FOR Membership Benefits

Eligibility to use FOR 501(c)(3) designation for local tax-deductible fund raising, including:

- guidance and assistance in local fund raising, organization development, and capacity development
- enhanced fund-raising capacity by virtue of certification and public exposure; banking services for management of locally-raised funds

Eligibility for project funding by the RFHP, including:

- eligibility for priority points toward RFHP project awards;
- eligibility for project fuding and national recognition of restoration efforts
- access to technical support from the RFHP, including reservoir best management practices and associated publications and web-based information

Outreach support, including:

- web services
- bumper stickers, logos, patches, signs
- networking with other Chapters, States, experts
- quarterly newsletter
- access to and assistance in use of the RFHP reservoir inventory and assessment
- access to educational forums and meetings

Visit the website.

www.waterhabitatlife.org

Membership Types:

Chapter-smaller groups - such as "sportsmen's groups", who wish to work on habitat restoration issues on a single reservoir.

Partnership for Fish Friendly Waters - larger, multidisciplinary groups who are interested in working on reservoir habitat issues on a watershed scale.

Affiliate (groups) - organizations that do not have specific projects in mind but wish to contribute to FOR's efforts.

Affiliate (individual) - individuals who do not have specific projects that they wish to get involved in but wish to contribute to FOR's efforts.

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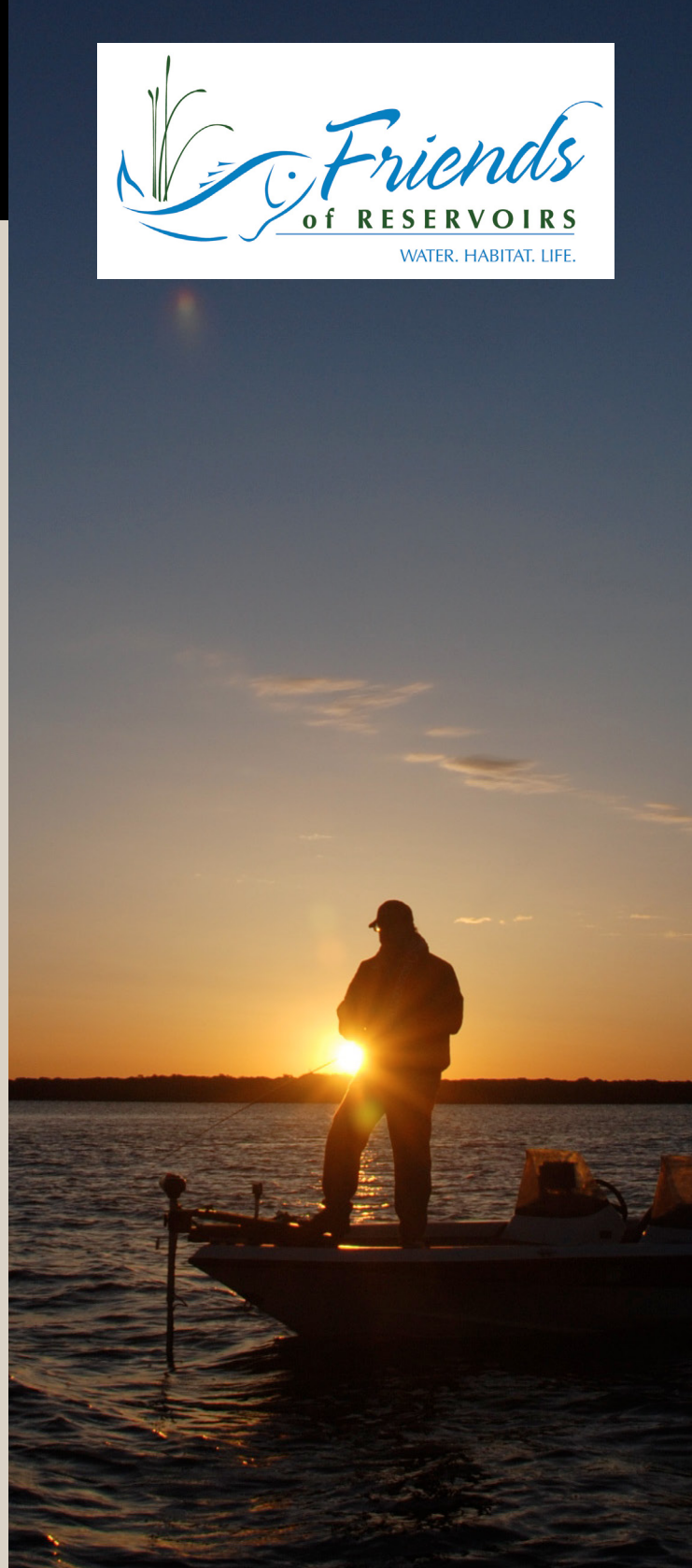

Who We Are.

"Friends of Reservoirs is an outstanding opportunity for B.A.S.S. and the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation conservation programs to concentrate our habitat restoration and enhancement efforts where they will do the most good. The Reservoir Fish Habitat Partnership under the National Fish Habitat Action Plan was a dream come true for me as B.A.S.S. Conservation Director, and through the Friends of Reservoirs partnerships we can make that dream a reality." *Noreen Clough, B.A.S.S. Conservation Director*

Friends of Reservoirs (FOR) is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation dedicated to the restoration, enhancement and protection of fish habitat in reservoir systems nationwide. FOR is the funding arm of the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership (RFHP), a certified Fish Habitat Partnership of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan made up of natural resource professionals, recreational industry representatives, and conservation organizations. FOR implements the RFHP strategic plan through a membership coalition of citizen-based Chapters, Partnerships for Fish Friendly Waters (PFFW), and individual and group Affiliates.

Visit our Websites:

www.waterhabitatlife.org
www.reservoirpartnership.org
www.fishhabitat.org

How You Can Help.

One: Join

Go to www.waterhabitatlife.org; click on the "Join" button and read about the membership options and benefits that FOR has to offer you or your organization; Become a Chapter, PFFW or Affiliate and help FOR restore the nation's reservoir fisheries habitat.

Two: Donate

Go to www.waterhabitalife.org and click on the "Donate" button to provide a tax-deductible contribution that will go to reservoir fisheries habitat restoration projects.

Three: Volunteer

Get involved with local groups that share a common interest in local aquatic rescources. Join a "fishing club" or other sportsmen's group. Volunteer your time in lake clean-up projects or habitat restoration work. The time that you volunteer can be used as match on grants dedicated to aquatic habitat restoration.

Four: Get Involved

We are always looking for individuals who can donate their time to help our conservation efforts. Contact us or go to www.waterhabitatlife.org for more information on how you can help.

Projects RFHP and FOR have funded:

Ft. Cobb Reservoir

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation are working to reestablish native vegetation in Ft. Cobb Reservoir. This project is part of a nearly 20-year effort to improve water quality by reducing nutrient input into Ft. Cobb. Aquatic vegetation will utilize excess nutrients thereby reducing the possibility of the occurrence of Harmful Algal Blooms. This project was partially funded by the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership and Friends of Reservoirs in 2011.

Leaser Lake

Leaser Lake, a popular angling lake in southeast Pennsylvania, suffered from chronic dam issues. As part of a series of grants targeting repairs to the dam, the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership and Friends of Reservoirs provided funding in 2011 to assist the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission add fisheries habitat during the drawdown.

Lake Conroe

Seven Coves Bass Club, in conjunction with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has been working to maintain an aquatic plant nursery and reestablish native aquatic vegetation in Lake Conroe, Texas. The objective of this project is to create shoreline cover and to establish native plants capable of outcompeting invasive Hydrilla. This project was partially funded by the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership and Friends of Reservoirs in 2010.

Lovewell Reservoir

Lovewell Reservoir in Kansas suffers from chronic loss of fish during water releases for irrigation. The Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership and Friends of Reservoirs is working with Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and other partners to install a fish exclusion device to significantly reduce fish loss during irrigation releases and subsequently improve the overall fishing on Lovewell.