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Holloway Fishing Tournament

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and sure looked the part with his long white curly hair which some suggested might not be his own.

This year's fee was \$150.00 per 3 anglers and \$50.00 for each additional angler. The entry fee included a Capt.'s Dinner supplied by J.D. and Kristin Holloway owners of Waterfront Restaurant and Marina in St. James City. Helping J.D. with the food serving was Bryan Carnduff, a long time employee of the Waterfront Restaurant, one of the many sponsors of the tournament. Other



sponsors were Joe's Plumbing, Don Gessmann Construction, Joe Willimanson, Pineland Marina, SouthTrust Bank and Dolphin Realty. Island Daze, a two man band playing "island" style music performed at the tournament.

As the boats began returning to the dock around 2:00 PM, a crowd waited to see the fish



caught by the various teams. At one point the boats were backed up waiting to get a space at the dock to get their fish measured and logged in. One boat run by Leland Squires and his son Levi, a local father and son team had a good catch. Two other fish caught by the Squires team were released. This

was a catch and release tournament, more points were awarded if a team released their catch. Trout, Snook and Redfish

Controlled Growth on Pine Island

Over 93 residents of Greater Pine Island attended the Community Planning meeting at the Old Courthouse on March 25, 2002. This was the first public hearing at the county level. Greg Stuart and Noel Andress Land Use Planning Association members and local residents were in attendance. Other members were Gordon Riegelman, Susan Brookman, Robert Sheldon and chair Ronald Inge. Bill Spikowski explained the efforts of the Community Planning Committee for the last few years. Among these were future land use, environmental issues, traffic problems, building heights and community character. One of the biggest worries from the residents was transportation, particularly in Matlacha. Many thought the plan advocated a third traffic lane through Matlacha. Although referred to in the document, there is no plan for a third lane and this has now been eliminated as an option.

The plan did recommend a 50 foot buffer surrounding property be extended to all agricultural lands to reduce run off problems during rainy season. There was some discussion from Attorney Matt Uhle, who represents five agricultural property owners, questioning the coastal rural designation. "This would be very burdensome for lands that have already been cleared. The property owners say they would be forced to replant," said Uhle. Michael Rader, attorney for Cherry Estates questioned the density that will be permitted on two undeveloped islands. Other residents who spoke were Richard Jones representing Alden Pines homeowners group who offered unconditional support for the community plan from all of its 75 members. The board of director of the Captain's Harbor who added their endorsements sent Max Hughson as their representative. Stan Tracy an interested resident, called the plan "an instrument that preserves the precious way of life on Pine Island."

Over the next few months, county managers and staff will go over the issues brought up in the public hearing. A report will be presented to the LUPA committee for their next meeting, which will be held April 22. After the committee reviews it and gives their approval the plan will

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were the majority caught, but many fish still alive were released for another day.

Phil Risso, was hard at work measuring all fish and Tony Long (photo above) was recording the length and giving the stats to Barb Adams who put the totals on the scoreboards. No one else was permitted to get near the scoreboards

since there was grand prize of \$1000 at stake.

In the youth division the top three were; first place Koal Long with 20" 1/16, D. Bryant with 20" and C. Cook with 19". The adults were as follows using team name, First place, Smith boat; second place, Hindman boat; third place, Vertesch boat; fourth place Pertersdorff boat. After the boats were all in trophy's were awarded and all enjoyed their bounty at the captain's dinner. The proceeds go to benefit Pine Island youth.

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