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For the weeks of
June 7-21

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Expansion waters to get catfish and bluegill

Our final stocking of this season of expansion waters will feature two species – catfish and bluegill. We'll be stocking the following waters this week:

Council Avenue Pond – Somerton	Freestone Ponds – Gilbert
Yuma West Wetlands Pond - Yuma	McQueen Pond - Gilbert
Fortuna Lake - Yuma	Eldorado Pond – Scottsdale
Pacana Pond - Maricopa	Roadrunner Pond – Phoenix
Dave White Pond – Casa Grande	Bonsall Pond – Glendale
Tempe Town Lake – Tempe	Friendship Pond – Avondale
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Veterans Oasis, Riverview, cleared for stocking

Recent fish kills at Veterans Oasis Lake and Riverview Lake were suspected to be in part due to Golden Algae. The algae is present in many of the Community waters, and under certain conditions the algae can produce a toxin that blocks the ability for fish (and other organisms) to use available oxygen in the water.



The algae is fiendishly clever and tough to manage because it can be present in the lakes, but not producing toxins most of the time. Occasionally the algae get stressed when nutrients (such as nitrogen) are lacking, perhaps due to competition from other algae or plants. Under stress the algae can release their own toxin. The toxin kills some fish, which release nutrients into the water, and voila -- their nutrient problem is solved. Nonetheless, Veterans Oasis and Riverview are back online and shall receive fish this week.

No stocking at Lakeside in Tucson

Lakeside Lake will not be receiving catfish due to an ongoing fish kill investigation. Preliminary results indicate that columnaris bacteria are responsible for the fish kill. The bacteria can infect the exterior of a fish such as the gill membranes, or become systemic throughout the fish. The bacteria are extremely common and do not pose a threat to humans. Moribund (near death) and dead fish should not be harvested and consumed; however, fish that are captured normally using hook and line may be taken home, cooked, and eaten without worry.

Final catfish stocking in core waters 2 weeks away

The summer heat has finally returned, which means Community stockings will cease in September -- after out next and final stocking. The final stocking of the spring will be the week of June 13-18. With the amounts of catfish we stocked this spring, fishing should be good through the summer. Trout stockings from state fish hatcheries into the high-country streams and lakes will continue throughout the summer. Be safe and enjoy your fishing trips!

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