



September 9, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: J. Pat Plocek Director of Parks & Recreation, Leon County Florida

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

On behalf of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission FWC we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your interest and concerns regarding recreation on Lake Talquin. Per your request from our meeting on August 27, 2009, a brief summation of the FWC's responsibility as it relates to recreational events held on Lake Talquin follows.

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- Recreational events held on the waters of Lake Talquin do not require the permission or physical presence of the FWC other than what is already mandated by Florida Statutes, Rules and Laws regarding voluntary permit requests for size limit exemptions for bass tournaments.
- The presence of an on-duty or off-duty FWC law enforcement officer at a recreational event does not give special privilege to any entity recreating on Lake Talquin other than what is already mandated by Inland Navigational Rules of the United States Coast Guard and by Florida Statutes, Rules and Laws.
- The presence of an on-duty or off-duty FWC law enforcement officer at a recreational event on Lake Talquin would be for the sole purpose of enforcing the Inland Navigational Rules of the United States Coast Guard and Florida Statutes, Rules and Laws.
- The presence of an on-duty or off-duty FWC law enforcement officer at a recreational event on Lake Talquin in no way closes any area of the lake to other members of the public.

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Once again, thank you for bringing this concern to our attention.

Sincerely,

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Managing fish and wildlife resources for their long-term well-being and the benefit of people.

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