

Lake Allatoona Association
Key Issues in the Revision of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Water Control Manual

Fishing

Outline

Lake Allatoona is heavily used for fishing from boats and from the shoreline. Several tournaments are held on the Lake every year. Fishing contributes significantly to the local economy.

Comments

- When the Lake water level is dropped, it causes a hardship for those fishing from boats
- We have to beach our \$50,000-plus boats on the rocky shores because there are no docks floating in the wintertime.
- There is a lot of revenue that is lost to the areas around Lake Allatoona due to the low lake levels over the winter months.
- The constantly varying lake levels in the spring have an adverse effect on the fish spawn. The USACE should work harder to have the levels rise steadily in the spring.
- Overall, the fishermen are more concerned with winter water levels than summer water levels

Questions

- Does the lake really need to be dropped to 817 below full pool in the winter?
- Would it be possible to try and stop at 821 feet below full pool?
- Is it possible to extend a couple of the docks further out so they would float even when the lake is at 817 feet below full pool?