

Improvements to Recreational Boating On Lake Barkley – Project Development Team

Subcommittee: Underwater Hazards and Dredging (07-12-07 status)

Original Goals and Objectives:

- Develop a hazard inventory grouped by geographic areas. Talk with marina operators to obtain information about hazardous areas (i.e. reasons for rental boat restrictions).
- Increase the marking and/or removal of underwater hazards.
- Explain dredging application process (time frame, costs, who pays, etc.).
- Explore cost share programs to pay for dredging and programs in which dredged material can have a beneficial use.
- Identify hazards in secondary channels which need to be removed.
- Develop better application procedures for private individuals to dredge.
- Explore the possibility of an additional canal on the southern portion of the lakes.

Subcommittee Members:

- Tim Higgs, Corps of Engineers, Project Planning Branch.
- Terry Crutcher, Stewart County Chamber of Commerce.
- John Rufli, Kentucky Western Waterlands.
- Greg Batts, Prizer Point Marina.
- Bob Fralick, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Accomplishments:

- Prepared an Information Paper on Permits required for private dredging projects and summarized existing Corps authorities for cost-shared projects that involve beneficial use of dredged material (Section 204 & 1135). Provided fact sheets on Corps authorities.
- Started an inventory of known underwater hazards.
- Evaluated proposal for a southern canal; this proposal was deemed unfeasible due to environmental considerations and high construction costs versus the benefits generated.

Pending Actions: Unknown

Future Considerations: Unknown