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Researcher Links Pollution to Red Tide

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Marine Biologist Larry Brand says 50 years of data show that red tide is getting more intense and lasting longer. He says the reason has to do with pollution runoff from Lake Okeechobee and the Peace River.

"It is clear that water from Lake Okeechobee is coming down the Caloosahatchee. It is quite clear it's full of nutrients. That water goes into our costal waters and there are many times when you pump that water out a few months later you see red tide in that area," said Brand

Red tide is blamed for dozens of manatee deaths this year. The toxic algae also kills fish, birds and causes breathing problems for people.

Brand says the lake and river pollution is caused by area agriculture and booming construction.

"As you take natural lands and bulldoze them and build golf course and housing developments on them that's another source of nutrients," he said.

During a day long conference about the cause and effect of red tide scientist also looked at what solutions might help curb the problem.

"We have to do a better job of cleaning up after ourselves on land... everything from feed lots for livestock to fertility applications," said Brian Lapointe.

Brand says research shows red tide is likely to get worse.

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