Lake Kyle Fisheries Management Plan

Texas Parks and Wildlife understands the direction in which our state demographics are headed; along the projected explosion of Texas residents concentrated in urban areas. It is imperative to make fishing relevant to urbanites and minorities in years to come, in efforts to conserve our great sport. Here at the Inland Fisheries Division we take pride in providing the best fishing opportunities to our Texas anglers. We are committed to urban fishing programs and the management of urban waters to meet this directive. As we move on to a new scheme of urban lake management, named “Diversified Community Angling”, we are seeking stakeholder groups to partner with us to develop these special fisheries.

We have assigned five small impoundments in the greater Austin area to pilot this new urban scheme. One site of special interest is Lake Kyle, south of Austin. This site will be managed intensively to create a high-quality, catch-and-release fishery for anglers seeking more-advanced fishing options; rather than the typical put-and-take waters in urban settings.

A detailed fisheries management plan for Lake Kyle is attached for your convenience, and should help justify our efforts to develop and fund the required infrastructure. All of the proposed infrastructure will serve as habitat enhancement for a heavy stock of largemouth bass, sunfish and channel catfish. These items will supplement the newly-approved catch-and-release regulation in establishing a healthy fishery. The fishery will provide all angler types with a special fishing destination and open educational opportunities for youth, minorities, and fly anglers longing for exceptional catch-and-release waters with open bank access.

Effective September 1, 2014, Lake Kyle is a Catch & Release lake. TPWD regulations found at this link, click here**.**

The City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department has been a gracious host and partner to help make this destination an innovative example for future urban waters in Texas.

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