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MDMR Lyman Fish Hatchery Releases More than 49,000 Florida Largemouth Bass in Coast Rivers

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) Lyman Fish Hatchery released 49,592 Florida Largemouth Bass fingerlings this week in the Pascagoula, Tchoutacabouffa and Jordan rivers. The fish have a fast growth rate, growing up to three pounds a year and reaching weights of well over 10 pounds.

"This release is a benefit to the fishery and to our local recreational fishermen," said MDMR Executive Director Jamie Miller. "Properly managing this fishery creates more opportunities for anglers and helps ensure the sustainability of the resource."

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the MDMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov. Follow us on Twitter @Mississippi_DMR.

PHOTO CAPTION:



13-55-SLP A: These Florida Largemouth Bass fingerlings are loaded for transport to release sites in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties.



13-55-SLP B: The Florida Largemouth Bass fingerlings are released through a pipe into the waterway.

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