

CTA-CTCC Joint Lake Committee (JLC) Update

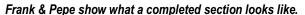
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The JLC Wildlife Preservation & Control Sub-Committee has finished dropping our custom-designed permanent fish structures!

This year-long JLC/WP&C <u>Artificial Fish Attractor Project</u> which replaced the Annual Christmas Tree Drop, was designed to provide an array of five platforms constructed of irrigation pipe (4" x 4'x 4') from 12 inches to 32 inches tall in varying depths of water, and placed strategically at GPS locations conducive to protecting small fish. From May to December 2009, platforms were custom built by dozens of volunteers. In May & June 2010, volunteer crews secured them to the lake bottom with concrete blocks. Each grouping is identified by a permanently anchored Fish Haven Buoy. Fishing near the arrays should be very productive! Look for buoys ... and a GPS map will be forthcoming from JLC/E/E Subcommittee.



The Woodmere team of Pepe Corello and Frank Gagliano thread nylon rope through the drilled holes and secure the pipe with sprockets designed from recycled material.





Below: Fred Berman, Ed Margeson and Ron Moeller haul completed structures to the CTCC dock.



Lee Amcher, Chair of WP&C, discusses a drop area with Keith Betts, Fred & Buster Harrill



Ashley Hinman, Kendall Crawford and Tony Forgione wait to hear their drop location.



Below, JLC Chair Karl Heidinger captains a crew headed to one of six drop location with a boat full of permanent fish structures.



Thanks to Trace volunteers, this project has involved several hundred hours of CTA-CTCC JLC & TUFF fishing club participation and is expected to bring a real improvement to the Lake Trace fishery!

WHAT'S NEXT?? Operation



Phase 1, June 2010:
Shoreline Clean-up along
the entranceway
Phase 2, June 2010:
Planting Aquatic
Vegetation



The above photo shows a Corps of Engineers aquatic planting project at Lake Gaston, NC.

Volunteers needed immediately!! Call Lee Amcher, 499-1285 or Karl Heidinger, 498-3056