# Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual

#### **POST Iteration 2 Modeling Evaluation**

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# Average annual regulatory flows (QFC flow tag; CRE: S77; SLE: S308) and stress and damaging events based on RECOVER salinity envelope 14-day event counts for Caloosatchee and St Lucie estuaries.

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Estuar	y Alt	Regulatory Flows (kacft/yr)	Stress Events From LOK <sup>3</sup>	Stress Events From Basin <sup>3</sup>	Damaging Events From LOK <sup>4</sup>	Damaging Events From Basin <sup>4</sup>	Regulatory Flows (kacft/yr)	Stress Events From LOK <sup>3</sup>	Stress Events From Basin <sup>3</sup>	Damaging Events From LOK <sup>4</sup>	Damaging Events From Basin <sup>4</sup>
CRE 1	NA25 <sup>2</sup>	528	183	118	186	173					
	ECBr	515	190	153	205	225	-2.5	3.8	29.7	10.2	30.1
	CC	578	289	89	156	174	9.5	57.9	-24.6	-16.1	0.6
	OPT <sup>2</sup>	487	65	144	72	187	-7.8	-64.5	22.0	-61.3	8.1
SLE	NA25	187	148	210	142	428					
	ECBr	231	162	186	160	432	23.0	9.5	-11.4	12.7	0.9
	CC	72	13	308	17	469	-61.7	-91.2	46.7	-88.0	9.6
	OPT	109	23	288	28	467	-41.8	-84.5	37.1	-80.3	9.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>CRE: Caloosahatchee Estuary; SLE: St Lucie Estuary; <sup>2</sup>NA25 = Future without project (FWO)

CRE: ≥ 2100 cfs & < 2600 cfs SLE: > 1400 cfs & < 1700 cfs

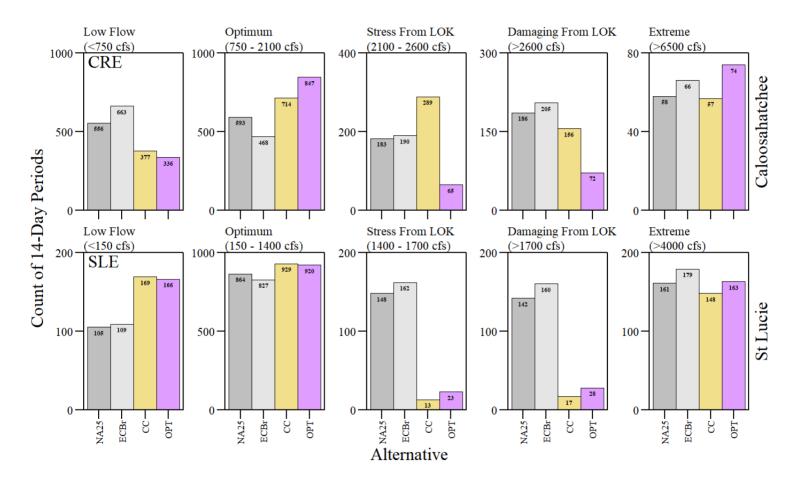
#### <sup>4</sup>Damaging Flows:

CRE: > 2600 cfs SLE: > 1700 cfs

Data Source: USACE and SFWMD Interagency Modeling Center. OPT Alternative provided by Everglades Foundation

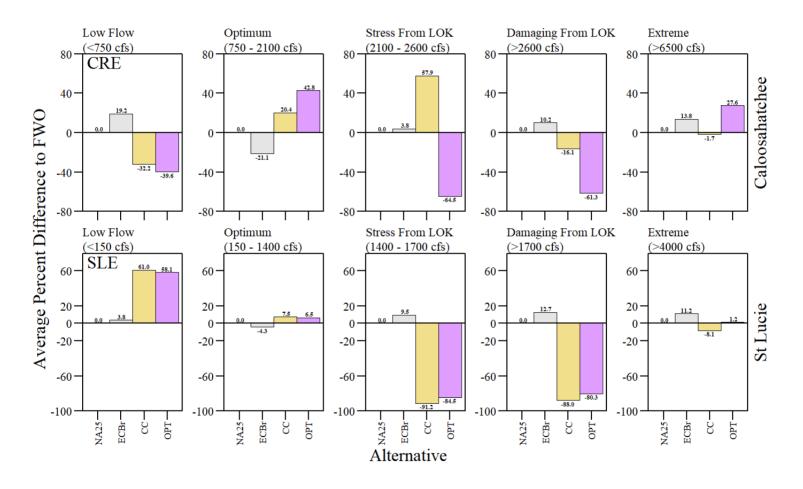
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Stressful Flows:

#### **RECOVER Metric**



RECOVER salinity envelope evaluation during the simulation period of record for Caloosahatchee (top) and St Lucie (bottom) estuaries.

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RECOVER salinity envelope evaluation relative to FWO (NA25) during the simulation period of record for Caloosahatchee (top) and St Lucie (bottom) estuaries.

# Daily count of low, optimum, stress and damaging flow events for Caloosatchee and St Lucie estuaries.

Summarized Data								Percent Different from FWO													
Estuar	y Alt	Low Events							Low Events		Optimum Events	From	From	Damaging Events From	Events From	Low Events	Optimum Events	Stress Events From LOK	Stress Events From	Damaging Events From	Damaging Events From
				LOK	Basin	LOK	Basin			LOK	Basin	LOK	Basin								
CRE 1	NA25 <sup>2</sup>	7743	6344	261	488	1988	2169														
	ECBr	9354	3769	246	706	2015	2903	20.8	-40.6	-5.7	44.7	1.4	33.8								
	CC	5058	8420	450	519	2199	2347	-34.7	32.7	72.4	6.4	10.6	8.2								
	OPT <sup>2</sup>	4558	10993	101	642	407	2292	-41.1	73.3	-61.3	31.6	-79.5	5.7								
SLE	NA25	1943	10112	388	593	1444	4513														
	ECBr	2045	9725	405	516	1567	4735	5.2	-3.8	4.4	-13.0	8.5	4.9								
	CC	3110	10433	0	759	201	4490	60.1	3.2	-100.0	28.0	-86.1	-0.5								
	OPT	3039	10374	0	716	360	4504	56.4	2.6	-100.0	20.7	-75.1	-0.2								

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**Low Flows** CRE: < 750 cfs; SLE: < 150 cfs

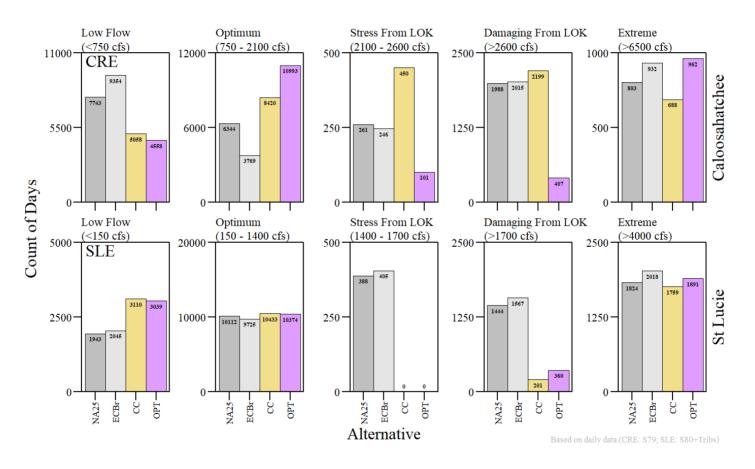
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**Stressful Flows** CRE:  $\geq$  2100 cfs & < 2600 cfs; SLE:  $\geq$  1400 cfs & < 1700 cfs

**Damaging Flows** CRE: > 2600 cfs; SLE:> 1700 cfs

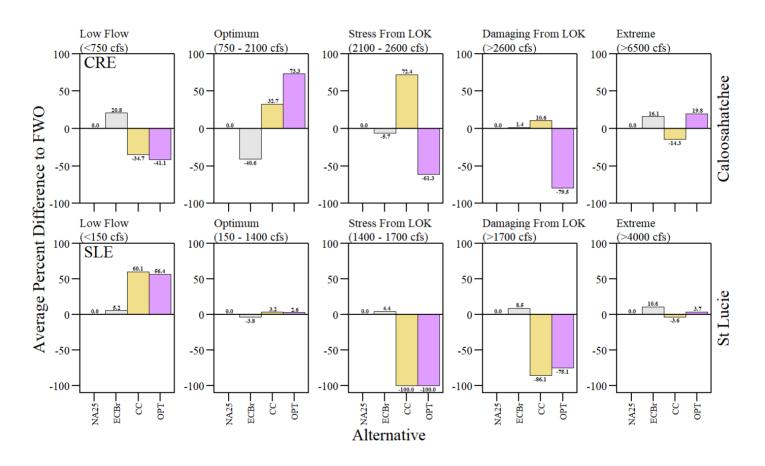
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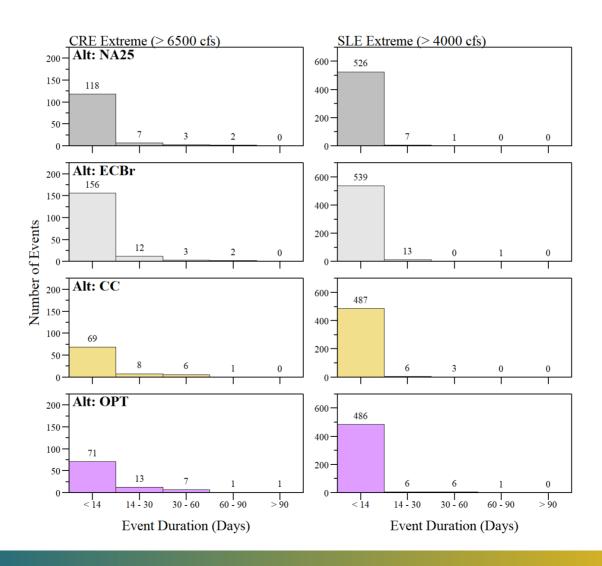
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# **Daily Metric - Extreme Events**



# Monthly count of low, optimum, stress and damaging flow events for Caloosatchee and St Lucie estuaries based on monthly mean discharge data.

Summarized Data								Percent Different from FWO					
		Low	1	Stress Events	Stress Events From	Damaging Events	Damaging Events	Low	Optimum Events	Stress Events	Stress Events From	Damaging Events From	Damaging Events From
Estuar	y Alt	Events		From		From		Events		From			
				LOK	Basin	LOK	Basin			LOK	Basin	LOK	Basin
CRE 1	NA25 <sup>2</sup>	212	225	37	19	70	61						
	ECBr	253	153	33	25	76	84	19.3	-32.0	-10.8	31.6	8.6	37.7
	CC	149	243	96	15	54	67	-29.7	8.0	159.5	-21.1	-22.9	9.8
	OPT <sup>2</sup>	137	353	17	24	27	66	-35.4	56.9	-54.1	26.3	-61.4	8.2
SLE	NA25	23	314	31	35	46	175						
	ECBr	23	308	30	26	47	190	0.0	-1.9	-3.2	-25.7	2.2	8.6
	CC	30	363	0	47	8	176	30.4	15.6	-100.0	34.3	-82.6	0.6
	OPT	29	359	1	45	13	177	26.1	14.3	-96.8	28.6	-71.7	1.1

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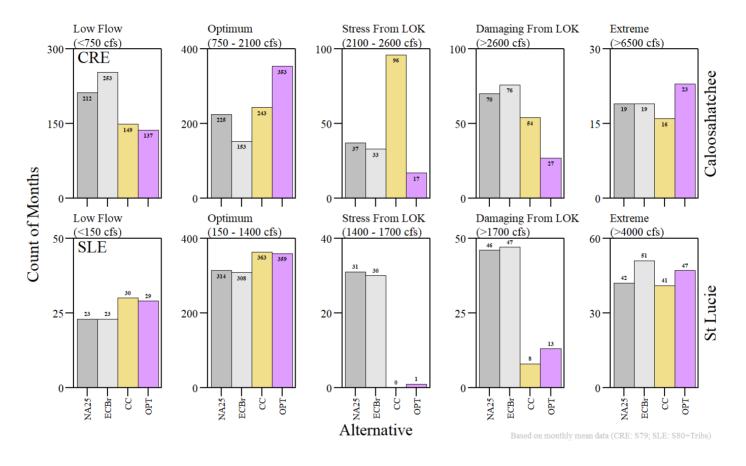
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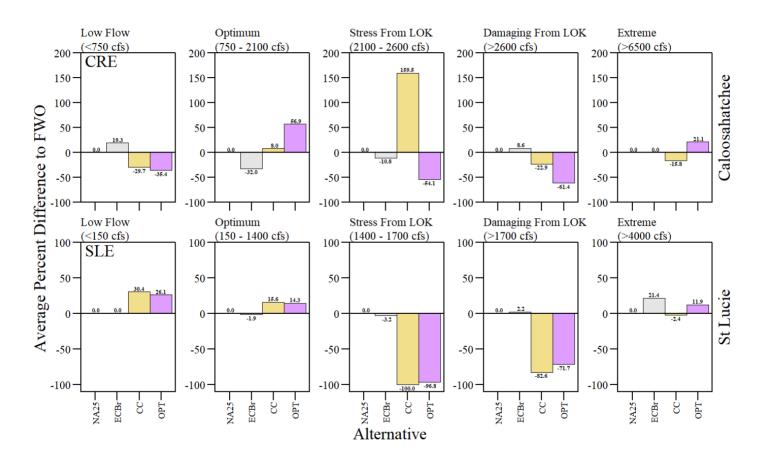
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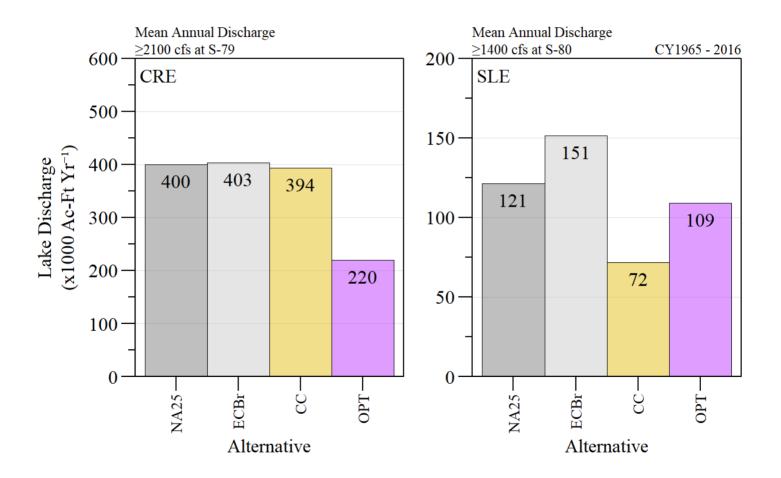
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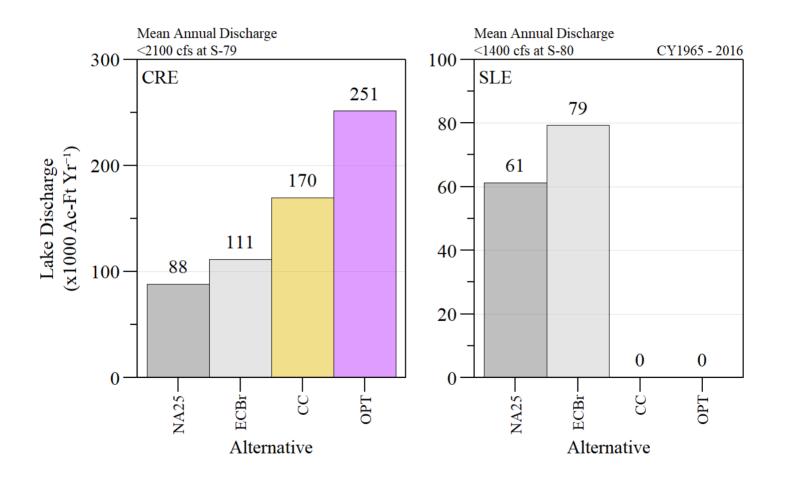
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## Lake Discharges



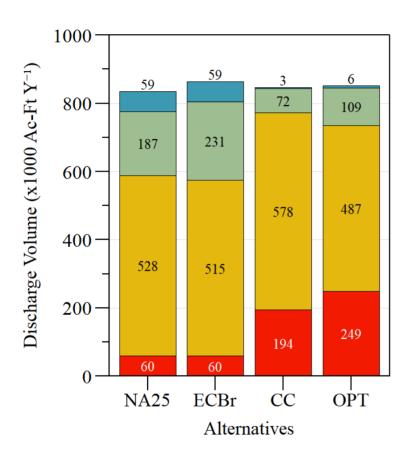
Average annual lake discharge volume over the simulation period of record when stress and damaging discharge at S79 and S80, respectively.

# Lake Discharges



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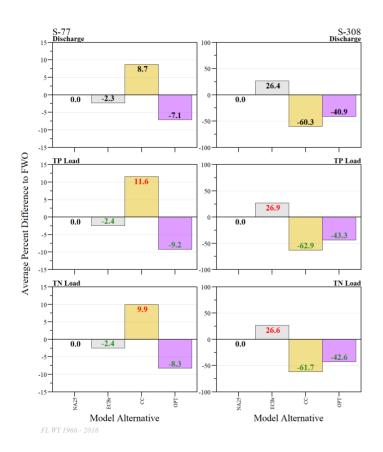
#### Flood control discharges



- Water Conservation Areas
- Caloosahatchee River
- St. Lucie River
- Lake Worth Lagoon

Iteration 2 results. Mean annual flood control releases from Lake Okeechobee for the 52 year (1965 - 2016) simulation period of record.

#### Load



Average percent difference from FWO (NA25) for discharge and estimated nutrient loads over the May 1965 - April 2016 (FL WY 1966 - 2016) period of simulation.

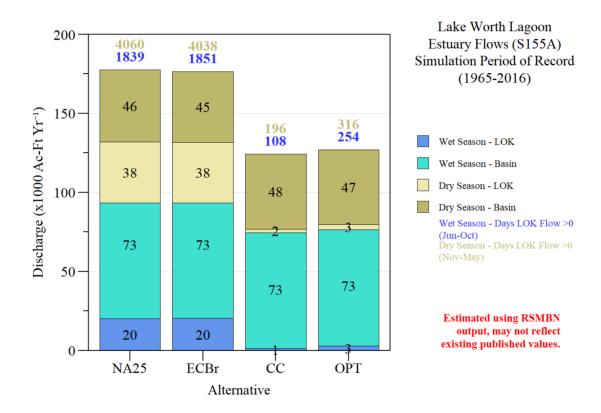
## **Back Flow/Pump**

Average annual load and average percent change relative to FWO (NA25) over the simulation period or record between May 1965 and April 2016 for back flow/pumping from S77, S308 and EAA (S2, S3 and S4) to Lake Okeechobee.

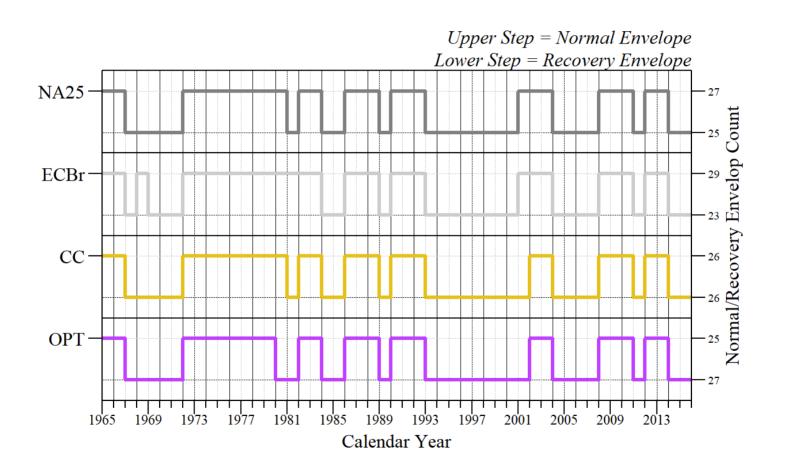
			Average A	Annual <sup>1</sup>		(	% Change Compare to FWO	)
Area	Alt¹	Percent Total Inflow Water Budget <sup>1</sup>	Discharge (kAcf-Ft WY <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>	TP Load (kg WY <sup>-1</sup> )	TN Load (kg WY <sup>-1</sup> )	Discharge	TP Load	TN Load
S77	NA25	1.8%	34.0	5957	70334			
	ECBr	1.8%	35.2	6370	74002	3.7	6.9	5.2
	CC	1.6%	31.5	5839	66730	-7.3	-2.0	-5.1
	OPT	1.7%	33.3	6142	70661	-1.8	3.1	0.5
S308	NA25	2.1%	38.8	9894	84024			
	ECBr	2.4%	45.9	11421	96162	18.2	15.4	14.4
	CC	2.4%	45.6	11882	101066	17.5	20.1	20.3
	OPT	2.3%	43.4	11315	95784	11.9	14.4	14.0
EAA	NA25	2.5%	47.3	13790	169512			
	ECBr	2.7%	52.8	14516	187490	11.7	5.3	10.6
	CC	3.4%	64.4	15760	228985	36.2	14.3	35.1
	OPT	3.8%	73.9	16916	265371	56.3	22.7	56.5

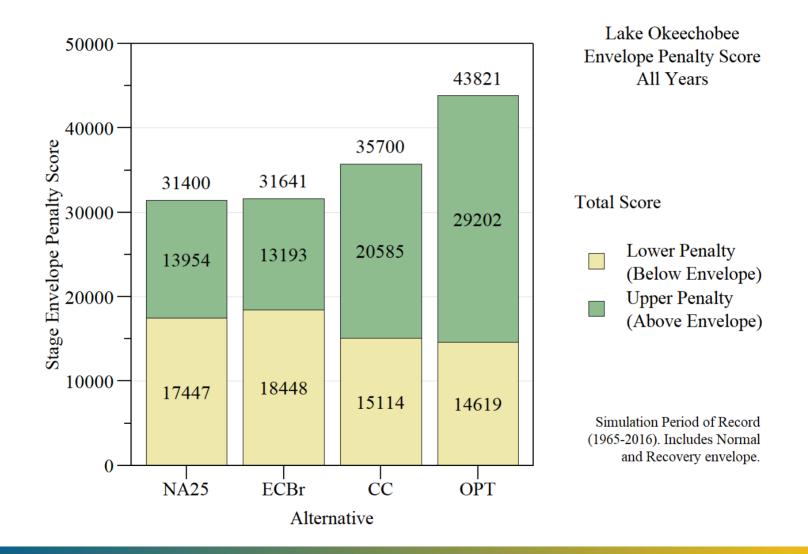
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Simulation period of record between Florida Water Year 1966 - 2016 (May 1965 - April 2016)

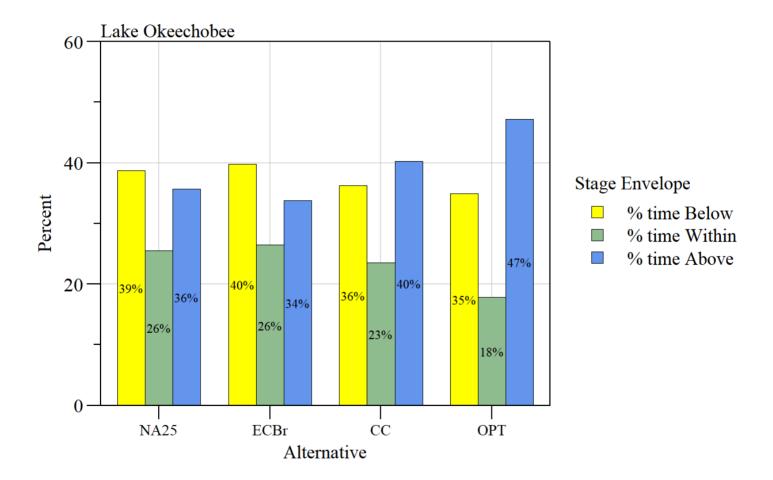
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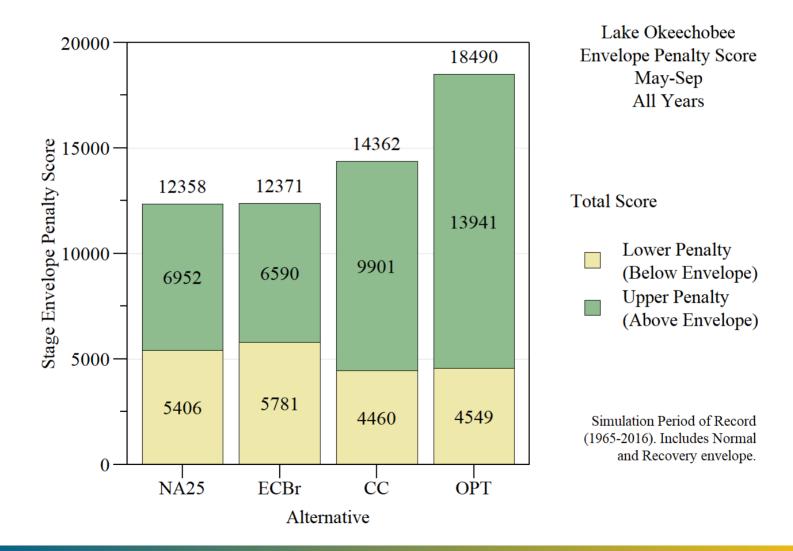


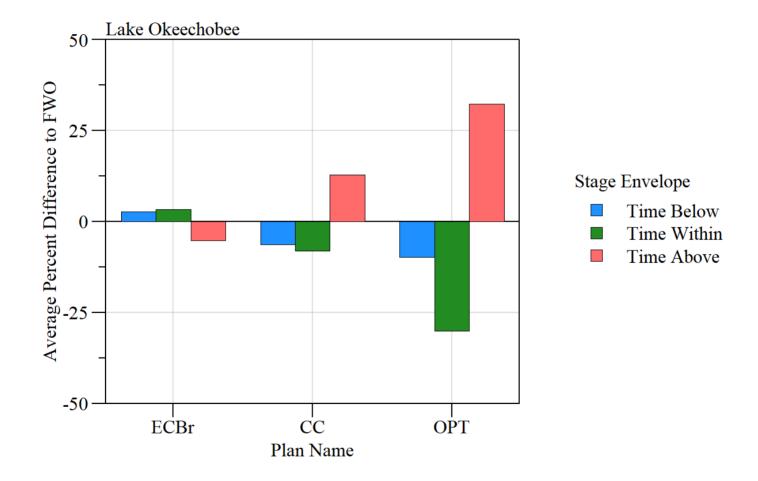
- Prior analysis uses a combination of RSMBN (C10A) and RSMGL (S155A) models.
  - RSMGL provides a finer detail modeling of flows used within the basin that is passed through S155A.
- Due to limited information (for OPT Alternative), RSMBN was used to evaluate LOK and Basin flows to LWL.



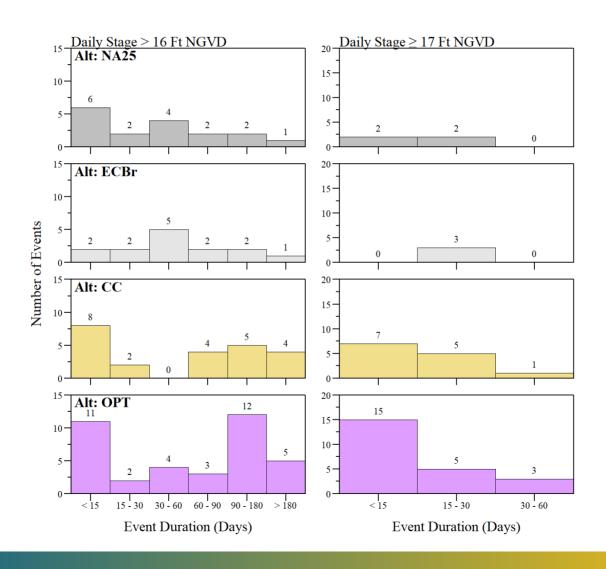








## Lake Okeechobee - High Stage Events



# **Lake Okeechobee - Low Stage Events**

