

RANGER REPORT

May 2017

Hello everyone! This month's Ranger Report is a little longer than normal. The rains have raised the lake level nicely and the channel cat's are feeding well! The hot baits for cats are the blood baits, shrimp and crawlers. Our bait shop is well stocked for all your fishing needs. Bass are now moving to their spawning beds but are still hitting rubber worms in the watermelon color. Big bluegill and crappie are hitting Beetle jigs and live minnows. We ask that you continue to release all blue cats until 15 June.

Weekly Creel: Trout-2, Bass-41, Catfish-321, Crappie-56, Bluegill-48, Carp-1, Grand total-469

The cool, windy weather did not keep the fishermen and women away. 72 participated in the 1st Lunker Catfish Tournament of 2017. The next one will be August 26 & 27, so mark your calendars. Congratulations to Louis Steiner, 1st place with 23.8 lbs., Jimmy Guinn Jr., 2nd place with 23.4 lbs. Jimmy also won the largest catfish at 10 lbs., and Armondo Morin, 3rd place with 18.2 lbs.



Camping Season Is Here

With camping season starting, keeping the lake a safe and peaceful place is a job for everyone who visits the lake. The SBEA lake employees work very hard to make the lake a great place for our members. Most of our members are great and appreciate the lake and take pride in knowing they own part of a great organization. We are asking for your help in continuing to keep SBEA Lake a safe, clean and peaceful place for all members.

Just a few reminders of some rules to help us all have a great camping season, **NO PETS** allowed, speed limit 10 M.P.H., littering is prohibited, no public intoxication tolerated, no abusive behavior tolerated, No person may use the Recreation Area to engage in the following activities:

- Use or possession of fireworks.
- Drive, chip, hit, play or practice golf.

- Operate self-propelled model airplanes, boats, autos, drones, etc.
- Throw, release or discharge missiles, rockets, or similar projectiles.
- Hang-glide or parachute.
- Engage in any activity or operate any device recklessly or dangerously.

Please treat with respect the wildlife that shares your lake. Keeping all hooks and fishing line picked up because the hooks get caught up in the bird's beaks and the fishing line end up wrapped around the birds causing great harm.

The docks must be kept clear of obstructions at all times to facilitate safe foot traffic. Please do not use a rock, stone or brick on the docks. Please help keep the lake and adjoining area clean by properly disposing of all trash and cigarette and cigar butts. Assistance in keeping the lake, facilities, docks, and shore clean is greatly appreciated.

For yours and your children's safety, please no one under the age of 14 unattended around the water without an adult supervision.

White Perch Alert



We have found white perch in our lake. **If you catch one do not release it back in the lake.** If you are not sure if it is a white perch contact the ranger. If you do not want to dispose of it turn it into the ranger to dispose. It is illegal to possess or release white perch per Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

Take care and good fishing!

Ranger Eric