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Mr. Allen Cherry  
County Coordinator  
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Dear Mr. Cherry,

This is to notify you that Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) staff is proposing to discontinue management of Lake Rachel Fish Management Area in Madison County, Florida. Lake Rachel Fish Management Area (FMA) was established by FWC in 2002 following a resolution by Madison County and agreement with private landowners, Mr. Hank Davis and Mr. Robert McClure. FWC staff has notified the landowners and is beginning procedures to disestablish this FMA.

Our decision to discontinue management of Lake Rachel comes after careful consideration of the lake's small size and limited public use. Our recent large-scale herbicide application also failed to improve angler success or increase angler utilization.

Although Lake Rachel will no longer be an established FWC Fish Management Area, the landowners would like to continue allowing public access for fishing. The landowners have requested that FWC place a sign at the ramp indicating that public fishing is allowed. They have also requested that FWC and Madison County continue assistance with access road and parking area maintenance and periodic Law Enforcement presence to deter unlawful activities such as littering. FWC staff will continue to provide limited services as requested and hope that the county road department will also continue to maintain the area as they have since 2002.

Partnering efforts between state, county and private citizens to provide public fishing opportunity will continue to be an important FWC strategy. FWC staff appreciates your exemplary attitude and effort in accomplishing this strategy on the behalf of the public.

Sincerely,

Jerry Krummrich  
North Central Region Fisheries Administrator

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cc: Darrell Scovell  
Rolando Garcia, NC Regional Director

May 17, 2007

Mr. Jerry Krummrich  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
Commission  
3377 E. U.S. Highway 90  
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Re: FFWCC Contract No. 01138

*Do not talk about official  
FMA status*

Dear Mr. Krummrich:

This will confirm our 5/03/07 call that I received your 4/17/07 letter notifying me that the Lake Rachel management contract would not be extended. Hank's office told me they had also received it. You did such a fine job that we are disappointed you will not be doing that anymore. But we understand State priorities to emphasize management of larger bodies of water with more fishing traffic.

To demonstrate our continuing cooperation with FFWCC, if you can erect a sign similar to that one now at the landing, it would be very helpful to the conservation effort and keeping it clean, etc. Because of the amount of litter previously dumped there and other places around the lake, it was a man-sized job to clean it up.

A sign also promotes a more orderly, civilized, and environmentally responsible atmosphere to prohibit hunting/gunfire; gas motors; dumping trash; trespass; etc. Such a sign in exchange for leaving the lake open for public fishing seems like a more than fair exchange to me.

Thanks again for your fine stewardship.

Sincerely,



Bob McClure

J. Robert McClure, Jr.  
701 North Ride  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

CC: Hank Davis

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May 29, 2007

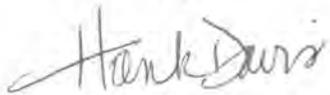
Jerry Krummrich  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
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Dear Jerry,

I received your letter in regards to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission disestablishing the management over Lake Rachael in Madison County. I have appreciated your past assistance in efforts to protect and develop a conservation program for the Lake Rachael area. Mr. Bob McClure and I appreciate our communication with you that will allow a sign to be posted, similar to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission signage, encouraging fisherman to continue in the same vain to conserve, protect and clean the lake's environment and boat slip. Hopefully this will help in the continued cooperation from the public that we have enjoyed in the past under our agreement with your state agency.

It has been an education and a pleasure working with you. Hopefully one day we can combine our resources again for the betterment of our area.

Sincerely,



Hank Davis