Three Year Rainfall Comparison

March 2015 Fish Report

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### Three Year Monthly Angler Attendance Comparison

**Ib/Bass Average**
- 2015: 0.63
- 2014: 0.63
- 2013: 0.63

**Ib/Acre Average**
- 2015: 12.33
- 2014: 12.33
- 2013: 12.33

**Ib/Bream Average**
- 2015: 0.59
- 2014: 0.59
- 2013: 0.59

**Ib/Acre Average**
- 2015: 2.97
- 2014: 2.97
- 2013: 2.97

**Formula**
- Pounds of fish (lbs) divided by number of fish = lb/fish average
- lbs fish divided by 50 (acres) = lb/acre average
Three Year Bass Harvest Comparison

Number of Bass Caught

January  | February | March  | April  | May    | June   | July   | August  | September  | October | November | December 

2015 Number of Bass Harvested

2014 Number of Bass Harvested

2013 Number of Bass Harvested
Three Year Bream Harvest Comparison

- 2015 Number of Bream Harvested
- 2014 Number of Bream Harvested
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## Monthly Harvest Comparison

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## Calendar Year-to-Date

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## Fish Averages (Year-to-Date)

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Lake Conditions

We got 3.0 inches of rainfall for March 2015. The water temperature is 63°F at the surface. Secchi is at 42 inches. It has been the driest winter in a very long time. Dry in the fact that we have had three months of reduced rainfall, but the rainfall we have gotten has been fairly regular and the ground has just recently dried up a bit. If you look at the angler attendance chart you will see that attendance is greatly increased. Whenever there has been an unusually cold and wet winter we always have increased attendance in the spring. We had a lot of bass caught in March 2015 (765) but the monthly bass harvest record was set in 2007 (917). Bass average body weight is dropping due to more anglers taking out smaller bass less than 14
inches in length. I had a bank bass angler take out 30 bass for 6 pound in March. It’s great to see small bass coming out of the lake. This reduction in predators will help the overall health of the lake.
Bass of the month goes to Chris McKee. Here he is posing with a 11.5 pound bass that was destined for the wall. Nice catch. Chris is our District 3 fishery biologist and he capitalized at Lake LU on one of his days off.
Arron Kerr, fishery biologist and friend of Chris McKee, is posing with several nice bass he caught and released. This bass is a 7.5 pounder.

Aaron with a nice 8 pound bass.
Aaron with a nice 8.25 pound bass. All his bass were released to the lake.
John Key, father of UWA baseball player, Tyler Key is posing with a nice 5.5 pound bass he caught during a baseball game one day.
Mark Grant and I went fishing on the lake one day in March. We were trying to catch Nessie. We threw monster baits all morning. Mark was throwing this 10 inch mag spoon. I told him that spoon was so big that I called it a bass machete! It sounded like a sword flying through the air when he threw it. This 5 pound bass is the only fish he caught. I caught only one bass and it was about the same size as Mark’s mag spoon.
NEW BASS HARVEST REGULATION
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

The new largemouth bass regulation shall read: Anglers may harvest any bass they catch at Lake LU, as long as the bass is less than 14 inches in total length. In addition, anglers may also harvest 1 fish greater than 22 inches in total length, a day at Lake LU. Please continue to encourage anglers to harvest small bass. ~ Jay Haffner

I encourage all anglers to use an accurate measuring device.
The cold weather has made this the slowest start to bluegill fishing season ever.
Phrank Edwards caught this 22 pound grass carp one day while he was bream fishing.
Nature Trails
We have finished with our carpentry projects for the year. Here Daniel Ratcliff and Eli are sitting on one of the 6 Leopold Benches that we made and put out around the lake and trails.
We had to make repairs to the manager’s boat launch after the winter rains. It sure is nice to have some help here at the lake. Kyle Miller and Daniel Ratcliff have been some of the best help.
We finally managed to get some weather warm enough to put out some cedar tree fish structures. Here we are in the Pequod “toting the mail”.
We installed a laser trail counter to help give us better estimates of how many people are utilizing the UWA Nature Trail Complex and what times they are visiting. We started counting on March 18, 2015 at 3:57 pm. As of April 3, 2015 we have had 310 “hits” on the counter. “Hits” do not necessarily mean visitor count accuracy. There is a 6 second pause between counts so groups of two or more could be counted as a single visit. We hope to look at the time of day metrics later on when we get the software up and running.
I installed a red box containing trail use questionnaires at the kiosk at the entrance to the Nature Trail Complex. Please take a few minutes to fill out a survey form. The data that users give us will help us to enhance your hiking trail experience.

If anyone wants any advice on fishing Lake LU, please call me at 1-205-652-9266 or e-mail me at lrr@uwa.edu. Feel free to visit Lake LU’s website at www.lakelu.uwa.edu

Thank you,

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All other photos by R.Limerick unless otherwise noted.