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Fish and Boat Commission to Lift Limits on Beaver County's Hereford Manor Lakes

Somerset, PA – Anglers visiting Upper and Lower Hereford Manor Lakes in Beaver County can harvest an unlimited number of fish beginning November 1, the date the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) will lift all seasons, sizes and creel limits in preparation of the complete drawdown of the lakes and demolition of the dams.

“Removing all harvest restrictions provides additional recreational opportunities for anglers and can help reduce the number of fish that could potentially be stranded when the water level drops,” said Denny Tubbs, Outreach and Education Coordinator for the PFBC Southwest Region. “Once the draining of the lakes begins, which is expected to be in late April or early May, all public access to the lakes will be prohibited.”

These temporary modifications will be in effect until Feb. 28, 2011. All other rules and regulations remain in effect. The PFBC will attempt to salvage as many game fish as possible from the lakes and relocate them to other waters in the area. The dates of the fish salvage will be announced once they are set.

The Hereford Manor Lakes are popular fishing and boating impoundments located in Franklin Township, Beaver County. The dams were constructed prior to 1958 in conjunction with strip mining operations and were acquired by the PFBC in 1973. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Dam Safety has declared both dams unsafe. The whole project is expected to last into November.

The mission of the Fish and Boat Commission is to protect, conserve, and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities. For more information about fishing and boating in Pennsylvania, please visit our website at www.fishandboat.com.