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Local Leaders and DNR Collaborate Over West Point Lake Concerns

Troup County, Ga. October 18, 2018 – Local leaders attended a meeting with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on Monday, October 15, 2018 at the LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce to discuss concerns over West Point Lake.

The meeting focused on the County-wide concern of the decline in largemouth bass population in West Point Lake, along with ways in which the increase in striped bass was affecting the fishing community. The objective established at the gathering was to create a balance between fishing, recreational, and economic stimulus use of the lake by identifying habitat preservation necessities while maintaining cleaner lake conditions.

Chairman Patrick Crews of the Troup County Board of Commissioners hosted this important gathering, along with Mayor of the City of LaGrange, Jim Thornton; former GDOT Commissioner and current Republican nominee for the Georgia House of Representatives, Vance Smith; local state representative, Randy Nix; LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce representatives; and local business owners and fishing enthusiasts.

“We were pleased to meet with the Department of Natural Resources to retain a positive partnership and preserve an open dialogue for the benefit of Troup County citizens. West Point Lake is a wonderful amenity. It’s important to our economic engine for our community, and we want to help the DNR as best as we can,” said Chairman Patrick Crews.

It was determined in the discussion that a common goal would be possible through future objectives from the DNR, who was very responsive to the concerns in the meeting, to work toward steadily increasing the largemouth bass population and decreasing other populations of fish, such as striped bass, by altering fish stocking effort plans.

Randy Nix, local state representative, was appreciative to DNR for being receptive to concerns from West Point Lake stakeholders, “I appreciate their responsiveness to the concerns of the community. They indicated that the projected goal was attainable and that they would work with us to make it possible. It was a pleasure to meet with them, and I look forward to seeing West Point Lake regain its status as a popular destination for fishermen throughout the region.”

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