences. Hopefully I'm bugging you after all the deadlines you were talking about previously have passed. Hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerly,

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Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 2:36 PM
To: Nicholas Curto <ncurto@floridaocean.org>
Subject: RE: Reaching out

Hi Nick,

I'd be happy to provide our data, and yes, I would be interested in checking out your data as well .

Is there a specific timeframe and/or data type you are interested in, at least to start with?

I have a few deadlines coming up before the holidays so I might not be able to pull everything before the end of the year, but it should be available early next year.

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Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 10:41 AM
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Subject: Re: Reaching out

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Dear Erica,

Thank you so much once again for taking the time to talk with me, it was really enlightening to hear the work you have been doing and for how long you have been doing it. If its still ok, I'd love to go through your data and compare it to mine. Also, would you like to see ours as well?

Sincerely,

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Sent: Sunday, November 30, 2025 4:00 PM
To: Williams, Erica <Erica.Williams@MyFWC.com>
Subject: Re: Reaching out

Wonderful!

Looking forward to talking with you tomorrow

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Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 7:19 AM
To: Nicholas Curto <ncurto@floridaocean.org>
Subject: RE: Reaching out

Good morning,

On Monday, the 1st, I have time open between 0930 and 1330. I can be available for a call anytime within that window.

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Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:06 AM
To: Williams, Erica <Erica.Williams@MyFWC.com>
Cc: Geiger, Steve <Stephen.Geiger@MyFWC.com>
Subject: Re: Reaching out

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Hi Erica,

Apologizes for the delay. I completely agree on all fronts and I'm free all day on both the 17th and the 1st. What times are best for you?

Sincerely,

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Sent: Friday, November 7, 2025 11:00 AM

To: Nicholas Curto <ncurto@floridaocean.org>
Cc: Geiger, Steve <Stephen.Geiger@MyFWC.com>
Subject: RE: Reaching out

HI Nick,

In-house we do not have any specific names for our St. Lucie stations apart from SLC1 on the north shore which is our "Rio" station. However, I'm fairly certain our SLC3 station is in the same area as your Flagler Park station. (I think we've seen your gear out there during our monthly monitoring.) I think your work in the outer estuary is interesting and the combination of our efforts could be complementary for understanding the system better. Next week is a bit busy for me, but if you're open the week of Nov 17th or Dec 1st I'd be happy to schedule a video meeting to discuss our project further.

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Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 9:50 AM
To: Williams, Erica <Erica.Williams@MyFWC.com>
Cc: Geiger, Steve <Stephen.Geiger@MyFWC.com>
Subject: Re: Reaching out

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This is fantastic! I was curious if you had specific site names like Flager or Pendarvis? Also, would you be open to comparing data and numbers? I'm curious how the north fork is doing in comparison to other regions of the SLE. I've included a map of our sites that we monitor, I think there might be some overlap. I'd also love to talk with you if given the

opportunity, when would be a good time to meet or I should say what's your avaliabity? I just recently learned about your presence in the system and would love to collaborate more to help paint a better overall picture of these estuary systems.
Hope to hear from you soon!

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Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 12:24 PM
To: Nicholas Curto <ncurto@floridaocean.org>
Cc: Geiger, Steve <Stephen.Geiger@MyFWC.com>
Subject: RE: Reaching out

We work in both the North and South forks as well as in Central. Attached is our most recent annual report (covering data Oct 2023 through Sept 2024) which includes a map of our station locations and describes the methods we employ for each metric. Our data is stored on a local SQL database server and is provided to the grant managers on an annual basis. I'm not sure what direct access the grant provides for the supplied data, but our data is available to the public upon request. Are you interested in anything in particular or our methods and locations more in general?

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From: Nicholas Curto <ncurto@floridaocean.org>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 10:51 AM
To: Williams, Erica <Erica.Williams@MyFWC.com>
Cc: Geiger, Steve <Stephen.Geiger@MyFWC.com>
Subject: Re: Reaching out

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Fantastic! So where in the St. Lucie, do you do your spat monitoring? As I do monthly spat monitoring in that system as well. Would it be helpful if I sent you a map of all our current sites that we go out to? Also, do you have your data in an open access site or is it all on documents on your drive?

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 9:48 AM
To: Nicholas Curto <ncurto@floridaocean.org>

Cc: Geiger, Steve <Stephen.Geiger@MyFWC.com>
Subject: RE: Reaching out

Good morning Nicholas,

Yes, I work with Steve Geiger (Cc'd) and FWRI's Molluscan Fisheries team out of FWC's St. Petersburg, FL location. We conduct monthly oyster recruitment and disease (dermo) monitoring and biannual surveys in the St. Lucie and Loxahatchee estuaries. Our long-term efforts are funded by the South Florida Water Management District and guided by the Restoration Coordination and Verification (RECOVER) program as part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

I'd be happy to discuss our project and methods, or answer questions you have.

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From: Nicholas Curto <ncurto@floridaocean.org>
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Subject: Reaching out

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Dear Erica,

I know you were just CC'd on an email with me, but I figured I would reach out on a separate thread. I was told you are involved with oyster work in the SLE, is that correct? If so, I would love to chat with you! Hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

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