

Lake Alert: 120K more sunfish added Friday to restock reservoirs

More than 120,000 sunfish were released into Lake Bowen and Municipal Reservoir Number One on Friday in the latest phase of a restocking partnership between the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Spartanburg Water.

Officials said on Friday afternoon that about 60,000 sunfish were released in Lake Bowen, and another 60,000 sunfish in Municipal Reservoir Number One. The restocking plan was first put into action with the release of 85,000 bluegills, more commonly known as bream, on October 8. 322,000 were released Thursday, October 18. SCDNR biologists recently conducted an assessment to determine what species would benefit from a restocking. Last May, more than 200,000 fish died on both reservoirs.

“We’re grateful to our partners at SCDNR for their support and encouragement in this continued strategy to restock our lakes,” said Sue G. Schneider, Chief Executive Officer of Spartanburg Water. “This is another exciting step in a collaborative process that strengthens our watershed and brightens our collective future.”

Spartanburg Water's reservoirs provide drinking water to a population of more than 200,000 people.

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