



Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

**Tuesday, September 20, 2011
11:00 am
12 HOB**

Action Packet

**Dean Cannon
Speaker**

**Steve Crisafulli
Chair**

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

9/20/2011 11:00:00AM

Location: 12 HOB

Summary: No Bills Considered

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Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Steve Crisafulli (Chair)	X		
Jim Boyd	X		
Dwight Bullard	X		
Rachel V. Burgin	X		
Matthew Caldwell	X		
Luis Garcia, Jr.			X
Richard Glorioso	X		
Tom Goodson	X		
Shawn Harrison	X		
Steven Perman	X		
Ray Pilon	X		
Elizabeth Porter	X		
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X		
Franklin Sands	X		
Jimmie Smith	X		
Totals:	14	0	1

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Presentation/Workshop/Other Business Appearances:

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Statewide Environmental Resource Permit

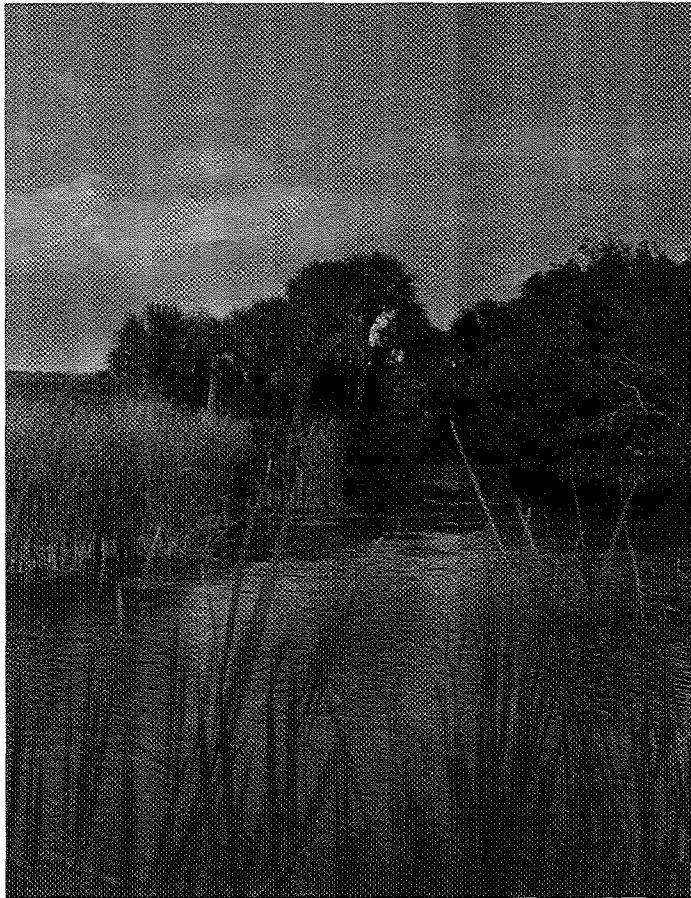
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Purpose of the ERP Program

To Protect Water Resources



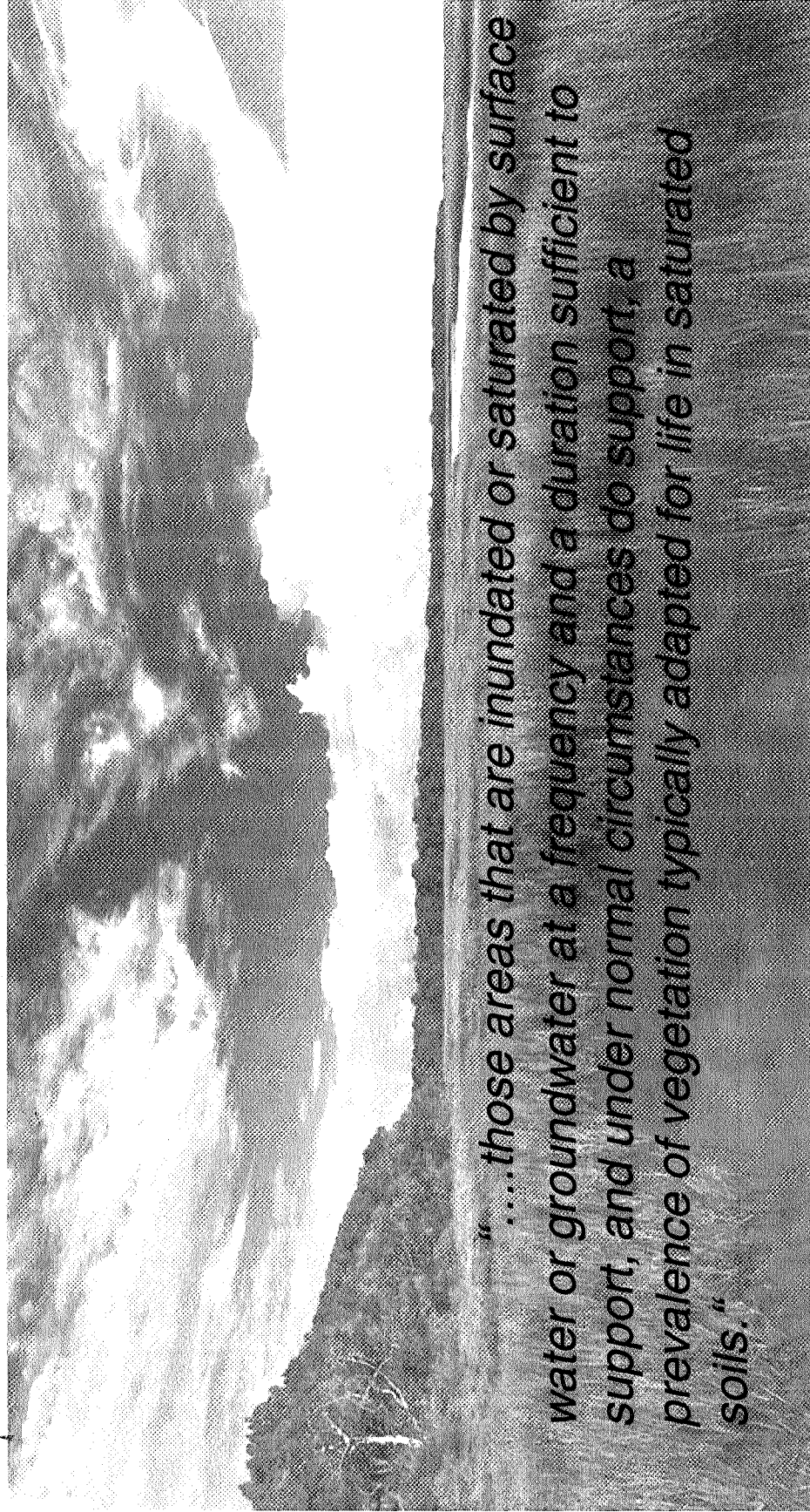
Water Quality

Environmental Functions

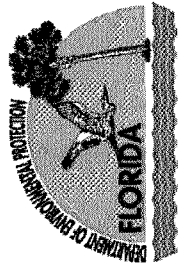
Water Quantity



What is a Wetland?



"...those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and a duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soils."

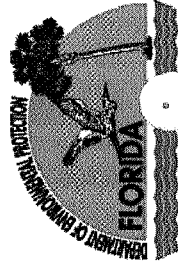


History of Wetland Protection in Florida

Wetland Resource Permit Program

Management and Storage of Surface Waters
Permit Program

Sovereignty Submerged Lands Authorizations



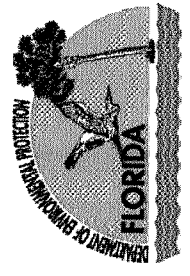
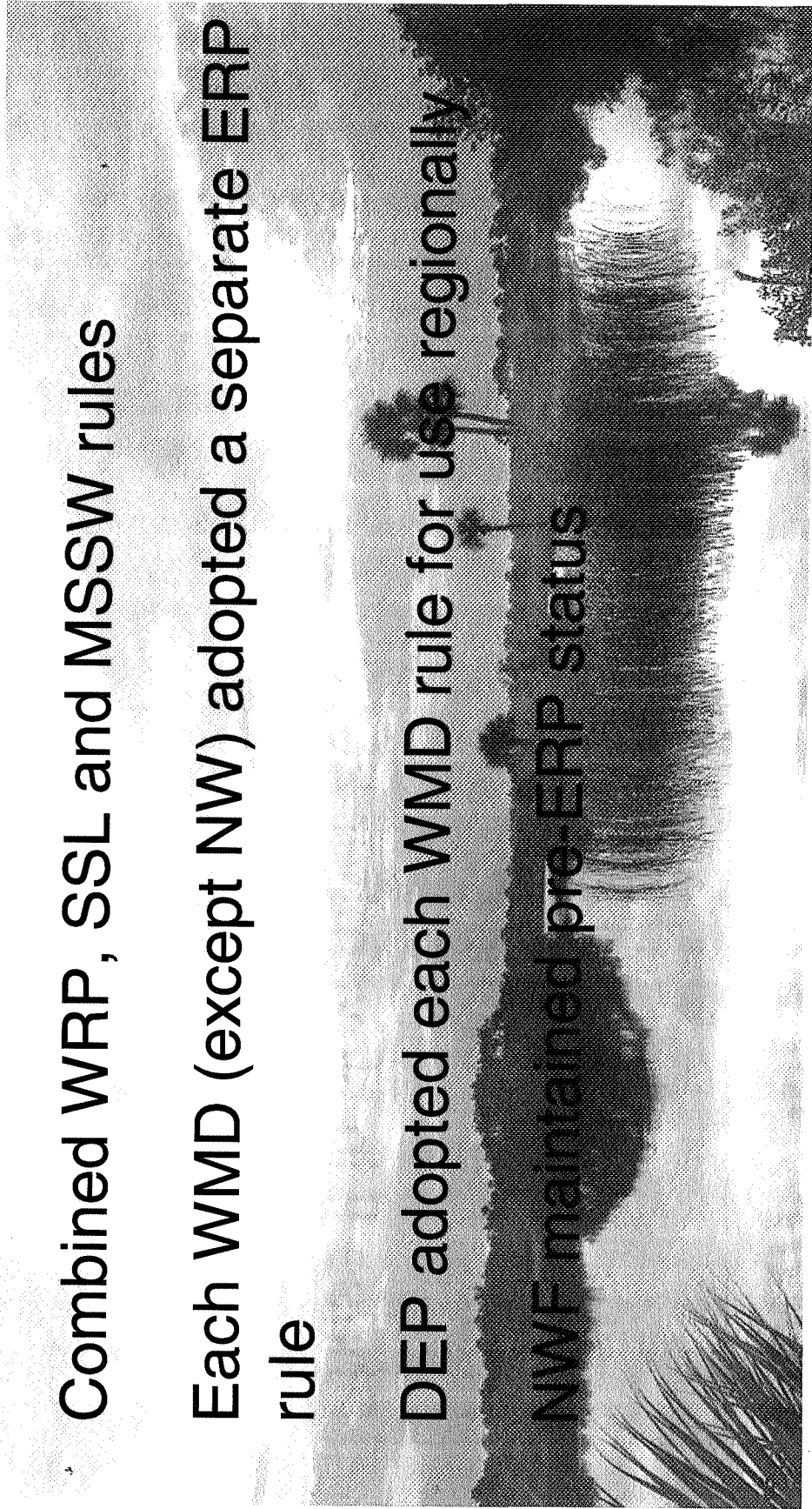
Florida's ERP Program

Combined WRP, SSL and MSSW rules

Each WMD (except NW) adopted a separate ERP rule

DEP adopted each WMD rule for use regionally

NWF maintained pre-ERP status

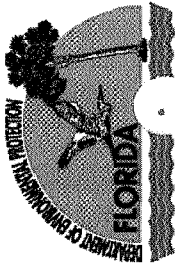


Northwest Florida ERP

Transition began in 2006

Phase I in October 2007

Phase II in November 2010



ERP Division of Responsibility

DEP and each WMD have Operating Agreements
ERP Processed by DEP or a WMD, **but not both**
Activity Dependent



What do the ERP Rules Do?

Define regulated activities

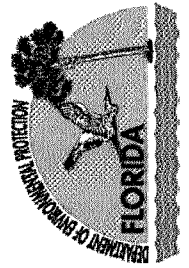
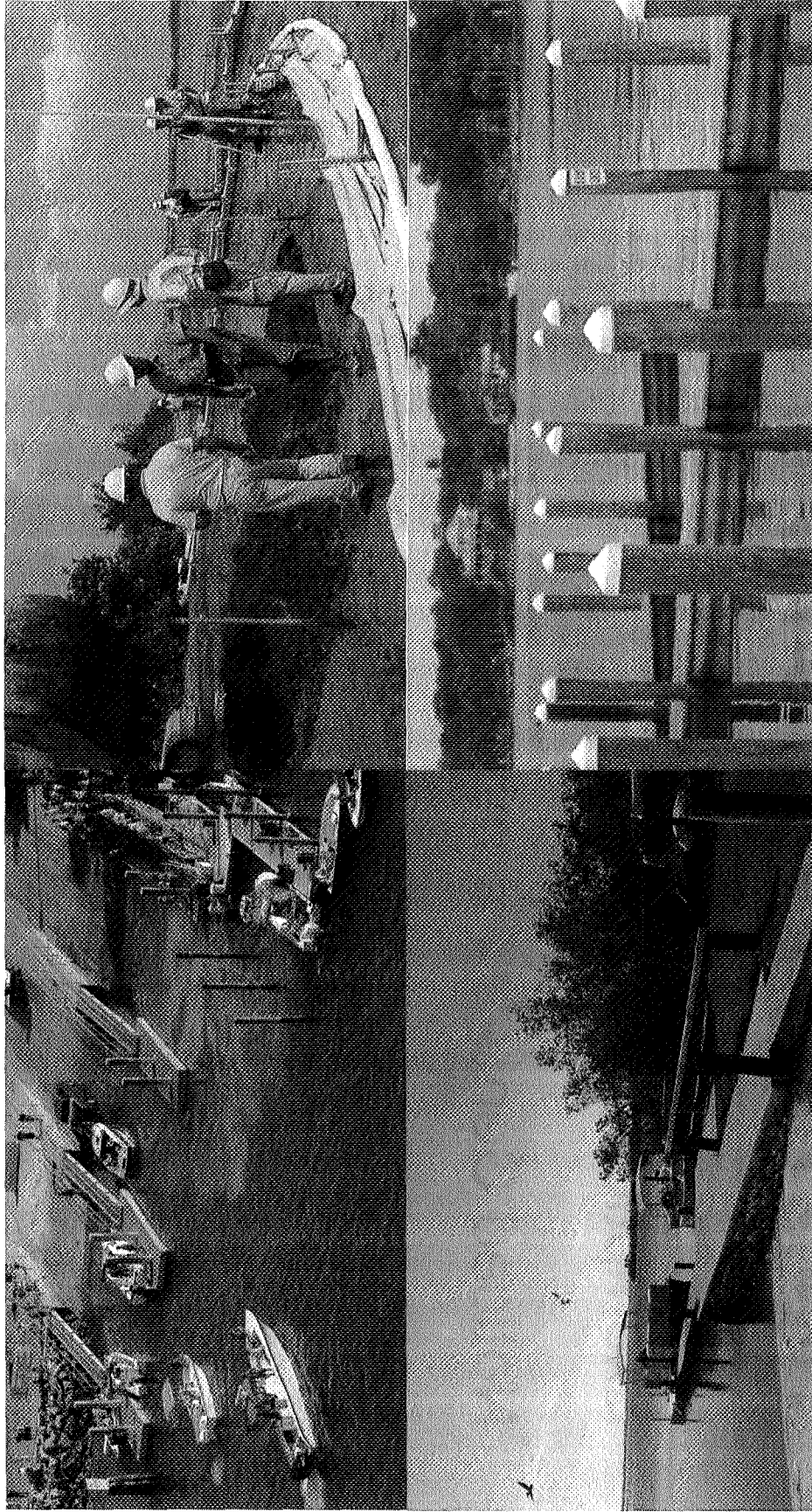
Permit thresholds and types

Criteria for issuance

Permit processing requirements



Types of ERP Authorizations

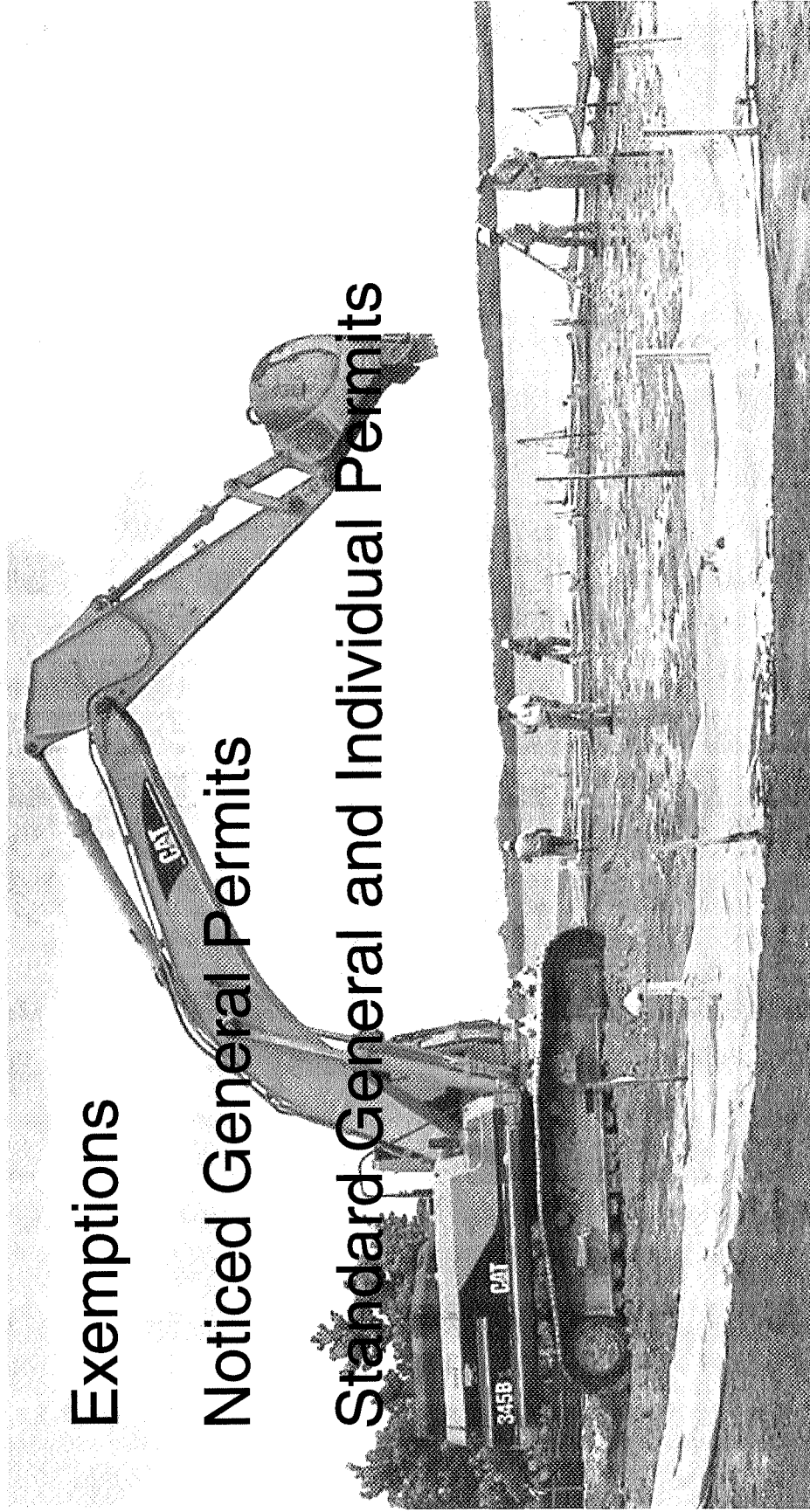


Types of ERP Authorizations

Exemptions

Noticed General Permits

Standard General and Individual Permits

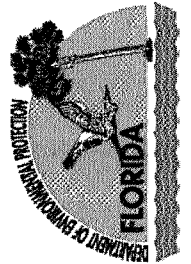


Problem: Existing ERP Rules

Five versions in use

DEP and WMDs not on same version

Process improvement difficult



Solution: Statewide ERP Rule

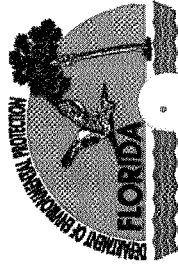
One rule means improved consistency:

Criteria and standards for issuance

Permitting thresholds and types

Application and reporting forms

Procedural review and noticing requirements

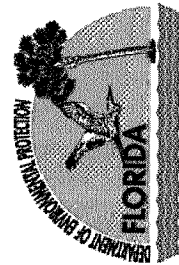
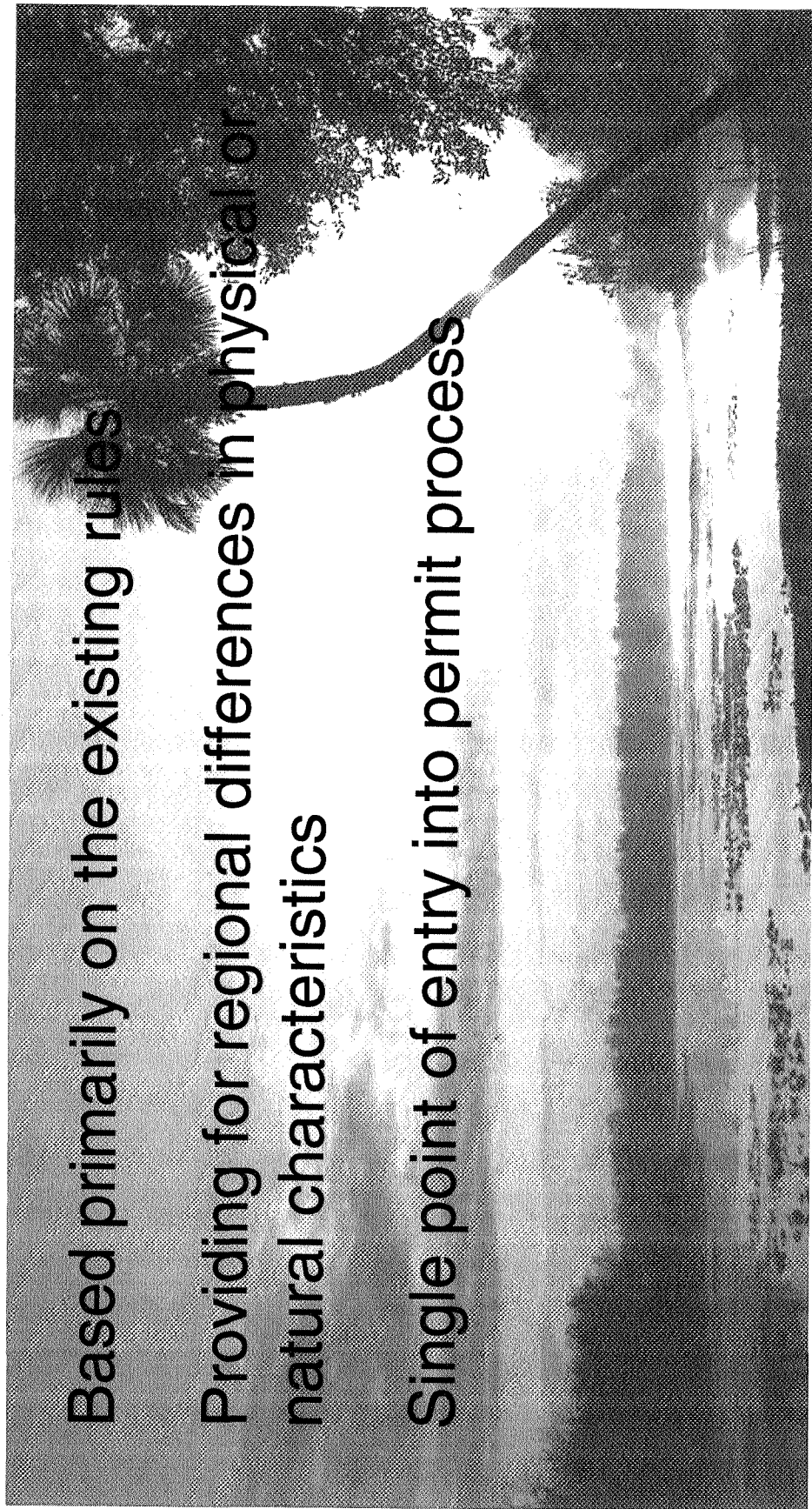


Solution: Statewide ERP Rule

Based primarily on the existing rules

Providing for regional differences in physical or natural characteristics

Single point of entry into permit process



Questions?

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