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HAB PHYTOPLANKTON REPORT

Collecting **Analysis FWRI** Sample Sample Collected Analyst: Henschen, K. **Condition** Preserved Agency: EBAP Date: 8/4/2014 Date: 8/4/2014 By: Volunteer Lat/Lon Temp DO cells/liter HAB ID Location Time Depth Sal pH Genus species Comments County (DD.dddd) (GMT) (m) (C) (ppt) mg/L **Original ID** HABW140805-011 5.50 Matanzas Pass (Estero Lee 26.4577 11:20 5.1 30.40 31.8 8.18 FDEP EBV001 Bay) -81.9532 Pyrodinium bahamense 0 Karenia brevis 0 HABW140805-012 Carl Johnson Park Boat Lee 26.3936 10:54 1.9 30.00 32.5 5.00 8.33 FDEP EBV004 Ramp (Estero Bay) -81.8655 Pyrodinium bahamense 0 Karenia brevis 0 HABW140805-013 Coon Key; N of (Estero 26.4287 11:23 .5 29.60 32.0 4.90 8.10 FDEP EBV006 Bay) -81.8832 Pyrodinium bahamense 0 Karenia brevis 0 HABW140805-014 **Mound House Dock** Lee 26.4462 11:06 3.0 30.70 30.6 4.50 8.17 (Estero Bay) FDEP EBV007 -81.9272 Pyrodinium bahamense 0 Karenia brevis 0

Description	Karenia brevis cells/L	Possible Effects (<i>Karenia brevis</i> only)
NOT PRESENT - BACKGROUND	0 - 1,000	None anticipated
VERY LOW	> 1,000 - 10,000	Possible respiratory irritation; shellfish harvesting closures ≥ 5,000 cells/L
LOW	> 10,000 - 100,000	Respiratory irritation; possible fish kills and bloom chlorophyll probably detected by satellites at upper range
MEDIUM	> 100,000 -1,000,000	Respiratory irritation and probable fish kills
HIGH	> 1,000,000	As above plus discoloration

The above report is distributed by the Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Group at the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The report is intended to (1) provide timely information on HABs in Florida waters to partner agencies and (2) facilitate communication among individuals who direct response activities to address public health concerns. We report on the abundance of *Karenia brevis* and *Pyrodinium bahamense*. *Karenia brevis*, the Florida red tide organism, produces neurotoxins called brevetoxins that can kill fish and other marine life. Brevetoxins may cause respiratory irritation in beachgoers and Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning in humans that consume contaminated shellfish. *Pyrodinium bahamense* produces saxitoxins that can cause Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning or Saxitoxin Puffer Fish Poisoning in humans if contaminated shellfish or puffer fish are consumed. For information on red tide related human health issues, please refer to the <u>Department of Health Aquatic Toxins Program</u>.

State-wide status reports including interactive Google Maps are provided weekly by our group and shellfish harvesting area status maps are provided by the Division of Aquaculture. Gulf Coast beach conditions can be found at Mote Marine Laboratory's Beach Conditions Report. A full list of red tide related hotlines and information sources can be found here. Data for other species can be requested at any time by sending an inquiry to HABData@myFWC.com. To learn more about HAB monitoring and research in Florida, please visit Facebook.com/FLHABs.

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