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Centex Bass Hunters
Chris Miller, President
87 Elm Trail
Belton, TX 76513

Texas Anglers Bass Club
Art Seay, President
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Temple, TX 76502

Re: Reservoir Fisheries habitat Partnership Grant

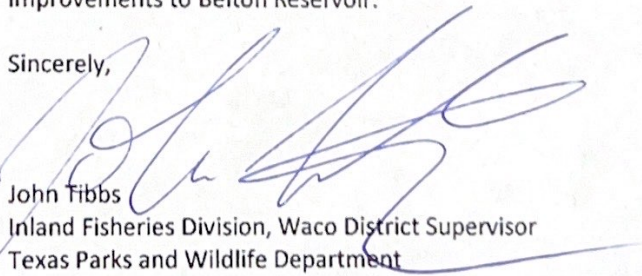
Dear Mr. Miller and Mr. Seay,

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) would like to express our support and commitment to the Centex Bass Hunters and Texas Anglers Bass Club Friends of Reservoirs (FOR) chapters in their application for the Lake Belton Reservoir Habitat Enhancement Project through the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership – Small Grants Program. This project should enhance critical aquatic habitat that directly benefits native fish species, including several recreationally important sport fish, and will improve recreational fishing opportunities and success in the reservoir. The need for increasing quality habitat was identified by TPWD in a report over 10 years ago and this need has intensified with the colonization of the reservoir by invasive zebra mussels.

This project is part of a coordinated partnership among your two FOR chapters, Texas B.A.S.S. Nation, TPWD, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other volunteers. Grant funding will be used to purchase MossBack structures to deploy in pre-selected areas in the reservoir.

TPWD will commit in-kind efforts valued at \$3,000, including technical guidance and planning, boats and equipment, and labor. In addition, we will provide \$500 in funding from my local office to purchase miscellaneous supplies as needed to facilitate these efforts. We look forward to moving forward with this partnership to provide meaningful improvements to Belton Reservoir.

Sincerely,


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