

Habitat and Fish Management Committee – lots happening!

Update and Donation Opportunities

Winter is here, the ice is getting thicker and there are plenty of ice fishermen and others enjoying Lake Camelot. At the July 2017 L.C.P.O.A. Board meeting the Board endorsed the formation of a Habitat and Fish Management Committee. This committee consists of two Board members and three Lake Camelot residents. The primary goal of the committee is to create habitat in the Lake Camelot area that will enhance the environment for wild life with a focus on improving the fish population within our Lake Camelot system.

The committee has a multiyear goal to create and install fish cribs in Lake Camelot. L.C.P.O.A. acquired a DNR permit to install 42 fish cribs in Lake Camelot. This will require ongoing construction and fund raising for the next couple years until the 42 cribs are completed. Our goal this year was to construct 15 cribs that will be placed in a minimum of 5 feet below the surface in water 11–15 feet deep. Because of the Riparian Rights Law, the cribs will be located off some of our beach clubs approximately 100 feet from shore. The cribs are built to DNR specifications, their locations are approved by the DNR and they will have an approximate productive life span of 25 years.

This winter, some outstanding volunteers have been busy building 15 of the 42 cribs. I want to thank this group of volunteers for working in sub-zero weather to get the job done. There is a crib in the Camelot Lodge parking lot. If you have a chance I encourage you to drive over and check it out. You can also see cribs located on the ice on both upper and lower Lake Camelot waiting for the spring thaw.

In addition to the fish cribs and fish stocking, our committee's future plans include installing a rock reef to enhance walleye reproduction. We need to raise money to achieve these important goals. L.C.P.O.A. has committed to allocating \$3,900.00 annually to the committee to help fund the cribs, fish stocking and the rock reef. While we very much appreciate this support, additional funds are needed and **you can help!**

At this time we are raising money with our winter raffle (see below) in cooperation with our Lake Camelot Fisheree on Feb. Saturday Feb. 17. There are

two separate raffles, one for the fisherie and one for the Habitat and Fish Management Committee. Habitat raffle tickets are \$10.00 each and are available at the L.C.P.O.A. office and at Lake Camelot bar. If you would like to purchase tickets or have questions, send me an email and I will respond. All monetary donations are welcome.

It costs us \$250 to build one crib. You can sponsor a fish crib for a \$250.00 tax deductible donation to L.C.P.O.A. Habitat fund. On behalf of the committee, I'd like to thank our two recent crib sponsors Jim & Darlene Rulseh and Jeff & Cathy Anton for their support. In addition, we have a Habitat and Fish donation box in the bar and hope you will take advantage of that donation option.

Hope to see you on the ice,

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Fish cribs in the Lake Camelot Lodge parking lot



Fish cribs out on Lake Camelot



Camelot on the Lake

The Camelot Fish Habitat Committee is having a raffle at the Camelot Fishery

\$10 ticket - 1st place is pictured here, a starter fishing set (auger, 2 man shelter, 2 Beaver Dam tip ups, an Otter sled, 2 fish poles and pail for sitting with a bait pail inside

2nd place - \$100 cash

3rd place \$50 cash