



# Lock C 2020 REEL FACTS

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**General Information:** Lock C, also known as the Fulton pool, is a 1,642-acre pool on the Canal Section of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway (TTW), located immediately below Lock D in Itawamba County. Lock C is 7 miles long with a mean depth of 8 ft. and maximum depth of 22 ft. Deep water occurs primarily in the navigation channel. Primary management authority for reservoir maintenance and operations is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Facilities include two boat ramps, two fishing piers, a bank fishing area below Lock D, an USACE campground, and one private marina (Midway).

**Fishery Management:** Largemouth and Spotted Bass, bream, crappie, and catfish.

**Purchase a Fishing License:** [https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/hunting\\_fishing/](https://www.ms.gov/mdwfp/hunting_fishing/)

## Amenities

- 2 public ramps with courtesy piers, parking lot, and public restrooms.
- Marina.

## Creel and Size Limits

- Crappie: 9 inch minimum length limit and 30 crappie per day per angler.
- Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted): 10 bass (combined) per day per angler
- Bream: 100 (combined) per angler per day.
- Catfish: No limit.

## Regulations

### Yo-Yo's and Jugs

- No more than 25 jugs and no more than 25 yo-yos may be fished per person. No more than 2 hooks are allowed on each device.
- Each jug or yo-yo must be tagged or marked with angler's name and address.
- Anglers must attend jugs and yo-yos when fished during daylight hours.

### Handgrabbing

- Hand grabbing season for catfish is open May 1 to July 15 each year.
- It is illegal to place any type of handgrabbing structure in the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

## Fishing Tips

### Crappie

- Target laydowns and water willow in shallow areas of the main lake with minnows and jigs.

### Largemouth Bass

- Try Texas-rigged plastics, topwater lures, or crankbaits in and around shallow vegetation, particularly in the fall and spring.

### Bream

- Anglers may have success fishing with crickets or worms in shallow backwater areas.

### Catfish

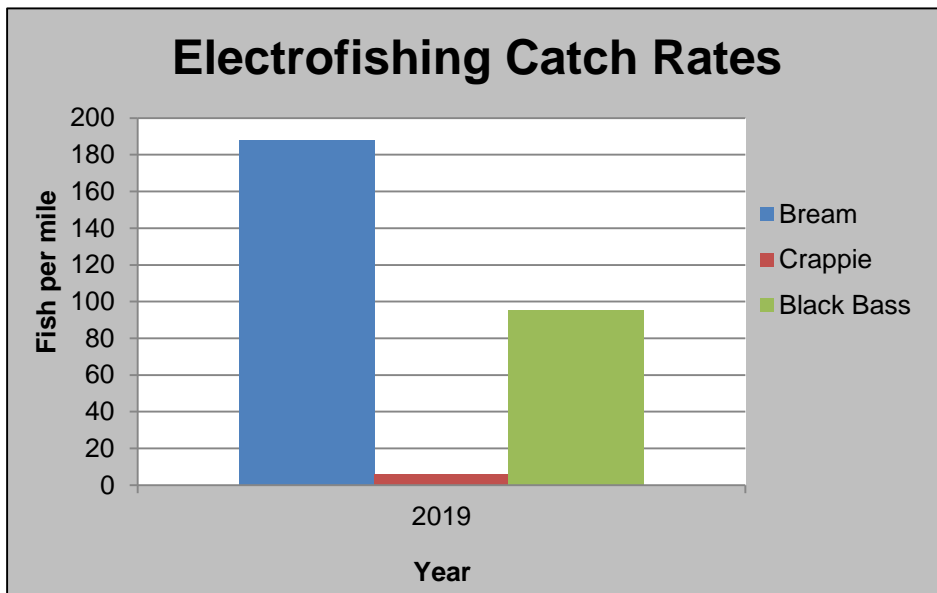
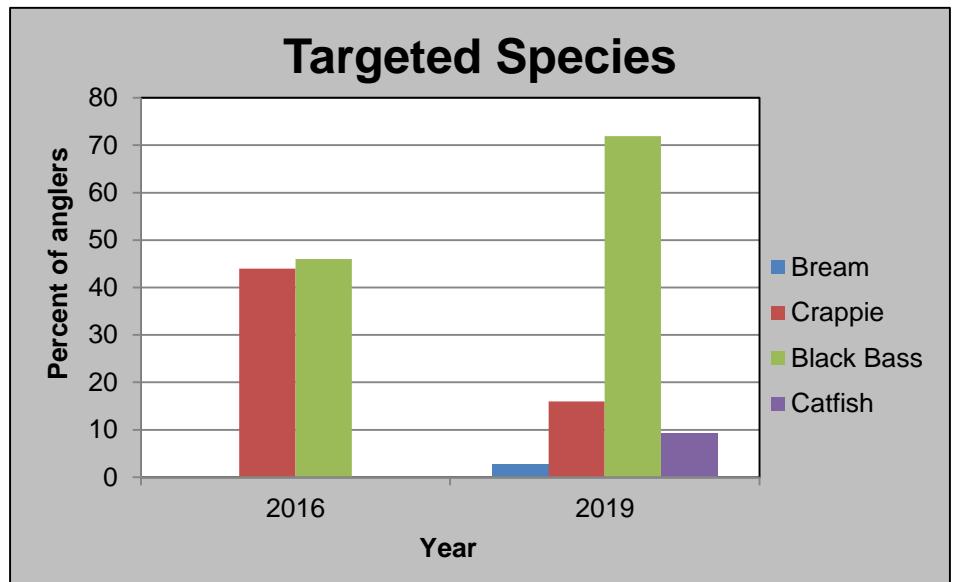
- Fishing with cut bait, worms, or commercial stink baits around the channel ledges should produce some bites.

**Below:** Fish species collected during 2019 fall electrofishing surveys at Lock C. Black bass (largemouth and spotted) and Bluegill made up a significant portion of the samples, indicating an abundant game fish population. These impoundments are not sampled frequently, but both black bass and Bluegill show a positive trend in fish caught per mile. Crappie numbers have declined, but Bluegill and Redear Sunfish still made up more than a quarter of the fish sampled.

Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Gizzard Shad	14	3	11	13	-	5
Threadfin Shad	100	24	3	4	-	32
Chain Pickerel	1	<1	11	11	0.3	<1
Bowfin	1	<1	21	21	3.3	-
Channel Catfish	2	1	18	19	2	1
Warmouth	6	1	5	9	0.3	2
Bluegill	140	35	4	7	0.2	45
Longear Sunfish	1	<1	4	4	-	-
Redear Sunfish	48	12	6	9	0.2	16
Spotted Bass	4	1	13	21	2	1
Largemouth Bass	95	23	10	20	0.7	31
White Crappie	5	1	11	13	0.8	2
Black Crappie	1	<1	8	8	0.3	<1



**Right:** Percentage of anglers targeting black bass (largemouth and spotted), crappie, bream and catfish at Lock C. The percentage of bass anglers has increased significantly over the past few years. The TTW is not known for producing quality-sized bream, hence the lack of bream anglers.



**Left:** Electrofishing catch rates during the 2019 fall electrofishing survey at Lock C shows black bass (largemouth and spotted) and bream. Bream includes both Bluegill and Redear Sunfish. Crappie includes both Black Crappie and White Crappie.

**Right:** Angler catch rates at Lock C. Catfish, bream, and crappie have increased significantly, while the catch rate for black bass is down slightly.

