



Urgent Press Release for ALL Texas Anglers



Important Public Hearing you **MUST** attend!

Tuesday, November 15th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road (FM 1484) Conroe, Texas

History

Lake Conroe, hydrilla, and grass carp are five words that when used together, will get many bass anglers blood pressure rising. Between September 1981 and September 1982, 270,000 non-sterile diploid grass carp were introduced into Lake Conroe to control 9000 acres of aquatic vegetation (hydrilla). By October 1983 all vegetation had been removed from the lake. As a result, fishing suffered for decades. A massive effort by TPWD, and angling groups began in the mid 1990's to reestablish desirable native vegetation in Lake Conroe and today we have many acres of good aquatic habitat which promotes good bass reproduction. The fruits of our labor are evident by recent outstanding tournament results.

A new threat

Hydrilla was rediscovered in the lake in 1996 and has been kept under control with aquatic herbicide until now. Hydrilla is making a comeback in Lake Conroe and has increased quickly to 868 acres as of September 2005. TPWD and SJRA have developed a plan to control the hydrilla based on the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) within the scope of the TPWD State Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan.

The objective of the plan are as follows:

- To reduce as much as practical hydrilla infestations in Lake Conroe while minimizing damage to stands of native vegetation.
- To maintain a healthy lake ecosystem and fishery in Lake Conroe while providing access for recreational activities on the Lake.

The Problem

Many lakefront property owners believe that Lake Conroe is their own private swimming pool. They will be out in force to send TPWD their message. **Stock grass carp, remove all hydrilla, and native species of vegetation in developed portions of the lake (2/3 of the lake is developed)** Here is what homeowners are saying.

“YOU CAN HELP SAVE LAKE CONROE!

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and the San Jacinto River Authority have scheduled a public hearing on Tuesday, November 15th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road (FM 1484) to discuss the future for Lake Conroe. This is your opportunity to make comments which can SAVE LAKE CONROE and protect your property values.

A large group of hydrilla enthusiasts will be present and they will try to prevent the introduction of White Amur (Chinese Grass Carp) which can prevent the destruction of Lake Conroe caused by exotic aquatic vegetation. We need at least 1200 property owners to attend this hearing to let TP&WD and SJRA know we are willing to get involved to protect the value of our property.

If you do not attend this hearing, you will have no one to blame but yourself when the value of your property is significantly reduced.

Please bring 5 of your neighbors with you on November 15th!”

Send Lake Conroe Homeowners a message and attend this public hearing.

- Tell TPWD not to allow grass carp to devastate habitat and native vegetation.
- Tell them anglers support TPWD management objectives for Lake Conroe.
- Tell them habitat and healthy aquatic ecosystems are just as important as property values.
- Tell every angler you know, Bring 10 members of your bass club, We need 1200 anglers
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!! MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD!!!

For more information and current updates visit <http://www.texas-bass.com/cons>

Important information will be posted shortly