

Ranger Report

October

Hi!

Well as usual September has been a great time to fish the lake! Lots of cats being caught on live baits, chicken liver and blood baits. Bass are hitting grass hopper and crawdad lures, purple worms and wacky rigs. Crappie are hitting minnows fished under the docks. Reminder to all our members, **gold fish cannot be used as a bait on our lake**. Also starting this Wednesday, we are closing at 8 pm for fall hours. You will have to be off the docks now at 7:45 pm.

Just a short note to let all the members know how our bass improvement program is going for the SBEA lake. For the last 4 years we have put in place a strict catch and release program for all bass in our lake. Along with both maintenance and rangers putting important structures in the lake to benefit all the fish. The outcome has surpassed all our hopes! Our breeding bass have greatly increased with a bass bed count of 117 last spring. The spring before that was only 58 beds. We ask for your continued support as this summer and fall, we have had numerous 3-4 lb. bass and a few 5 lb. bass caught and released! And tons of 2 lb. bass caught too. We ask all members that if you catch a bass to please unhook it immediately, get your cell phone pics asap and release the bass. Bass will still be catch and release for at least one more year, we deep appreciate your help with improving our lake's quality of fishing!

A few reminders, if you want to fish with 3 poles, stop in at the bait shop and get your 3-pole permit. Only \$1. Speed limit on the lake is 10 mph. All bass are catch and release still. Please if you catch a bass, get a cell phone pic and release asap. White perch are catch and kill; they cannot be put back into the lake.

September Creel Count: Catfish - 389, Bass - 106, Crappie - 81, Bluegill – 144, **Total-720**

All Bass Safely returned to the lake.