News Release
Media Contact: Marcos De Jesús 512-353-0072
September 13, 2013

TPWD to Hold Public Meeting to Consider Fishing Regulation Changes for Lake Kyle

SAN MARCOS —Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will hold a public meeting to take comments on changes being considered to the fishing regulations for Lake Kyle in the City of Kyle, TX.

The public meeting will take place during the City of Kyle Parks Committee meeting on Monday, September 23rd, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Kyle City Hall, 100 W. Center St, Kyle, TX 78640.

Current regulations in effect at Lake Kyle are a 14- to 21-inch slot length limit for largemouth bass, with a 5-fish daily bag limit, in which only one may be over 21 inches in total length. For channel catfish there is no minimum size limit with 5-fish daily bag limit. TPWD is considering changing to a universal catch-and-release regulation, in which all largemouth bass, channel catfish and all sunfish species caught must be released immediately.

The plan is to intensively manage this water body by growing and protecting large channel catfish, sunfish and largemouth bass individuals in the population through improved habitat capacity, use of feeding mechanisms, and special regulations. In addition, a universal catch-and-release regulation will simplify the regulations for the lake as a whole.

Expected results from the changes being considered are: 1) Improved angler catch rates; 2) Improved size of catch; 3) Provide a high-quality sustainable fishery for area anglers.

For those unable to attend the public meeting, comments can be directed to Marcos De Jesus, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 505 Staples Road, San Marcos, TX 78666; marcos.dejesus@tpwd.texas.gov

Lake Kyle is a 12-acre impoundment of Plum Creek located in Hays County in the City of Kyle. The lake has been open to the public since spring 2012 under the management of the City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department. Lake Kyle Park serves as their headquarters and is part of the Plum Creek Preserve and Nature Trail Park System. This unique site provides the attributes to expand a quality fishing experience beyond bass to include Channel Catfish and sunfish. This effort will also require the addition of an aeration system and fish feeder complex to increase carrying capacity and growth potential. The proposed regulations will help ensure the development of an urban high-quality fishery for those who wish to pursue a more advanced catch experience.