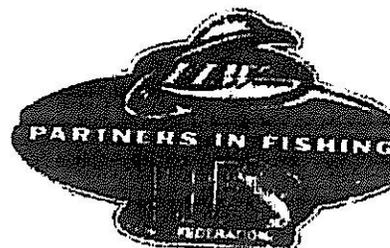


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November 14, 2006

Mr. Bruce Ellis
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Dear Mr. Ellis:

Thank you for keeping the Arizona Bass Federation in mind regarding the proposed Scorpion Bay Marina & Yacht Club project. As the Conservation Director I have read the revised draft environmental assessment. I presented the information to the executive board and club representatives on Monday, November 6, 2006.

Even though some of the verbiage and statistics were changed and recalculated, it was still the feelings of the Arizona Bass Federation representatives that it would be in the best interest of bass anglers and recreational users that this project is thoroughly scrutinized.

Specifically, on page 30 the draft reports that during the peak use the water level will adjust to a level of approximately 7,423 acres, including those areas deemed not accessible to boating traffic. We feel that this number is not accurate. This year we believe that the water level was drawn down below 7,000 acres and this is reduced even more when you subtract the areas that are shallow and not safe for boating or water craft.

We are also concerned with the projected increase in usage of the lake. Your figures show that there was a decrease in 2003 and 2004, however, there was a significant increase of 13% in 2005. If you figure the significant increase in residential building in that area that has been approved by the City of Peoria and the City of Surprise, we believe that this will be a force multiplier and significantly increase this percentage over the upcoming years.

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Lastly the report notes that during the peak season that a boater would have a suburban or urban experience on a Saturday or Sunday. As noted above, it is important to note that this time of the year is when the water levels are at their lowest levels. The report also remarks that many of the boats are anchored in some of the more popular "party" coves versus operating on the main lake. It is equally important then to mention that this past year, according to an article in the Arizona Republic, there was at least one occasion when the carbon monoxide levels in Humbug cove would have exceeded the Federal maximum levels.

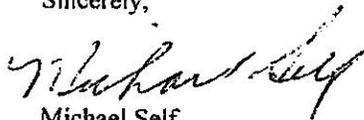
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In conclusion, we believe that there may be some merit to the addition of the Scorpion Bay Marina & Yacht Club, however, we believe that before this project is approved that a full environmental impact study should be conducted with sufficient public meetings.

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft and provide our input.

Sincerely,



Michael Self

Conservation Director

Arizona Bass Federation

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER NO. F
ARIZONA BASS FEDERATION

F-1. The EA states the average lake elevation for the period from April through October is about 1,665 feet, which corresponds to a water surface area of about 7,423 acres. This estimate was provided by Mr. Brian Henning, Water System Supervisor for the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD). As noted in the document, the lake elevation fluctuates due to annual operations and typically the lowest elevations occur during the months of August and September. In reviewing lake elevation data provided to Reclamation periodically by CAWCD, the following was reported for 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Date	Lake Elevation (feet)	Surface Area (acres)
May 31, 2004	1,689.90	9,002
August 31, 2004	1,645.07	6,324
June 1, 2005	1,702.18	9,972
August 31, 2005	1,671.25	7,786
June 1, 2006	1,695.54	9,430
August 31, 2006	1,657.75	7,015

The annual average surface area at the end of August for these 3 years was 7,042 acres. Overall we believe the document adequately characterizes the lake elevations and corresponding water surface areas experienced at Lake Pleasant.

- F-2. We agree that increased development in the area surrounding LPRP will result in additional visitation at, and increased use of, Lake Pleasant and LPRP; this is reflected in the EA. Due to the difficulty in quantifying this background increase, we chose to compare the projected increase in watercraft use from the proposed project to the existing condition. Please also see response to Comment E-4.
- F-3. We were unable to find a copy of an Arizona Republic article that specifically mentions “carbon monoxide levels in Humbug Cove would have exceeded the Federal maximum levels,” as mentioned in this comment. The revised draft EA does disclose the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning at Lake Pleasant, especially at Humbug Cove.
- F-4. Your support for a full environmental impact study with public meetings is noted.

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11-15-2006

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Gentlemen,

I have been a regular user of Lake Pleasant for almost thirty years. I am the owner of Turf Soaring School and the Manager of Pleasant Valley Airport. I also have a boat in a slip at Pleasant Harbor Marina.

I fly over the lake almost daily and go sailing weekly. Except for weekends and holidays there are very few boats out on the main body of the lake. Even on the weekends there is plenty of room for more boats.

We definitely need another marina at Lake Pleasant and it needs to be owned and managed by someone other than the owners of Pleasant Harbor Marina. Competition is a good thing in any business.

Don't get me wrong. Pleasant Harbor Marina is a great facility and I probably will keep my boat there. They have always treated me fairly. I just think another marina will be great for the users of the lake and for the state, county and the City of Peoria. There is plenty of room for both.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can ever be of help. My cell number is 602-684-7627.

Respectfully,

Roy M. Coulliette

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER NO. G
ROY M. COULLIETTE

Your support for the proposed project is noted.