

Lake Fishing Limits - 2022

I hope you all had a chance to look at the lake study report. Also, thank you to those that attended the meeting last month where the results were presented by Southeastern Pond Management (“SEPM”) and good discussion followed.

In the report, SEPM made recommendations on bass and bluegill harvesting. After the meeting, they made additional recommendations on crappie harvesting. Our level of enthusiasm for crappie fishing did surprise them a bit and guided their recommendations.

For 2022, our fishing limits are as follows:

CRAPPIE

Daily limit - 10.

Please release all crappie under 10”.

BASS

Please keep ALL bass under 13”.

There is no daily limit on the bass. Our lake is overpopulated with smaller bass and we need to take out over 2,600 pounds of small bass this year. Overpopulation of small bass is the number one issue on our lake. Catch and release may sound good in theory, but in practice, it can prevent a lake from producing larger fish. For this year, we will release bass over 13”. I used to only keep what I would eat. Now, I will keep all smaller bass.

If you catch a large bass that you would consider mounting, measure the length, girth and weight then release the fish. A taxidermist will create a perfect replica with this information.

BLUEGILL

Keep what you will eat.

To read the SEPM report, follow this link:

https://www.snowlakeshoresms.com/files/ugd/171a5c_c26b61d0021145c0bb31438b3d7e3602.pdf

These limits will be reevaluated following the next lake study, to be conducted later this year.

Following these recommendations will help make the lake a great place to fish.

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