

Misguided Sportsmen ?

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This winter's drawdown of the lake revealed illegal activity by some fisherman who think they can enhance their chance of catching fish. We are talking about the idea of creating artificial fish attractants.

Apparently some people think natural materials such as brush piles and lap trees do not last long enough, that natural materials decompose too rapidly, so they've turned to using scrap steel angles and steel or PVC pipe.



Here is a picture one of our Anchor Downs member submitted of these contraptions she retrieved from under the perimeter of her pier. Their neighbor had seen someone throw what looked like Christmas trees in front of their floater. They didn't have exact location, and expected it would eventually decay and everything would be okay. Luckily the water level dropped and they could actually see what they were. Someone dropped four of these devices into the water 8-10 feet deep in front of their floater. They SWIM and DIVE there. The water at full pond is only about 10-12 feet deep there. Each one was made out of pvc pipe with concrete at the bottom to hold them down.

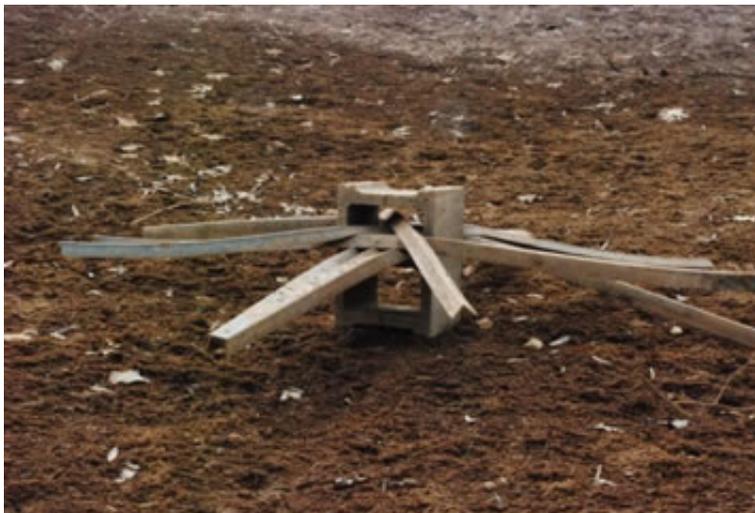


Here's a similar devise found under a pier in a cove off Dutch Second Creek; a 3" pipe imbedded in a concrete base, with 1" pipe stubs welded to the 3" core pipe.



Others are similar, like this one found at the edge of another pier.

Putting these type of items under piers and in shallow water is the same thing as setting land mines. They are potential killers for kids who might be jumping off the pier and playing in the water.



Here is one we found in a cove behind Cow Island, placed in about 4 ft. of water at full pond, about 75 ft. from shore, just waiting to snag a skier when the water is down about 2 ft.

We have found piles of dead cedar trees tied together with wire, in fairly shallow water, that would do horrendous harm if a kid on a tube or wakeboard hit it.

The HRLA is asking all our members to be especially vigilant for any activity where people are dumping anything in the lake.

This kind of thing is illegal, it is extremely dangerous, and must be stopped. Please report anything you see to your Sherriff's Department, and please also let the HRLA know of your report, and try to include a picture and location.