

Springbrook Lake Estates Homeowners Association
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Jug Fishing (Catfish only) Guidelines

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Background:

To establish and maintain the lakes of Springbrook the Lake Quality Committee has made recommendations that will help the proliferation and growth of fish species to maintain adequate numbers and a healthy environment for our lakes specifically, Fern and Sunset Lakes.

Discussion:

Based on the Lake Committees research from their established expertise (Fish Biologist) the catfish in Fern and Sunset lakes have exceeded the growth rate needed for these lakes and have become predator fish, making it difficult for the other species of these lakes to grow and proliferate in adequate numbers to maintain a healthy population. Part of the problem is that the community has not focused on the fishing of catfish to remove them in adequate numbers which has contributed to this problem. For this reason the Lake Quality Committee made a recommendation based on their expertise and research to the Board of Directors to allow jug fishing for catfish only (jug fishing is specifically designed for catfish and not other species) in Fern and Sunset Lakes only to help alleviate the numbers of catfish in these lakes and get back to a healthy balance to benefit all the species of these lakes. Jug fishing would also allow a new fishing opportunity for property owners and their families that has been underutilized in our lakes in the past.

Board Actions:

The Lake Quality Committee recommendation above was presented to the Board and after discussion and clarification with the Homeowners Association Legal Counsel a motion was made and passed by majority to suspend (not enforce) Paragraph M; Section 2; second sentence (page 5/18) of the Restrictive Covenants “No trotlines, unattended lines, jugging, traps or commercial type fishing shall be permitted in any said lakes.” The only part of the Restrictive Covenants that are under suspension will be the “jugging” section of this paragraph. All other sections of this sentence/paragraph will remain in effect and be enforced. Jug fishing will be allowed in ***Fern and Sunset Lakes only*** for a trial period of one year (*April 2017 to April 2018*) at which time it will be reevaluated.

Conclusion:

Our hope is that we will have enough property owners participate in this program, provided with the following guidelines, to help get these lakes (along with other ongoing efforts) back where they need to be to maintain a healthy and prolific fish population for the long term enjoyment of our HOA Members and their families.

Jug Fishing (Catfish only) Guidelines

The following guidelines will be in effect for a trial period of one year at which time the program will be reevaluated:

Note: These guidelines are enforceable by the Springbrook community (Property Owners in good standing), the Board of Directors and The Lake Quality Committee. **No hand delivered permits will be excepted or approved. All permits must be mailed to the address at the bottom of the permit form for approval.**

1. Must be a property owner and a member in good standing (all assessments are paid and current) to apply for a jug permit. **No permits for “guests” will be issued.**
2. Must have a current Annual Sticker on vehicle and current Annual sticker on Boat.
3. Jug permits (see enclosure) will be filled out and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval **before** jug fishing of Fern and Sunset Lakes (only) is permitted.
4. Anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.
5. Approved and signed jug permit must be in your possession (on your person) at all times when fishing in this method.
6. A permit must be requested for each individual fishing in this manner and in possession of fish.
7. **Only Catfish** can be removed from these lakes per this method (this type of fishing is specifically designed for Cat-fishing). In the rare case that other fish are caught via this method they must be returned to the lake in which they were caught, no exceptions.
8. **Only five (5) jugs per person** or **Only ten (10) jugs per boat** (with an approved permit) are allowed in these lakes at anytime.
9. **Only five (5) fish per person** (with an approved permit) may be kept per day.
10. Fishing hours via this method are from dawn to dusk, all jugs must be removed daily.
11. Owners of permit fishing in this method must maintain proximity of jugs at all times. For example; You can not put jugs in one lake and then move to another lake and come back later and pick up jugs. **In other words, you leave the lake, you take your jugs with you.**
12. All jugs must be labeled with the following:
 1. *Permit Number* (Issued by the Board)
 2. *Name* of permit holder
 3. *Address* of permit holder
 4. *Phone* number of permit holder
13. **All fish caught** must be registered identifying *length and weight* at the following email address for the Lake Quality Committee Biologist to ascertain restock and evaluation of program at the end of the year trial period: Email to register catch is: springbrookjugfishing@gmail.com
14. **Jug fishing of Springbrook and Blair lakes is prohibited.**
15. Any violation of the above guidelines will be grounds for jug permit removal and legal action to suspend all fishing rights for a period of one (1) year of all Springbrook lakes for the person or persons in violation.

For the Board of Directors,

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President