

Mission of the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association

- Promote sportsmanship and the protection of natural resources
- Promote the quality of Lake Fork fishery and other outdoor recreational activities
- Promote the future of angling through youth programs
- Promote a spirit of cooperation with local, county, state, and federal governmental agencies, and other civic organizations for the purpose of improving Lake Fork and its surrounding communities
- Promote items of interest of the membership at large

Area Game Warden Honored

The LFSA would like to congratulate Wood County Game Warden Kurt Kelley on being recognized as Texas Game Warden of the Year. The Association of Midwest Fish and Game Law Enforcement Officers recognized Kelley during their meeting in Duluth, Minnesota.

Kurt began his career in 1999 and has maintained a case load of over 300 cases for the past 14 years. Additionally he has presented numerous informational and educational programs throughout Wood County.

Kurt has coordinated the Wood County Kid Fish program held each June that attracts as many as 400 young anglers for a day of fishing on Lake Fork.

The LFSA appreciates Kurt's efforts here in Wood County.

Renew Your Fishing License

It's that time of year. You need to renew your fishing license by September 1. You can renew on-line or go to most of the marinas around the lake. Don't get caught without it!

Clean Drain Dry

ZEBRA MUSSELS HIDE HERE.



As you hit the lakes this summer, remember to clean, drain and dry your boat every time you leave the water. Destructive zebra mussels and their microscopic larvae hitch rides on boats, spreading to new lakes across Texas and cause economic, environmental and recreational damage. Boaters are required to drain all water from their boat before leaving or approaching Texas public waters.

Remember it is now the LAW!

Tournament Time On Lake Fork

Tournament time is a busy time for the LFSA and its live release boat.



The LFSA provides the Life Release Boat to any tournament with 50 or more boats. There is no charge for this service. However, we do accept donations that are used in the upkeep and maintenance of the LRB.

Year-end tournaments will be kicking off during September.



On September 12 The Mad Dog Moore Memorial Bass Tournament will be held on Lake Fork at the [Oak Ridge Marina](#) located at 2919 W. State Hwy 154 Quitman, TX 75783.



On September 18, 19 & 20 the Big Bass Splash will be held on Lake Fork at Lake Fork Marina. This tournament generally attracts 2000 to 3000 anglers each year.

TPWD Enhances Fish Attractors Who We Are

In February the LFSA and TPWD placed 22 attractors in four different locations. To make the sites more attractive the TPWD recently added standing bamboo to the existing structures. Pictured below are some of the bamboo structures that were added.



Anyone can find the fish attractors by following these GPS coordinates:

Coordinates are in DDM format.

Site, Latitude, Longitude, Description

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|----|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1, | 32° 49.642'N, | 95° 33.325'W, | Little Caney West |
| 2, | 32° 49.775'N, | 95° 33.183'W, | Little Caney East |
| 3, | 32° 51.546'N, | 95° 31.011'W, | Taylor Branch |
| 4, | 32° 49.939'N, | 95° 31.717'W, | Cowhead Cove |
| 5, | 32° 49.576'N, | 95° 32.418'W, | Caney Point |
| 6, | 32° 54.150'N, | 95° 39.780'W, | Old 2946 Road Bed |



From time to time we are asked “just who is the Lake Fork Sportsman’s Association”. Well read on and learn what we are about.

The Lake Fork Sportsman’s Association (a not for profit 501C-3 organization) was formed to provide an organized front to counter the call for the slot limit removal. LFSA met with TPWD staff to discuss the merits of the slot regulation. The debate centered on what the impact would be to slot fish during the weigh-in process. There were no scientific data available to settle this issue. A summertime angling mortality study was conducted which indicated higher mortality rates than expected. Armed with the scientific data, TPWD had the needed information to withstand the political pressure and retain the slot limit, thereby preserving the quality of the fishery.

The LFSA now had the support to move onto other projects to positively influence the Lake Fork fishery.

The Lake Fork Sportsman’s Association’s most visible presence on the lake is a 24-foot Live-Release Boat (LRB). Purchased in 2000, the LRB is equipped with three 100-gallon aerated tanks. The water is medicated to help reduce stress on the fish during the release process. Survival using the LRB has been estimated at 99%. The LRB is provided to tournaments at no charge. LFSA members participate in training sessions, explaining the proper operation of the LRB. Experienced members explain the aeration system and monitoring equipment, along with proper flogging techniques. This training markedly improves tournament handling survival.

The Lake Fork Sportsman’s Association has grown to be an influential and respected service organization throughout the Lake Fork area. We plan to continue to look for opportunities to further the reputation of this great fishery. We will support our communities in endeavors that will provide for the economic and social well-being of our citizens. The future of our great outdoors lies in the hands of our young people. At every opportunity we will strive to provide guidance and support that encourages our young people to be responsible stewards of our outdoor resources. We will do this through the many outreach activities that have become a part of our association.

Our membership is open and available to any and all who share our deep commitment to do whatever is necessary to preserve the legend that is uniquely Lake Fork. For more information about the LFSA you can go to our website www.lakeforksa.com

Remember to Fish Friendly