Community Fisheries Assistance Program

A federal, state, and local government partnership

Introduction

The Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP) is a new initiative to maximize federal fisheries aid to the benefit of Kansas anglers. Because community lakes offer some of the most convenient fishing locations in the state, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) chose to concentrate on these fisheries for this program. CFAP seeks to reduce barriers to fishing participation while providing financial incentive to cooperators to improve fisheries and angler facilities, and to provide family friendly fishing areas close to where people live.

Enhanced Community Fisheries Assistance Program

The primary benefits of participation in the enhanced CFAP are twofold. First, anglers will not have the added expense of an additional fishing permit, as well as the time commitment needed to secure the permit. Second, the local community cooperator will receive additional financial support from KDWP for operation and maintenance of all facilities associated with fishing on the property.

In order to provide these benefits to cooperators and Kansas anglers, KDWP leases fishing rights from local governments. In addition, cooperators receive priority status for fisheries management services from KDWP such as stocking, feeding and habitat assistance. In turn, the cooperator will document O&M spending equal to at least 75% of the annual lease payment amount. Cooperators documenting more than 75% will receive extra consideration for grant opportunities.