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HAVE YOU FISHED IN LAKE CISCO?
If so, how did you fish? With trot line, bank hook, set hook, pole and line or lure? If you didn't catch any fish, do you know why you didn't?
Do you want to conserve the adult fish supply in Lake Cisco to the point that the Lake will always be good fishing ground? If you are interested in making fishing good for everybody, the pole and line fisherman and the lure fisherman, too, we ask you to consider the following statements and then vote in the municipal election Tuesday.
THIS IS A QUESTION OF CONSIDERATION. Lake Cisco is yours. Let's keep fishing good there by reasonably limiting the amount of fishthat one pelrison can take and giving the large fish a chance to increase.

What Sec'y of Gamè in and Oyster Comm'n Says:
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"Dear Mr. Fewell:
"I appreciate very much the letter of March 10th
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$\qquad$ "Probably a satisfactory restriction would be to
prohibit one from fishing in the lake with any gear equipped with more than two hooks, except when
more hooks are used on artificial bait, and that no person should be permitted to operate more than two
set lines equipped with more than two hooks at any set lines equipped with more than two hooks at any
one time.
"You have my full permission to use this com"You have my full permission to use this com-
munication in any way in which you may desire to
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Statement by J. W. Baum, Cisco State Fish Hatchery Supt. I have been asked to state why I think that the
amount of fish being taken from Lake Cisco now amount of fish being taken from Lake Cisco now
should be limited and the supply of fish conserved. I am not trying to tell the city how to regulate its
lake, but it is my business to try in every way I can to improve fishing conditions in the area to which
the game, fish and oyster commission has assigned me. Lake Cisco is one of the best potential fishing grounds in west Texas, and I want to make it that.
If it takes putting in truck loads of fish from the
hatchery to do that, I will do it. And if $\mathbf{I}$ see con-
ditions that I believe are injurious it is my duty to
point them out.
The fact is that Lake Cisco is not as good fishing
place now as many other places in west Texas. Why?
I am going to try in the best way I can to dis-
cuss with you some of these reasons and to make
some recommendations which the thoughtful people
of Cisco can consider.
1.-The area of Lake Cisco at normal capacity is approximately 1,000 surface acres. This area will
produce only a limited amount of fish. A fisherman can fish any part of this lake in a day's fishing. He
can offer his bait within a short distance of every feeding place in the lake. The fish are confined. There is no stream that they can run up to get out of
the lake. There is a limited amount of space that is used as a feeding ground. Most of the lake is too
deep for fish to remain in and feed. They are compelled to go to the shallow water where they are ac-
cessible to the fishing public. All of these shallow feeding grounds are located against the shores where
it is easy to set lines, and all of them are accessible to boats. Right now the area of the lake has been
reduced about one-third by drouth, which aggravates reduced about one-third by drouth, which aggravates
the conditions above by confining the fish to an even smaller area.
fish-producing Cisco several years ago was a better big supply of adult fish in the lake at the present
time? The fact is that, more confined now than in several years, fishermen are not getting the fish they used to. If they are in
the lake why don't they bite? Are we taking too many fish to have a good supply? It seems that we
have lots of little fish in the lake. These little fish are biting. They are about all that the average fish-
erman can catch there now. Why aren't the big ones biting? If there are plenty of big ones in the lake
and they are feeding on the little ones, why is it that and they are feeding on the little ones, w
we have so many little fish in the lake?
If, as some of those who want to keep trot lines save the little ones, then it seems that enough of the big ones already have been caught and the take of big fish from the lake ought to be limited to allow
the adult supply to increase. Adult fish are the kind
that make fishing good today, the little ones make 3.-The best fishing grounds on the Llano and
San Saba rivers are in counties where multiple hook fishing is not allowed. Most of the counties, per-
haps all, through which these good fishing streams flow woke up to the fact, several years ago, that
they must conserve their supply in order to keep
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$\qquad$ Lake Abilene which has an area of 2.400 acres. This
is also true in Fort Phantom Hill lake which has an area of 4,200 acres. Lake Kirby also prohibits it.
Do we want to conserve our own supply as these
lakes are doing or dissipate it? Cakes are doing or dissipate it?
4.-Under present regulations any person in
Texas, for 25 cents, can put a trot line of 50 hooks in Lake Cisco. This is potentially equal to 50 fish-
ermen with hooks and lines. It is entirely possible
for 100 people or more to come to Lake Cisco today. pay 25 cents each and each put in a trot line of 50
hooks. That makes 5,000 hooks. You can readily see what effect this kind of multiple hook fishing
has on the conservation of fish, especially in the
limited area of a limited area of a lake, and why multiple hook fish-
ing is banned in so many places. It is our belief that pole and line fishing in Lake
Cisco will keep our fishing resources to a minimum. There is no danger of overcrowding the lake with
accessible fish. After all, what we want is Iots of fish in the lake so that people will come. If yout
have a lake that produces lots of fish, and one where fishermen can come and eatch fish regularly, yout
won't have to advertise it over the radio or through
whers. The fishermen will come. the papers. The fishermen will come.
Fishing in our lakes and streams is a sport, not a business. We want to make it the best possible.
Do you want to improve fishing for everybody at
the lake by regulating the lake by regulating multiple hook fishing and
conserving the adult fish population, or do you want to keep the fish population drained by allowing ex-
cessive amounts of adult fish to be taken on multiple hooks?
It is a simple question of conservation. VOTE NEXT fUESDAY TO MAKE LAKE CISCO A BETTER FISHING PLACE

