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Randy Metzger of the Leaser Lake Heritage Foundation taught some youngsters how to build Turtle Basking Platforms to be placed in Leaser Lake, Lehigh County as a part of the Delaware River Shad Fisherman's Association Youth Fishing Day, held at Blue Mountain Fish and Game Association in Danielsville, PA.



Last January at Quemahoning Reservoir, Somerset County the PFBC partnered with the Cambria Somerset Authority to complete one of the most extensive large scale projects ever completed. 157 large scale structures were completed over the course of 3 weeks.

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Habitat Manager, Mike Swartz and Habitat Biologist, Mike Porta put together a PA Channel Catfish Spawning Box study to evaluate the use of the habitat device. The boxes were utilized as many as three times in one spawning season by adult Channel Catfish at F.J. Sayers Reservoir, Bald Eagle State Park, Centre County.



Above left is an adult male guarding an egg mass that was observed during the monitoring efforts. Above right is a handful of Channel Catfish fry that hatched in one of the boxes. Each egg mass produces an average of 10,000 fry.

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Habitat Manager, Phil Thomas and Habitat Intern, Jacob Gilliland headed up a crew of volunteers from the Buffalo Creek Watershed Association to build several large scale fish habitat structures at Dutch Fork Lake during the lake's drawdown. Funding for the project materials was provided by GenOn Energy.



The Curwensville Lake Authority restarted a crib project that had a great volunteer turnout last June. The CLA volunteers were able to produce 50 Porcupine Crib Juniors in under 3 hours!

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DCNR Prince Gallitzin State Park was able to stabilize another two eroded shorelines with some help from the Cambria County Conservation District, Growing Greener and the PFBC.



Habitat Manager, Keith Beamer was creative and combined the rock cover and horizontal wood of the Spider Hump with the vertical cover type of a Post Cluster at the F.J. Sayers Reservoir large scale project.



Tom Svirsko, Lee Snyder and Chuck Martinak of the Friends of Codorus restarted the Lake Marburg fish habitat project at Codorus State Park, York County. A group of over 40 volunteers turned out to work with DCNR and PFBC to build and place Porcupine Crib Juniors. Funding for materials was provided by GenOn Energy and local donors.



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The Somerset County Sportsmen's League presented awards to the PFBC Lake Habitat Section and the contributing lumber and block vendors who provide materials for the habitat projects at Quemahoning Reservoir, Highpoint Lake and Lake Somerset. Front row- PFBC's Keith Beamer, Mike Swartz and Phil Thomas. Back row- PFBC Executive Director, John Arway; League Representative, Don Anderson; Bob Miller representing Dalton King, lumber provider; Mark Shaffer of Shaffer Block and Concrete; Rich Berkely, president of Somerset County Sportsmen's League.



This is another six pound largemouth bass caught off a post cluster last May at Nockamixon Lake, Nockamixon State Park, Bucks County. PFBC received a photo in 2010 from one of our volunteers who had the same success on the post clusters at Nockamixon.