

## About the Cover

“A bloom of the Florida red tide organism, *Karenia brevis*, persists in Southwest Florida and extends along ~130 miles of coastline, from northern Pinellas to southern Lee counties, and extends offshore (10 miles or more). A patchy bloom of *K. brevis* also continues in Northwest Florida.”

(<http://myfwc.com/redtidestatus>)

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in conjunction with Google Earth, produces a weekly map update on the status of the bloom. The figure for this edition’s cover illustrates the current situation plaguing the Florida coast.

“By using Google Earth, you can zoom in to specific locations and click on stations to see detailed information, including sample date and cell concentration. You must have Google Earth installed on your computer to view this map; the software can be downloaded from the Google Earth website.”

Further detailed information about weekly changes, current conditions, fish kills, concentrations, respiratory irritations and forecasts, including a link providing information pertaining to Blue-Green Algae Bloom can be obtained through the FWC website cited above.

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