

Rock Lake (Georgia Power Company reservoir on the Chattahoochee River), which expanded tremendously during the drought of 1988, has had numerous postponements due to the high water conditions experienced during the summer of 1989. The planned treatments will be jointly sponsored by the Savannah District Corps of Engineers, Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Georgia Power Company. Five test plots, consisting of 82 acres, are planned for treatment with various combinations of KOMEEN, SONAR and CUTRINE PLUS.

URUGUAYEN WATER PRIMROSE PROBLEMS CONTINUE ON BANKHEAD LAKE

The exotic uruguayen water primrose, *Ludwigia uruguayensis*, infestations on Bankhead Lake continue to create blockages in several areas, in spite of herbicidal treatments. The plant has exhibited a tremendous regrowth ability. Current plans call for testing of GARLON (under an EPA Experimental Use Permit) on this noxious species.

STERILE GRASS CARP RELEASED IN LAKE MARION

Lake Marion has received its first installment of 100,000 triploid grass carp as part of a three year project to stock 300,000 of the plant-eating fish to help control nuisance aquatic weeds, such as *hydrilla* and *Brazilian elodea*. The submersed weeds infest thousands of acres and severely impair recreational activities in the upper portion of the lake.

The first truck load of 16,000 fish was released from Packs Landing on April 14th while a crowd of curious onlookers witnessed the event. Those present included local legislators, agency representatives from the South Carolina Water Resources

Commission, Santee Cooper, Corps of Engineers and the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department who had played key rolls in planning the project, many SCAMPS members, local fishermen, along with several press and television reporters. The remaining 84,000 fish were released during April and May from Packs and Elliotts Landings in the upper lake area. Subsequent stockings are planned for the Low Falls/Stumphole area in 1990 and the Jacks Creek/Santee State Park area in 1991.

All grass carp were at least ten inches in length (and most larger) and were purchased from three suppliers in Arkansas: Malone and Son Enterprises, Keo Fish Farm, and Hill's Farms. In order to help protect fish and wildlife resources, only sterile (triploid) grass carp were stocked. Sterility was carefully checked. Each supplier tested every fish for ploidy before loading them on the delivery trucks, then the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Stuttgart, Arkansas tested a portion of the fish and approved their release prior to shipping to South Carolina, then Hal Beard with the S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, tested and approved the fish prior to their release into the lakes. Because the size of the fish was also very important (in order to avoid predation), the Water Resources Commission carefully checked the length of all fish tested.

When completed in 1991, the entire project will cost over \$1.2 million with funding provided by the Corps of Engineers, S.C. Water Resources Commission, and Santee Cooper.

PRESIDENTIAL NOTE

On July 16-19, 1989, I, along with several other members, had the pleasure of representing the Mid-South Chapter at the Aquatic Plant Management Society's 29th Annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. We also had the pleasure of being in Scot-

tsdale on July 19 when they tied an all-time high of 116 degrees. Of course you know it's a dry heat and it only felt like 116 degrees.

The general theme of the meeting was management of aquatic weeds in flowing water but a variety of other topics were also covered. On Tuesday we had an opportunity to visit part of the Salt River Project which monitors and supplies all the water for the Phoenix area of the State of Arizona. There were several social functions which offered time to get to know one another and to exchange ideas.

This was my first opportunity to attend the national meeting and I found it to be very informative and a chance to see other problems from around the world that in some cases made my weed problems seem small by comparison.

Since the National will be in Mobile, Alabama, next year, I hope more of the MidSouth members will have a chance to attend. I know you won't be disappointed.

Raymond Cooper

MAPMS HISTORY

The MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society had its beginnings in May, 1979, when a group of representatives from various federal, state and private agencies within Alabama met at Auburn University to discuss common weed problems and potential solutions. Dr. David Bayne (Auburn University Fisheries) was instrumental in organizing the meeting and contacting the various groups across the state to solicit participation. A result of this meeting was the first state-wide Aquatic Weed Survey.

After several of these annual meetings in Auburn, it was decided that there was sufficient interest and need to formalize the group into an actual society. The Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc., agreed to sponsor the formation of a chapter named the MidSouth Aquatic Plant Manage-

ment Society and an organizational meeting was held at Auburn University at Montgomery in February 1982. By-laws were presented and voted on and officers were elected. David Bayne was elected the Society's first president. Letters were sent to the various agencies in neighboring states to solicit interest in the new chapter. The first annual meeting of the MidSouth Aquatic Plant Management Society was held in October 1982 at Lake Guntersville State Park.

Article II of the by-laws states "The purpose of the Society shall be to assist in promoting the management of aquatic vegetation, to provide for the scientific and educational advancement of members, to encourage scientific research, to promote an exchange of information among members, and to extend and develop public interest in the discipline".



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