

June 15, 1966

Mr. V. D. Patten
Florida State Board of Health
P. O. Box 210
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Patten:

Gene McNair of your Winter Haven office has directed that I send the attached statement on Lake Apopka to you.

Please feel free to call on me if I may be of assistance in any action you may initiate.

Cordially,

Don McAllister
President

DM:pc

cc: Mr. David Lee
cc: Mr. Harold Moody

I certify the following as a true statement of my observation on Lake Apopka, May 28, 1966.

"While fishing out of Johnson's Fish Camp on the East Shore of Lake Apopka, May 28, 1966, I observed spray planes operating in the Zellwood Farms area on the Northeast Shore of the lake.

Noting the wind was blowing the spray fog over the lake, I approached the area in which the planes were operating in order to be in a position to give a statement.

I am prepared to give a sworn statement as to the following:

1. I was in my boat at the haystacks (a well known Lake Apopka landmark) May 28, 1966 at 5:40 P.M.
2. The wind was brisk out of a northerly quadrant.
3. Two spray planes were operating. One was numbered N-52510 and I could only get the last three digits of the second...764.
4. The pilots were cutting off the spray jets as they crossed the shoreline to make their turn over the lake, but there was visible fog from the planes after the obvious cutoff.
5. The spray fog from the operation was so heavy it totally obliterated the Eastern Shore from my view. I estimated the drift over the lake at a minimum of two miles.
6. Large winged bugs approximately two inches in wing span appeared on the surface of the lake obviously dying from the spray.
7. There was a moderate kill of threadfin and gizzard shad in the area on my arrival. I cannot associate the kill with the spraying operation of my own knowledge. My measure of moderate was a shad for approximately every four square feet of surface.
8. I remained in the area until approximately 6:15 P.M. and the planes were still operating under the aforesated conditions.

Sworn to June 15, 1966

Wm. D. McAllister