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**Fish Kill Off Devastates Lake Wanahoo Fish Population**

**WAHOO, NE (Oct. 1, 2017)** - Local anglers discovered a large-scale fish kill off at Lake Wanahoo early Sunday morning. Jim Swenson, Park Superintendent of Lake Wanahoo State Recreation Area reported the issue after claims of thousands of fish floating along the shoreline due to a potential loss of oxygen.

"We believe oxygen levels dropped unexpectedly in the lake causing the kill off," says Daryl Bauer, Fisheries Outreach Manager. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission opened Lake Wanahoo State Recreation Area in early 2015 boasting its great fish populations attracting anglers from across Nebraska. Recovery efforts are in effect to protect the remaining fish in the lake. Fisheries staff are working to clean up the area and sample various areas of the lake for other potential issues. Daryl Bauer assures, "Fish stockings will be adjusted this fall to restore populations after the kill off. In the meantime, Lake Wanahoo State Recreation Area will be closed until further notice." This is the second large scale fish kill off for the NGPC in five years.

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Established in 1901, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission works to conserve Nebraska's natural resources. Among the many duties of the Commission and staff are establishing hunting seasons and regulations for game species; managing Nebraska's state parks and other public lands; managing the fisheries at public lakes across the state; helping landowners establish good conservation practices; and providing resources for those who wish to learn to enjoy the outdoors. We are committed to the idea that time spent outdoors, whether it be hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, bird-watching, canoeing, camping or one of the many other outdoor activities Nebraska has to offer, is time well spent.