

APPENDIX G: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following comments were received in the 30-day comment period following the combined Master Plan and Shoreline Management Plan public meeting held on 19 January 2023. For comments related to the Master Plan, please see comments and responses in the Master Plan document.

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Comanche Electric Cooperative is interested in your plans for a utility corridor and how it may be used to support/benefit CECA's electric services to the USACE and its other members.	This comment is related to the MP and was considered in preparation of the Draft MP.
<p>As it relates to boat docks or boat mooring facilities, it seems that the intent of the July 1976 Lakeshore Management Plan was to encourage the use of commercial marinas or community docks. There are no commercial marinas and I do not expect there will be any in the future due to the relative low volume of boat traffic on the lake even during the peak summer time three day weekends. I would not think a commercial marina would be an economic endeavor especially with the additional cost of installing a facility that would be designed to accommodate the sometimes extreme changes in the lake level. The communities that are located on or near Adjoining Land are not part of an organized development or association. Any community docks would essentially be owned/controlled by a small group of neighbors and their friends. A community dock would be much larger in scope than any existing grandfathered private dock to accommodate multiple vessels. I do not think this would be good for the management of the shore line nor would it actually accomplish the intent of a community dock. Any community dock would likely suffer the same consequences of existing docks in that they would be accessible to boats within a limited lake level variance. Most private docks are either under</p>	<p>Marinas and/or community docks are still encouraged. However, the USACE understands that current demand does not seem to invite a commercial marina. If that demand changes, the appropriate marina locations would be in a High Density Recreation area as described in the MP and a feasible location to approval by USACE Project and Operations staff. Such a location must be capable of operating with the wide range of water level fluctuations that occur at Proctor Lake. Any requirements for special use permits would include guidelines and additional requirements to insure safety of lake recreators and operations facilities as well as protecting natural resources. Such requirements would be specific to each real estate instrument and situation and not included in the SMP.</p> <p>Although not a preferred option, a floating dock can be approved in some situations with a special use or activity permit. Such permits are restricted only to organizations such as nonprofits, businesses, or agencies; not to individuals and subject to restrictions and guidelines that may not be included in the SMP.</p> <p>Concur, that "If docks, of any kind, are not allowed, the only other option is to either leave boats on the shoreline is</p>

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<p>the water when the lake level is high or dry docked when the lake level is low.</p> <p>The prohibition of any new private dock or boat mooring facilities forces all those that do not have access to a grandfathered dock to use the boat ramps every time it is desired to launch a boat and retract the boat from the lake. This is fine for the occasional boater but is not the best solution for those that have Adjoining Land and use the lake for boating on a regular basis. Without the availability of a dock, boats that are left in the water for an extended period of time during the summer boating season, several days or weeks in a row, have the risk of becoming dry docked on the shore if there is a sudden reduction to the water level or ending up adrift if not secured to a fixed object when the lake suddenly rises. I have experienced a situation when a boat was pulled inland when the lake was at a high level and then dry docked when the lake level lowered in a short period of time. This boat remained on the shore for over two years before the lake level rose to a level that allowed it to be lifted from the shore. Even the change in water level over a day or two during the hot summer period can leave a boat that has only been pulled ashore very difficult to relaunch into the water.</p> <p>If docks, of any kind, are not allowed, the only other option is to either leave boats on the shoreline or to constantly utilize the boat ramp for the launching and loading of boats. This additional traffic at the boat ramps is a detriment in many ways (i.e. limited parking space for trailers, traffic in and out of the park area, dangers of backing a trailer into the lake, the elimination of boat use for those that do not have trailer backing skills, unnecessary use of vehicle fuel and the resulting engine emissions, etc.).</p> <p>A solution to the above is the use of completely portable docks. Unlike the docks</p>	<p>to constantly utilize the boat ramp for the launching and loading of boats.” This does lead to some additional traffic, but as noted elsewhere, Proctor Lake is not known for having much boating traffic, and boat ramps typically only experience traffic for a few hours on weekends or holidays during peak recreation season.</p> <p>Parking for boat trailers is typically not a problem, but if problems exist, please bring it to the attention of Project Staff.</p> <p>Cross traffic with trailers including launching and parking can be problematic during peak recreation times during recreation season, but typically for just a few hours per day. If cross traffic leads to unsafe conditions, please bring it to the attention of Project Staff immediately.</p>

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<p>that were used when Lake Proctor was first established and are now Grandfathered, a portable dock can be easily and completely extracted from the lake. These newer portable docks were designed for lakes that do not allow permanent docks due to constant and sudden changes in the water level. Portable docks have the following characteristics:</p> <p>The buoyancy element is totally encased in a thick hard outer plastic covering that is also buoyant.</p> <p>The dock is anchored at the water end of the dock with heavy metal poles that are securely attached to the dock and secured in place to the bottom of the lake with an auger end. The attachment of the poles to the dock is done in a manner that allows the dock to slide up and down the poles as the lake level ascends and recedes.</p> <p>The shore line end of the dock is secured with a heavy metal gang plank that can be easily lifted when moving the dock in and out to accommodate changes in the water level.</p> <p>The docks have removable hard plastic wheels that are used to move the dock into and completely out of the lake and also allows for the dock to be positioned well up on the shore line and beyond the Government property line when not in use.</p> <p>The use of portable docks should be allowed under the following conditions:</p> <p>A permit should be required.</p> <p>The dock should be maintained and moved in and out when the water level changes.</p> <p>A bond should be required to ensure compliance with any regulations concerning these docks.</p> <p>The docks should be extracted from lake and moved off the Government property during the</p>	

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<p>nonsummer season which is also, typically, the time in the fall, winter and spring when rainfalls tend to cause the lake level to rise abruptly.</p> <p>If you need any additional information concerning the above described docks, I would be pleased to provide.</p>	
<p>Why is the most preferred camping area at Copperas Creek closed throughout the winter but is allowed for volunteers that are not needed allowed to use it free?</p> <p>Why is Highpoint not open to public?</p> <p>Why does Corp own so much property that is not used by anyone?</p> <p>Will the excess property ever be sold? Will previous landowners ever be allowed to purchase said property?</p> <p>The Equestrian Trailriders Association once had agreement w/Corp to camp and use Highpoint for camping and trail riding? Volunteers readily maintained the area and trails until ridiculous rules for using their own equipment made it impossible.</p>	<p>This comment is related to the MP and was considered in preparation of the Draft MP.</p>
<p>I would like to suggest that High Point Park be returned to Army Corp of Engineers maintenance. There is still frequent use by equestrians from there all along the waterfront to Foley's Boat Dock. The park and all the trails out from it need maintenance to clear briars and large cockleburrs. Pedestrian use of the trails is heaviest from the Foley Boat Dock parking area through to fishing spots in the coves. The briars are a tripping hazard for them although horses seem unaffected except for steeper grades in a couple of places.</p> <p>Also regarding High Point Park: It would be an ideal place to repair and restore the boat ramps. The slope is steep and accesses deep water quickly. The ramp at Foley's is almost</p>	<p>This comment is related to the MP and was considered in preparation of the Draft MP.</p> <p>Mowing is one activity described under a vegetation modification permit and described in Section 5.3. No permits will ever be issued to mow large stretches of shoreline between the adjacent property and water's edge. However, permits can be issued to allow for pedestrian paths, underbrushing or clearing within 30 feet of a primary structure on an adjacent property, or hazardous tree removal. Small landscaping equipment can be used including a small riding mower assuming it can create a small</p>

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<p>unusable because of the very slight slope and shallow water. The ramps at Sowell Creek are good, but the closest one for north shore visitors is only permitted for campers. The long drive through Sowell Creek park to the ramp at the dam gets you a ramp so steep that it's a bit difficult to pull a boat out. There needs to be public access to a deep water ramp on the north side similar to what is available at Copperas Creek.</p> <p>I would also like to suggest that some accommodation be made in the rules for adjacent land owners who want to clean up and mow Corp of Engineer land between their properties and the water's edge. I have a 465' border. I am 75 years old and can not sickle or push mow to clean up the cockleburrs that make the shoreline strip almost impassable. It would be easy enough for me to use my riding mower like I do on my own acreage. I have assumed the restriction on motorized vehicles applies to a riding mower. Also there is a lot of dead brush in the shoreline strip left behind by the 2016 flooding. It would take a tractor pulled shredder to clear and remove that. I have that equipment available.</p>	<p>pedestrian path as described in Section 5.3. Please send specific requests or questions to the Proctor Lake Project Office.</p>
<p>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has received the scoping notice regarding the proposed project listed above. TPWD staff has reviewed the information provided and offers the following comments concerning this project.</p> <p>In addition to state and federally protected species, TPWD tracks species considered to be Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) that, due to limited distributions or declining populations, face threat of extirpation or extinction but currently lack the legal protections given to threatened or endangered species. Special landscape features, natural plant communities, and SGCN are rare resources for which TPWD actively promotes conservation, and TPWD</p>	<p>This comment is related to the MP and was considered in preparation of the Draft MP.</p>

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<p>considers it important to minimize impacts to such resources to reduce the likelihood of endangerment and preclude the need to list SGCN as threatened or endangered in the future. These species and communities are tracked in the Texas Natural Diversity Database (TXNDD). The most current and accurate rare and protected species data for Comanche County can be requested from the TXNDD website.</p> <p>Please note that the absence of TXNDD information in the proximity does not imply that a species is absent from that area. Given the small proportion of public versus private land in Texas, the TXNDD does not include a representative inventory of rare resources in the state. Although it is based on the best data available to TPWD regarding rare and protected species, data from the TXNDD does not provide a definitive statement as to the presence, absence, or condition of special species, natural communities, or other significant features within a project area. These data are not inclusive and cannot be used as presence/absence data or be substituted for on the ground surveys.</p> <p>If suitable habitat is available, rare and protected species could be present in the project area. Please review the TPWD county list for Comanche County which can be found on the Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species of Texas website.</p> <p>The TPWD Landscape Ecology Program has developed an interactive mapping application, the Texas Ecosystem Analytical Mapper (TEAM), to assist wildlife biologists, land managers, naturalists, planners, and conservationists in understanding Texas habitats and to integrate vegetation data with land management and resource planning of all types. For more information on TEAM</p>	

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<p>please visit the TPWD Landscape Ecology Program website.</p> <p>Future correspondence regarding this project · can be submitted to HAB@tpwd.texas.gov. Please contact me at Richard.Hanson@tpwd.texas.gov or (806) 761-4930 ext. 4936 if you have any questions.</p>	
<p>In conjunction with the Proctor Lake MP and SMP revision, I was reviewing the 1976 Lakeshore Management Plan provided by a link on the related web page. There were a few pages on the 1976 plan missing:</p> <p>2nd page ii of the Table of Contents</p> <p>Section 8-05-the last sentence is not complete. It appears that the next page (F-18) is missing</p> <p>Standards for Existing Facilities, Section 7(b)-the last sentence is not complete. It appears that the next page F-24 is missing</p> <p>The Lake Management Plan Map referenced in Section 4-01 is not attached to the document</p> <p>Please send the missing pages to this e-mail address or if the document on the link is not complete, please inform me when it is.</p>	<p>Email response sent shortly after receiving comment:</p> <p>Thank you for reviewing the SMP and catching those missing pages! We have re-scanned the entire document and included all missing pages. The following pages have been added: Table of Contents ii, F-14, F-18, F-24, and Map Attachment. However, please note that some even page numbers still appear to be missing; these pages are not in the original plan and have not been excluded from the scanned document. The new version has been uploaded to the original website, and the comment period has been extended to March 2, 2023 to ensure that stakeholders, agencies, and the public have 30 days to review and provide comments. Please share this information with anyone who might have interest in providing comments as we begin the process of revising the Proctor Lake Master Plan and Shoreline Management Plan and provide comments by March 2, 2023.</p> <p>https://www.swf.usace.army.mil/About/Lakes-and-Recreation-Information/Master-Plan-Updates/Proctor/</p>

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<p>Please do not allow any more docks.</p> <p>Stop/adjust hunting with blast & cast- 39 deer were taken this year. It needs to be doe only & under privileged kids only.</p> <p>Bring back crappie tournaments. Our core guys have worked hard at putting in all the structure. Use it.</p> <p>Please keep the same people around cleaning restroom. They haven't been that clean in years. They do a great job.</p> <p>Replace Sowell creek dam boat dock. It's on rocks at 4 ft low.</p>	<p>Concur. As described in Section 5.2, no new docks or boathouses will be permitted at Proctor Lake. However, existing facilities can remain, be maintained, and even replaced within their existing footprint.</p> <p>The USACE is aware of the issues at the Sowell Creek boat dock during low water and is researching ways of resolving those issues. However, such projects are subject to limited available resources.</p> <p>The other topics are related to the MP and was considered in preparation of the Draft MP.</p>