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## **Northern Continues PGA National Fish Kill Clean-up**

**Palm Beach Gardens – March 14, 2008.** The Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District would like to provide an update regarding the recent fish kill within the lakes of PGA National. Subcontractors have been on site for several days removing the dead fish and are asking for patience from residents as they continue their cleanup. In one week, over 10,000 pounds of dead Tilapia have been collected. The monitoring and clean-up will continue over the weekend.

Calls from residents continue with questions as to the origin of the fish kill. Central and Western parts of Palm Beach County are reporting fish kills in Loxahatchee Groves and in the Forest Hill Blvd. and Jog Road area. Northern maintains, as does the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, that this is a naturally occurring episode. As stated in our earlier release from Monday, the Fish and Wildlife Commission was contacted immediately regarding this fish kill and it was their opinion, that again, this is a naturally occurring event.

Water quality is monitored by quarterly testing reports submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection with the last one completed in December 2007, with no abnormal results. The next quarterly monitoring report is due by March 31<sup>st</sup>, and Northern has requested that the testing be done immediately. In addition, a Dissolved Oxygen (DO) test, which monitors the oxygen level of the lakes, was conducted at the beginning of the fish kill, and was within normal limits. If the oxygen level had been the cause of the fish kill, more than one species, and not just Tilapia, would have been involved.

An informational publication on fish kills has been forwarded to the PGA Property Owners Association office to help inform residents about the causes of fish kills. It is also posted on Northern's website [www.npbcid.org](http://www.npbcid.org) under the "News" tab and press releases. Northern Staff will continue to remove the fish as expeditiously as possible. Your cooperation and patience is appreciated.

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The Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District is an independent special district created by the Florida Legislature in 1959. Its role is to provide services related to water management and infrastructure for properties in northern Palm Beach County.