

## LAKE IMPROVEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

Over the past several months many things have happened to improve the fishing in our lake and numerous of people have given their time and money to make these things happen.

1. With the support of Gram Hospkins and Mike Clark we were able to return to the use of liquid fertilizer. Bill Banks and Earl Hankins have given their time (3 hours per application) to assure the fertilizer has been applied as needed. They have fertilized 4 times this year.
2. Chuck Tasma has given around 80 hours of his time hooking up the fertilizer tank and repairing the barge so we would have something to put the fertilizer out with and put structure in the lake.
3. Luke Andres has donated several hours working on the motor on the barge and welding on the rack.
4. Stan Coring, Rick Anthony, Larry Harkins, and Barry Dickerson put about 120 hours of their time and work into building 23 cedar structures on pallets.. These 4 people with the help of Milton Jenkins and Earl Hankins put these 23 structures in the lake and marked them with the duck decoys so everyone would know where they are and have access to fish them.
5. Milton Jenkins made 24 concrete bases and with the help of Larry Harkins, Earl Hankins, and Barry Dickerson they put together 24 plastic structures that were put around these same 7 duck decoys in the lake.
6. Milton Jenkins, Larry Harkins, Barry Dickerson and Luke Andres built and put out 33 bamboo structures approximately 10 feet square and 4 ft high. 21 of these are around the duck decoys and other are in other spots in the lake.
7. Rick Anthony, Stan Coring, Larry Harkins, and Barry Dickerson spent approximately 32 hours building 18 stickup pallets that were also placed into the lake..

Lake Lorman Corp. contributed to the materials for the plastic and bamboo structures. The 23 cedar trees pallets and the 18 stick pallets we paid for by Earl Hankins, Mac Patrick, Larry Harkins, Rick Anthony, Stan Coring, Milton Jenkins, Levon Huff, Chuck Tasma, Bill Banks, Mike Clark, Luke Andres, Gram Hospkins, Woody Nance, Craig Lane, and Barry Dickerson.

During March SPM shocked the lake Gram Hospkins, Larry Harkins and Barry Dickerson road with them to see what was caught. During the shocking there were five twelve inch and better crappie taken. There were hundreds of 2-3 inch crappie shocked up in the canal. There were no 5-10 inch crappie observed during the shocking.

Out of 6 fisherman from the first of February thru mid April there were approximately 35 crappie 5-10 caught. In talking with other fisherman nobody reported catching medium size crappie of any quantity.

The reported crappie catches from all the people that were crappie fishing were around 200 twelve inch and better crappie harvested all weighing 1-1/4 lbs and better.

The concern of the 12-15 people mentionrd above is that we do not have many medium size crappie in our lake. We have made a recommendation to stock the lake with 2000 five to eight inch crappie giving us the medium size fish that we are not seeing plus they will be big enough that the bass, catfish, and Swans will not eat them up.

#### CRAPPIE STOCKING RECOMMENDATION

We recommend stocking 5-8 inch crappie that can be purchased from Harvey Hulstaler (601-613-5413) for \$1.50 each. We recommend 2,000 for a cost of \$3000 with no delivery fee. Our reason for this is very few 5-8 inch crappie were caught this year and none were shocked up by SPM. We also would like to see a limit of 10 per person per day with a size of 10 inches or better placed on crappie.

Earl Hankins, Mac Patrick, Larry Harkins, Rick Anthony, Stan Coring, Milton Jenkinsm Levon Huff, Chuck Tasma, Bill Banks, Luke Andres, Woody Nance, Craig Lane, and Barry Dickerson support this recommendation.