

# Quarterly News Letter

## Fall 2007



Greetings;

I thought I would try doing a quarterly E-Mail to my clients and their staff. If you like it or if you don't, or you don't want to receive these anymore, just let me know.

I wanted to let everyone know that I am working some deals with manufacturers for merchandise you may currently use or wish to use in the future on your property, and to pass some savings onto you. If you need pond fertilizer, Sweeney fish or game feeders or parts (timers, motors, solar chargers, batteries), Purina Fish or Game feed, or aeration systems or fountains (including parts), please let me know, and I will check prices for you before you buy. I can install any of the parts I purchase. Sweeney periodically has sales and I will keep you posted when those are going on.

I have also finally found a vendor that will haul threadfin shad and other delicate species all the way into South Florida, if anyone needs them. Threadfin shad are a great forage species for largemouth bass and they thrive in green lakes. They **will not** survive in clear water lakes. Another good species for well established lakes (five years or older) is golden shiners. Again, this is another great forage species for bass, **but** it is unadvisable to stock them in young lakes, as they are detrimental to largemouth bass and bream spawning success if these species are not already well established.

This fall I will be in Georgia and Florida from October 1 through whenever the work gets done (Oct. 11 or 12<sup>th</sup>). During the Fall on lakes is when you should stock certain species of fish, take care of extreme problem vegetation, and lime. My January & March 2008 visits will be a lot of revegetation work on several of your ponds. Fall or Spring is also when you want to sample (electrofish) fish populations if necessary? This procedure does not need to be done annually, but should be done after a drought, after a flood, first time before implementing management strategies, one or two years after implementing a management strategy, if angling success has dramatically decreased, or one or two years after a lake is built. Besides Fall, some stockings will be done in Spring 2008. Fertilizing or lake dyeing programs should begin in late February or early March; as soon as you feel the water temperature will stay above 60° degrees - begin. Fertilizing produces plankton, which is the first layer of the food chain, and in turn shades out sunlight to restrict unwanted submerged vegetation and filamentous algae. I can have your first two or three applications of pond fertilizer shipped to you in late January if you wish?

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The Fall is a great time to enjoy your food plots and hunt. It is still not too late to put in some food plots, as attractants, with short maturing time plant species. I hope by now I have made it clear that pH is important both in growing fish and plants! I saw that Mossy Oak has a pH testing meter for sale. It runs about \$20-\$25 I think? I have not used one, so I'm not sure how good (accurate) it is, but if someone has experience with one of these types of inexpensive devices, please give me your opinion. Now is also a good time to set up the trail cameras and begin checking deer patterns. If your camera is on a trail, set the time between photos short (1 minute) and if your camera is at a feeder or food plot, set the time between photos for at least 5 - 10 minutes. This helps save battery life, and disk space. Over 100 photos of a raccoon or hogs camped out under your feeder is not what you want. Also, check with local wildlife biologist and see if they can give you an idea of when the rut is in your area, for those who have new properties.

Some of you may not know it yet, but I have a new company website, please check it out: [southernsportsmanaquaticsandland.com](http://southernsportsmanaquaticsandland.com) Anyone wishing to contribute for the Testimonials Page, please forward your comments along with your name and title as you wish it to appear, and I will post them. I want to thank those of you who have already contributed.

Have a great fall, and I will see most of you in October. I will be contacting you approximately two weeks prior to my visit to set up the schedule. If you will be fairly restricted on when you can meet, please contact me before hand and we will set a date at that time.

I want to thank you all for choosing myself to assist you with your natural resource management needs whether it is fish, wildlife or both. So far this has been real enjoyable and I'm looking forward to many more years together. As always, referrals are greatly appreciated!

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