



STATEMENT - LAKE CONWAY RENOVATION

From the Desk of Judge Allen Dodson:

As many of you have heard by now, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission announced the coming lengthy, but necessary, renovation of Lake Conway. The renovation is precipitated by a dam that is no longer fully functional and is continuing to deteriorate.

ARKANSAS'S NATURAL RESOURCES. As an outdoorsman most of my life I am genuinely thankful for the opportunity we have to live in the Great State of Arkansas, with the abundant natural resources we have - and in Faulkner County, we are particularly thankful to have magnificent 6,700-acre Lake Conway – what is believed to be the Nation's largest state-owned game and fish lake.

PROPER MANAGEMENT. Like many, I remember vividly being taught how to fish by my parents and grandparents and learning to squirrel hunt with an uncle and cousins. But I also remember when just seeing a fresh set of deer tracks was an event for all nearby to discuss, and I remember being taught how to duck hunt by another uncle during a time when there weren't many mallards.

APPRECIATION. Although wildlife and resource management takes effort and isn't always fun or easy, like waiting on the next deer season, running into a fish limit, or drawing down a lake ... proper management is nonetheless necessary so that our resources don't deteriorate. Those times as a young boy when there weren't many whitetails and mallards made it clear that proper management of our natural resources is necessary, and as we have seen through the years, proper management leads to tremendous improvement in our wildlife and all natural resources. Lake Conway will not only be a world-class lake for anglers once again but will also showcase the natural resources our State and Region have to offer.

... and so I take this moment to express my personal appreciation to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Director Austin Booth, the Commissioners, the Cities of Conway and Mayflower, Conway Area Chamber of Commerce, Mayflower Area Chamber of Commerce, and Conway Convention and Visitors Bureau, for having the vision - and courage - to adhere to proper management practices for our natural resources - and I want to thank each stakeholder for buying in, investing in, managing and maintaining this resource we love dearly in Faulkner County, magnificent Lake Conway.

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