



Spring 2015

The Lake Livingston Friends of Reservoirs (LLFoR) Spring quarter is the start of the busy period of our activities. The plants should have been growing in the aquatic tanks, and at least one (1) plant propagation should have occurred. It turns out Mother Nature had other plans for all of us. Because of a prolonged cold Winter followed by a very wet rainy season, we did not see any plant growth until late April. Couple that with rain delays, tanks filling with too much water (slowing growth) and school scheduling. Coldspring Oakhurst Consolidated and Goodrich High Schools were the only schools that have been completed. Onalaska and Livingston High School are still yet to be completed, and Shepherd is in the process of building their two new aquatic tanks. For the above reasons, our planned late Spring Lake planting did not occur, which was fortunate. Lake Livingston had tremendous inflows that most likely would have washed out any new plants.

There was a lot of good news in the past three months. Generosity was at an all time high; Texas Black Bass donated 1 aquatic tank, Texas Association of Bass Clubs donated 1 aquatic tank, Lindy and Sylvia Ellison donated 3 aquatic tanks, Waterwood Boat Club donated 1 aquatic tank and Sam Houston Electric Cooperative donated 1 aquatic tank. Our Advisors, Trinity River Authority donated another 3 aquatic tanks (bringing their total to 6 aquatic tanks), and Texas Parks and Wild Life, Inland Fisheries purchased over 1,000 American Water Willow plants that were grown in a greenhouse, thus giving us the starter plants for the newly installed 8 aquatic tanks. We also added another partner, Polk County. Judge Sydney Murphy has been a supporter and enabler of this project since its inception. Thank you Polk County! We now have 18 of the planned 25 aquatic tanks installed. The final piece of news, but very important, Dan Ellis has agreed to be the “point contact” in bringing fishing tournaments to our Lake. This is very important to LLFoR, as it is one of our long-range goals. Thank you, Dan.



THE BIG NEWS: The National Fish Habitat Partnership (www.fishhabitat.org) has unveiled its list of 10 “Waters to Watch” for 2015, a collection of rivers, streams, estuaries, lakes and watershed systems that will benefit from strategic conservation efforts to protect, restore or enhance their current condition. These voluntary, locally-driven projects represent conservation actions in progress implemented under the National Fish Habitat Partnership by 19 regional Fish Habitat Partnerships throughout the country.

The conservation actions implemented through these projects are designed to conserve freshwater, estuarine and marine habitats essential to the many fish and wildlife species that call these areas home. These examples of conservation have been fundamental to the overall success of the National Fish Habitat Partnership since 2006.

Throughout the year, these projects will demonstrate how conservation efforts are reversing persistent declines in our nation’s aquatic habitats. Having featured 90 partnership projects since 2007, these “Waters to Watch” are proving that science-based on-the-ground conservation efforts are truly making a difference in improving fish habitat across the United

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“Success in conservation often doesn’t happen overnight,” said Kelly Hepler, Chair of the National Fish Habitat Board. “We are highlighting these projects today with both long and short-term goals in mind. We are working through our regional partnerships in an effort to conserve these great waterways, and reverse declines in suitable fish habitat. In our 9th year of this annual campaign, we are beginning to see many of our previous projects named to this list making a real difference. For our 10th Anniversary of the “Waters to Watch” in 2016, we will highlight some of these dynamic past projects that are making a positive impact both regionally and nationally.”

People interested in learning more about the National Fish Habitat Partnership and partner projects happening across the U.S. can find out more information on how to get involved on our Partnerships Page; <http://fishhabitat.org/partnerships>.

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Partnership: Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership

<http://bit.ly/1KFfEWW> (details on the LLFoR Project)

Objective: The overall goal of the project is to reestablish Lake Livingston as a destination for anglers and other outdoor recreationists. As such, the project has support from a host of community leaders. A dedicated core group of volunteer leaders are in place to ensure that the project continues to move forward garnering additional local support along the way.

All our Partners, Advisors and Sponsors are pleased with the recognition bestowed on our project. As the Director of Lake Livingston Friends of Reservoirs, I want to thank all of you for your participation and support of this project. LLFoR Project Director, Tom McDonough, TLM77351@iCloud.com, (832) 236-0723, or www.LLFoR.org (open 24 hours 7 days a week).

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