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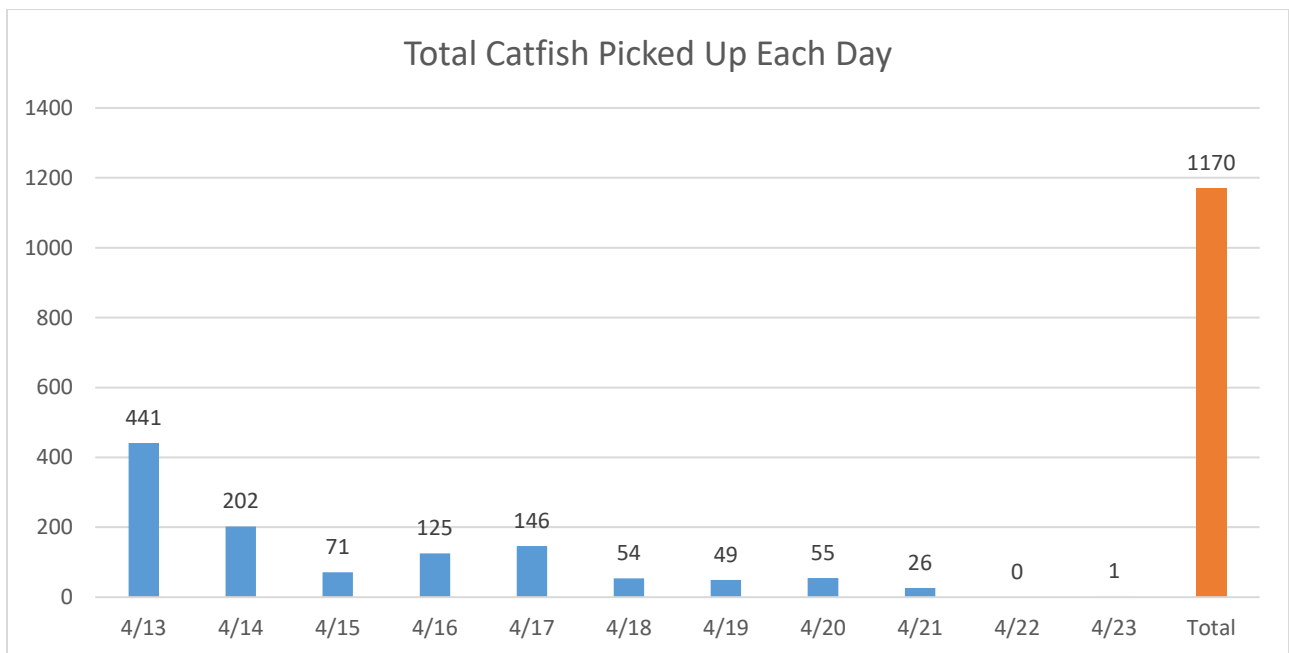
Current Update on Catfish Loss and Clean-Up on Lake Bowen

Dear Neighbors,

Our watershed staff continues to patrol Lake Bowen to document any remaining catfish losses and collect them from the shoreline and impacted areas. We continue to provide ongoing communication with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR).

Since our last communication regarding the numbers of catfish picked up each day, beginning April 13, we are very glad to say that it appears this catfish loss event may be ending. On both Saturday, April 22, and Sunday, April 23, our watershed staff picked up only one catfish during their patrol, which was in an advanced state of decomposition.

Please see below for an updated graph showing the total number of catfish picked up each day, along with the total number.



We are still awaiting the details of the laboratory studies performed to try to determine the exact cause of the catfish losses, and will communicate the results with you as soon as we hear from these experts.

Thank you again for your understanding and support as we continue to work with our partners at SCDNR and SCDHEC. Please continue to reach out anytime.

Most sincerely,

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