



Arizona Bass Federation

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Mr. Bruce Ellis
Chief of the Environmental Resource Management Division
U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation

Dear Mr. Ellis:

The Arizona Bass Federation is one of several local organizations which represent the weekend and avid tournament bass angler. The Arizona Bass Federation is a member of The Bass Federation Incorporated and is affiliated with the FLW Outdoors.

As an organization that represents bass anglers we have reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Construction and Operation of the Scorpion Bay Marina & Yacht Club. After consulting with our membership we have some concerns regarding this project and the impact that it may have on the future of Lake Pleasant.

More specifically we are concerned with the possible 68% increase in the daily watercraft on the lake as a result of the marina. Further consideration also needs to be given to future development plans by the surrounding cities as well as the Maricopa Water District. All of this will significantly impact the usage of Lake Pleasant.

Finally, Lake Pleasant has a water surface of approximately 9,900 acres when full. During the summer when water is drawn from the lake and recreational usage is at its peak, the usable water surface can be reduced to approximately 7,100 acres.

It is the position of the Arizona Bass Federation that the Scorpion Bay Marina & Yacht Club project not be approved at this time and that a full environmental Assessment be completed accompanied by public hearings.

Sincerely,

Michael Self
Conservation Director