
The Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here are some of my thoughts and ideas. I would like your in-put, suggestions, and comments. Write me at 2635 Fargo Circle, Birmingham, AL 35226. Call me at 755 0521 or 823-2308.

1. SHORELINE RESTORATION – I have books outlining how to restore and beautify shorelines. I believe there is much we can do to stop eroding banks by planting the right trees and bushes. In addition, we can award prizes and give recognition to residents who beautify and improve their waterfront. How is this best approached?
2. CONSTRUCTION SITE EROSION – Construction erosion continues to be a problem on certain areas of our lake. Silt is very detrimental to aquatic life. It kills the small crawfish, willow fly larva, and many other small aquatic life. It also increases the mineral content of our streams and rivers. We need to encourage proper site construction conservation measures.
3. SEPTIC TANK LEAKAGE – There are many old leaking septic tanks which seep into our lake. Educating our residents on how to detect problems and correct this type pollution needs to be addressed.
4. What's coming down our streams into Lake Mitchell? We need volunteers in their areas to



do "Stream Walks". Pictures and videos would help us map out possible pollution or erosion sites. Would you volunteer?

5. The use of plastic oil cans and bottles as trout line floats is contributing a constant flow of oil into our water. What can we do to encourage the use of non-polluting materials for floats?
6. There are those who believe that the stocking of Hybrid Stripes in our lake is detrimental to other fish. Biologists tell me that this is not so – that Hybrids are fun to catch and good to eat. I have asked the Ala Fishery Assoc. for more info. What's your opinion?
7. Ala Power Co has tentatively agreed to help us purchase marker buoys where needed. We need immediate input as to where buoys are needed. Please contact H. L. McMillan as to sites.
8. There is tons of information available on the internet concerning rivers and river problems. If you have a Web Site would you do some research for HOB O?
9. Guest speakers are available from ADEM, Ala Power, State Fishery Div., Forestry and other groups. Would you like speakers at our meetings? What subjects?
10. Our By-laws call for a change of officers and two Directors effective 10-1-98. If you are interested or know someone interested in

