

CATFISH STOCKED IN URBAN FISHING LAKES

The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) stocked 7,250 harvestable-size channel catfish in five (5) urban lakes on March 26 and 27, 2008. The five lakes and numbers stocked are as follows: Cook Lake, Alexandria, 1,000; Dorey Park Lake, Henrico County, 1,750; Shields Lake, Richmond, 1,750; Locust Shade Park Lake, Prince William County, 2,000; and Old Cossey Pond, Fredericksburg, 750. These stockings are part of DGIF's efforts to continue the Urban Fishing Program; channel catfish stockings are designed to provide additional fishing opportunity during the warmer months, following the winter trout stocking portion of the program. All of the stocked channel catfish were farm-raised in Arkansas and should be excellent table fare.

Anglers are reminded that anyone 16 years of age and older will still need a trout license through April 30, in addition to a general fishing license, anglers can only use one rod/reel during the November through April trout stocking period, and the urban program daily creel (harvest) limit for trout is four (4) per day and catfish is four (4) per day; anglers under the age of 16 need no license. For more information about the Urban Fishing Program, call the Fisheries Division at 540-899-4169, and visit our Web site for more on DGIF's warmwater fish stocking programs.