



**Johnson Education Center
HBOI-FAU, Fort Pierce, Florida**

Friday, February 12, 2016 – *Engaging the Public: It's Our Lagoon!*

The focus of this year's public outreach for the Indian River Lagoon Symposium, with its theme of *Linking Research with Management*, is a public meeting of the Indian River Lagoon Council. On January 8, 2016, the Council was officially named the new host agency for the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program (NEP). The Council includes representatives of five counties bordering the lagoon, which are Brevard, Volusia, Indian River (represented by the Indian River County Lagoon Coalition), St. Lucie, and Martin counties, the St. Johns River and South Florida Water Management Districts, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The public will have an opportunity to learn more about the plans of the NEP at a Council meeting, including opportunities for citizen participation.

Throughout the day, a number of organizations involved with citizen science will also be on hand to meet with the public on the work they do in the Indian River Lagoon and the opportunities for the public to become more involved in those efforts.

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Informal Dialogue with Representatives from Various IRL Organizations

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Indian River Lagoon Council Meeting