

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
AND
CITY OF HAMMOND, ZEMURRAY PARK**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the City of Hammond.

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework of cooperation between the City of Hammond, and LDWF, Office of Fisheries to promote community fishing opportunities for local residents at the three acre pond located in Zemurray Park.

Introduction

It is the policy of the LDWF, Office of Fisheries to develop, enhance, support, and promote public fishing opportunities in Louisiana. As such, the Office of Fisheries has developed a community fishing program "Get Out and Fish!" The development of community fishing opportunities significantly increases the number of people with access to good quality fishing. The City of Hammond possesses a three acre pond in Zemurray Park that allows open access to the public, shoreline angling, and accessibility for the handicapped. The Office of Fisheries has selected the Zemurray Park pond as a suitable community fishery eligible to participate in the Get Out and Fish! Program.

Provisions

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall secure funding through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Sport Fish Restoration Program for a maximum of one year to perform the actions listed below:

1. Provide technical assistance and recommendations regarding pond maintenance and fisheries management.
2. Arrange pick-up and delivery of 300lbs of donated Rainbow trout in December 2015 and 300lbs of Rainbow trout in January 2016.
3. Organize a Get Out and Fish! free fishing event and festival scheduled in conjunction with initial stocking that will be open to the public.
4. Deploy trail cameras to monitor fishing activity.
5. Design, purchase, and erect promotional signage.

The City of Hammond, Zemurray Park shall:

1. Stock adult channel catfish on at least two occasions.
2. Provide restroom facilities, lighted parking and lighted fishing area.

3. Maintain a clean pond and surrounding area free of litter and debris.
4. Promote and encourage use of the pond for community fishing opportunities.
5. Encourage non-profit organizations or groups to hold fishing events open to all members of the public at the site.
6. Encourage fishing etiquette and fishing ethics to build a positive fishing community.
7. Solicit local organizations for potential sponsors for continuation of stocking.

Term and Effective Date

This MOU will become effective September 1, 2015 and shall terminate on August 30, 2016. Any signatory party may terminate their participation in this MOU upon 30 days written notice. Modifications to this agreement shall be made in writing with the mutual consent of the parties

Fiscal Funding

The continuation of this agreement is contingent upon the availability of funds to fulfill the agreement through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Sport Fish Restoration Program and the appropriation of funds by the legislature. If the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the contract, or if such appropriation is reduced by the veto of the Governor or by any means provided in the appropriations act to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the contract, the contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.

Signatures

City of Hammond

LDWF, Office of Fisheries

Mayor Pete Panepinto