

Conservation Practice Standard Overview

Fishpond Management (399)

Fishpond management is developing or improving impounded water to produce fish for domestic use or recreation.

Practice Information

This practice is applied in warm and cold water ponds, lakes, and reservoirs not managed for commercial aquaculture purpose.

Fishpond management can be used to improve fish production in almost any pond, lake, or reservoir where a crop of fish is wanted. The objective is to improve the fish production by making a more favorable water habitat for the fish. The practice involves increasing food supplies, and decreasing competition from unwanted plants and animals.

Operation and maintenance of the fishpond is essential for the successful management of the pond, lake, or reservoir. Activities include; evaluation of habitat conditions on a regular basis, management of fish or other aquatic organism populations, supplemental feeding where applicable, removal of undesirable and overpopulated organisms, management and



control of aquatic vegetation, application of fertilizer and lime where applicable, and monitoring and maintenance of desired water quality conditions (e.g., dissolved oxygen level, total hardness, pH, alkalinity, phytoplankton bloom, etc.).

Common Associated Practices

Fishpond management is commonly applied with the conservation practice Pond (378).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.