



Conservation

November 2021

Most recent activities

Dredging Meeting Claytor Lake We met on November 10, 2021. A subcommittee was formed consisting of the permitting and involved agencies that included DCR, AEP, PULASKI County, DEQ, USACE, and Kessler contracting. They will work on the feasibility of using dewatering bags and native vegetation to create habitat and deal with dredge material. The entire committee will meet in January to discuss educating public about permitting process. It becomes complex when you have silt that contains metals and other pollutants.

The Smith Mountain Lake Habitat technical Review committee will meet either Thursday or Friday of this week. This is an annual meeting. Smith Mountain Lake gets \$ 25000 from APCO every year as part of the lake management plan. Dan Wilson and a group of nonaffiliated anglers control the placement of the habitat.

Pulaski County High School AFTCO and BASS Nation Team to coordinate project

Brooke Carver, John Copeland, Carley Paven- Ballard, Megan Atkinson, Laura Walters Bruce Shepard and Joan Blankenship We are in the planning stages of getting supplies ordered to try to avoid supply chain problems,

Wildlife Resources Grant: This program is progressing and we have paid out around 100 checks. We anticipate another surge in participation in the spring during the open, on the James. We will need to requisition more money before that event. There is still continuing participation in this program.

- Alabama bass project. Brochures were printed and distributed but unfortunately the Alabama bass have established themselves in numerous water bodies.
- AFTCO The yellow bags for trash collection at events are still available. Easy way to get conservation recognition with minimal effort. I also have some product for anglers who do conservation projects. It is for conservation rewards only.
- Mossback and Friends of Reservoirs Grant: We did get a thousand dollars from Mossback habitat. But the grass request came in and I can only deal with one project at a time. Unless someone wants to step up to help, I am going to limit myself to projects with support.

2022 potential issues. Angler access, invasive species, endangered mussels, funding, etc.

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