



Conservation Report May 8, 2007

1. Our region has received a sponsor package from the Sure-Life owners Tony and Lane Gergely. Their "Please Release Me" products that we received will carry us through the remainder of this year. We used the treatment during our Limestone tournament with a 100% survival rate.

2. Summary of our tournament mortality results:

Sam Rayburn -Jan...303 fish weighed...302 released
Livingston -Feb...24 fish weighed.....24 released
Toledo Bend -Mar...339 fish weighed....331 released
Limestone -Apr...154 fish weighed....149 released

After 4 events, we have had 14 dead fish brought to the scales. We lost four more that didn't survive the release at the Toledo Bend tournament. We began using the following formula at the Limestone tournament: ice, fresh lake water, and the Sure-Life product in our holding tanks. It is important that our anglers keep oxygen and ice in their livewells for the May and June tournaments.

3. The Lake Conroe Habitat Enrichment Project was awarded its federal grant in February. As soon as TPWD completes paperwork as "acting agent", construction will begin on the two nurseries. The Seven Coves Bass Club is the host sponsor for the project, with the Katy Bassmasters and Houston Oilmans Bass Club also committed to help.

4. There is a Bi-State Alliance group on Toledo Bend that is supporting legislation, authored by Sen. Robert Nichols. Two bills have been introduced to restrict power generation on the lake whenever the level drops below 168 feet (or 2 feet below normal pool). The T. Bend community has also gained the support of the Sabine River Authority. If passed, the bills would help to maintain safe lake levels. The contact people at the Bi-State Alliance are Jerry and Janna Lehman. They can be reached at: Bi-statemail@valornet.com

5. Clubs need to be thinking about accumulating their 50 points required to qualify for next year's State Championship. One venue for this is through conservation projects. Clubs can create their own "PRE-APPROVED" projects, or assist in others:

-The Lake Conroe project will commence sometime this month, and can use help with its various phases.

-The Sam Rayburn Fish Hatchery is currently under construction and our region is looking for clubs in that area to assist with both the hatchery and Pavilion extension projects. Ed Snyder, who sits on The Pavilion Board of Directors is our contact person.

-Any club that would like to earn part of their state points through conservation programs will need to get their projects pre-approved ahead of time. There is a qualification system in place at our State level and determining the status of a project will be reviewed beforehand.

-Contact Directors for project approval:

1. Tim Cook-State Conservation Director-Texas B.A.S.S. Federation. 2. Dwight Dickerson-our Region



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Director. 3. Ron Gunter-our Region Conservation Director.