

## DLA - Spring Updates - Fishing, Weed Growth & Lake Pump

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Good Evening Deer Lake Association (DLA) Members,

Thank you to all Association Members who purchased fishing licenses this year. We collected approximately \$2,200 this year in fishing license sales which allowed the Board to purchase 255 lbs of trout from Crowthers Fish Hatchery. As of right now, the fish are scheduled to be delivered on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. Although it's not quite one-week, the Board has decided to start the fishing season on Memorial Day weekend as many members will be at Deer Lake enjoying their property. **Association Members and their guests who purchased a DLA fishing permit can begin fishing in Deer Lake on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

As a reminder, below is a quick summary of the 2023 Fishing Regulations for Deer Lake:

1. When fishing, you must have your DLA fishing permit **visible**. Association members have the right and authority to ask fishermen to present their permit if one is not in full view. **A New Mexico Game and Fish (NMG&F) fishing license is not required, and it also cannot be used as a substitute for a DLA fishing permit.**
2. The New Mexico Department of Game & Fish has the authority to patrol the lake and check for trespassers.
3. If caught without a valid DLA fishing permit the consequences are as follows:
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> offense you will be asked to leave.
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> offense six-month (lot owner) suspension from fishing.
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> offense one-year (lot owner) suspension from fishing.
  - o Lot owner includes guest fishing licenses purchased.

4. Keep the lake and surrounding area clean. Please remove all trash associated with your visit to the lake.
5. Live bait is permitted with the exception of minnows.
6. Transportation Permit Form – If you or your children do not have a State Fishing license, please obtain this form from NMG&F website. The NMG&F requires this document if you plan to transport fish caught at Deer Lake out of the Deer Lake area.
7. Catch and Release is encouraged. Use of single barb-less hooks is strongly recommended.
8. Only one (1) rod per person is allowed. Use of Trot Lines is prohibited.
9. Fishing is permitted from sun-up to sunset. NIGHT FISHING IS NOT ALLOWED.

If for some reason we are contacted by Crowthers Fish Hatchery and there is an unexpected delay, I will be sure to notify the Association Members immediately.

At the March 2023 Association Meeting and clarified in the Meeting Minutes, the Board promised to notify the Association prior to the application of the herbicide (Aquacide). The Board has observed weed growth in and around the lake and therefore we plan to apply the Aquacide (weed prevention) the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Lastly, the pump in the lake is not operating properly. It has been removed and is being rebuilt by Association Member, David Robertson. The parts have currently been ordered and will be installed upon their arrival. The Board hopes to have the pump installed prior to the fish stocking but if not, hopefully shortly after. Thank you to Mr. Robertson for helping the Association with this issue.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information presented in this email do not hesitate to reach out to me or any Board member for assistance.

Thank You,  
Krystal Rodriguez  
DLA Secretary

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