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Hi Tim & Sarah,

I'm sharing some info from our fisheries staff on the lagoon. More detail is available to the consultant, but I think this is a good overview for now. Please share as you see fit.

Species that have been stocked into the lagoon include: Multiple species of bullhead, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill (Green Sunfish X Bluegill), Channel Catfish, Largemouth Bass, Yellow Perch, Rainbow Trout, and a single stocking of what is only listed as "panfish" in 1986. The attached Excel file includes all stocking records from this time period. Since 2007, DNR has stocked rainbow trout annually in the spring as part of the Urban Fishing Program, but this is the only stocking that has occurred.

DNR sampled the lagoon via electroshocking in July 2020. Water temperature at the time of sampling was 79 degrees, and dissolved oxygen was 9.5 mg/L. The data sheets note the presence of blue-green algae at the time. We captured over 40 common carp, in addition to largemouth bass, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, and yellow bullhead. The largemouth bass were of multiple year-classes – the smallest bass we caught was approximately 2.4 inches in length, while the largest was 19 inches. Largemouth bass were last stocked in this lagoon in 2006, and only 15 adults were stocked. It appears there is some level of natural reproduction of largemouth occurring in the lagoon, though likely not very much.

Thank you,
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