



2010 FISH PROGRAM

The 2010 Annual Fish Pond Stocking Program is now underway. Trout, Bass, Bluegills, Minnows, Channel Catfish, Koi, and Triploid Grass Carp will be available again this season.

Trout, Bass, Bluegills & Minnows Stock trout at least 100 per acre. Bass at 50 per acre and minnows at 10 times the amount of predator species. Bluegills approx. 100 per acre. The Bass offered this is year 4-6" (1 yr. old).

Channel Catfish is an excellent sportfish. The catfish provides excellent table fare. Averaging 2 to 5 pounds and is recognized by its forked tail and the presence of black spots along its side. The catfish feeds on minnows, insects, & crayfish. Spawning will occur when the water temperature reaches 70 degrees F, usually under a log or stone but pipe or cans 8 inches in diameter or larger can provide a medium for spawning. The stocking recommendation for catfish is 200 fish per acre.

Triploid Grass Carp are a new and exciting aquatic vegetation control option available to New York pondowners. The District is sponsoring this program to make triploid grass carp available to pondowners. However, as with any other method of vegetation control, triploid carp must be used properly to achieve optimal results. Stocking recommendations, up to 15 carp per acre depending on pond size and average plant density.

****CALL THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR PERMIT APPLICATION & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEETS AVAILABLE.**** ******A PERMIT is required from the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation for the stocking of Grass Carp. This PERMIT must be presented at time of pickup. (DEC may reduce your stocking rate upon review of your permit application, if this happens please contact the District so that you will be refunded for the difference.)**

KOI Fish The Koi also referred to as the Japanese Carp, or Nishikigoi, originated in Japan over 200 years ago. Carp, which were stocked in rice paddies and raised for food, appeared sometimes to have color mutations. These colored carp were crossbred with other carp to produce multiple colors. The colors ranged from black, orange, yellow, blue, white. These beautiful fish can grow to 4 feet in length, normally up to 30 inches in our region. The Koi prefers temperature ranges from 50 degrees to 75 degrees F. Care should be used in stocking to minimize temperature transition. The pH preference is 7 to 8. Do not stock this size Koi if you have bass or catfish 14 inches or larger. Stocking recommendation: stock to preference. The Koi does very well on artificial feed, and naturally feeds on plants and algae. Koi will feed on eggs and other fry of other species if other food is not available. If interested in Koi please contact the District Office (607) 724-9268).

NOTE: For trout, bass, catfish - A fish stocking PERMIT is required by New York State Environmental Conservation Law. Anyone ordering fish will be sent a permit application form to complete and mail to: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, P.O. Box 5170, Fisher Ave., Cortland, NY 13045. If you have stocked your pond before through the District you may already have a permit that is a "FARM FISH POND LICENSE" is effective for five (5) years. If not sure about the status of your permit or if this is your first pond stocking a pond permit must be applied for. There is no charge for this permit.

All Fish become the responsibility of the purchaser when picked up. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR FISH NOT PICKED-UP. Please include payment with your order, make checks payable to "Broome County SWCD."

Delivery dates will be confirmed and transporting information will be supplied to all persons ordering fish. The District reserves the right to issue refunds or partial refunds if fish become unavailable due to circumstances beyond their control.

**Order deadlines: Trout: April 9, 2010 Bass & Minnows, Bluegills : June 30, 2010
Catfish: May 3, 2010 & Triploid Grass Carp: April 30, 2010**

Tentative

**Pick-Up Info: Trout, Friday April 23, 2010 Bass & Minnow, Bluegills: Friday, July 9, 2010
Catfish & Grass Carp: Friday, May 14, 2010**