

## **Summary of the 2010 Miller Park Lake Fish Survey**

### **LARGEMOUTH BASS**

A total of 65 bass were collected which yielded a catch rate of 111.5 bass per hour. This catch rate exceeded the management objective of 55 to 65 per hour. In 2007, the catch rate was 97.8 per hour. Based on bass 8 inches and longer, 62% were over 12 inches. The optimum range is 40-60% for this size. The percentage of bass over 15 inches was 26, with the optimum goal being 10-20%. Body condition (plumpness) was good in 2010, with an average relative weight of 98. The management objective is 95 to 104. Density, size structure, and condition were all good in 2010.

### **BLUEGILL**

A total of 110 bluegill were collected, which resulted in a catch rate of 188.7 bluegill per hour. A catch rate of 200-250 per hour would be considered good. Based on bluegill 3 inches and longer, 46% were 6 inches or longer. The optimum range is 20-40%. No bluegill were collected over 8 inches in 2001, 2007, or 2010. The size structure of the population was considered fair. Body condition was considered fair with a relative weight of 94. Density, size structure, and condition are all rated as fair.

### **CHANNEL CATFISH**

Only one channel catfish was collected in 2010 and 3 were collected in 2007. The catfish fishery is maintained from annual stockings from the State hatchery system. Large catfish are also stocked by the McLean County Sportsmen for the kids fishing derby in early June. Fishing pressure is high for catfish in Miller Park.

The fishing regulations at Miller Park Lake are:

All Fish	- 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only
Channel Catfish	- 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	- 15" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	- 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit