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Michael Philley – Board Member
MS Catfish Trail
209 South Wells St
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May 31, 2017

Jeff
City of Vicksburg

Dear Jeff:

I would like to request that the MS Catfish Trail be allowed to use the City Water Front Boat Ramp to conduct a catfishing tournament. The tournament times are from 5:00 AM – 4:30 PM on 24 June 2017. Starting at 5 AM we will be conducting live well checks and begin launching immediately thereafter. Our ending time to stop fishing is 3 PM which begins the weigh-in. Weigh-ins should be completed by 4:30 PM. We are currently anticipating 30 plus boats at this event. I believe this will bring recognition to the City of Vicksburg, not only for this event, but for future events as our trail continues to grow. Our organization will be responsible for ensuring that the area we use is free from any trash and debris at the end of the event. Please let me know what information is needed. Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation. Below is contact information if there are any questions. Please see attached flyer in the email for additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Philley – Board Member

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Hugh Thompson – 662-552-7963

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New Request

Mississippi Catfish Trail 2017

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you the inaugural Mississippi Catfish Trail for 2017. It will consist of 5 tournaments and we expect it to grow with more tournaments added next year. The first tournament was March 18 on the Tombigbee River in Columbus where there were 18 boats. The other tournaments are scheduled for April 8 on the Yazoo River in Greenwood (rescheduled TBD), April 15 on the Ross Barnett Reservoir in Jackson where there were 14 boats, May 13 on Grenada Lake in Grenada we are expecting around 50 boats. This could possibly be the largest catfishing tournament ever in Mississippi. There will also be one in November, the MCT Classic, of which the site has yet to be determined. All of the tournaments are rod and reel only and will feature a point race that will crown someone as the Mississippi Catfish Angler of the Year. As part of the tournaments we will promote conservation through education to protect trophy fish, which are anything over 15 pounds, by releasing them. The dates and locations for the tournament will change from year to year. The top five in points will be entered to fish in the Catfish Weekly National Tournament at Lake of the Ozarks.

Some facts about Mississippi

Over 650,000 Mississippians or 1 in every 4.5, fish and catfish is the most popular with freshwater anglers. Catfish are plentiful in our state and most other states. Mississippi anglers spend over \$200 million every year on fishing equipment alone. Belzoni, Mississippi is recognized as the catfish capital of the world.

Facts about the Trail

A statewide trail has never been established in Mississippi. Since this is the first year of the Mississippi Catfish Trail we expect to operate it as professional as possible. We are anticipating adding more tournaments next year and possibly initiating a Mississippi Catfish Club that will help cover some of the cost of the tournaments such as plaques or trophies. The trail will be a 100% payback with door prizes given away at every tournament.

Your sincere consideration in helping us establish a sound foundation for this event that I anticipate will be around and grow for years to come will be very much appreciated.

Very Respectively,

MS Catfish Trail

Battle for Vicksburg

June 24th 2017



- Rod N Reel Catfish Tournament
- Best 5 Blue, Channel or Flathead Catfish
- 1-3 people per boat 3rd person must be under 18 over 55 or Wounded Warrior / Veteran
- All legal baits permitted except Blue, Channel, or Flathead Catfish
- Live well checks 5am No Trailering
- Fishing hours are 6am – 3pm
- Back in sight of ramp by 3:30
- 8 Rods in the water / 2 hooks per rod max
- Fishing from boat only
- No fishing within 50 yards of another boat
- No jugs, trotlines, limb lines, etc.
- Live fish only No foul hooked fish
- We ask all fish over 20# be released
- \$80 entry fee per boat \$20 Big fish optional
- Sign up at Captain's Meeting Vicksburg City Park Boat Ramp 6:30 PM Friday June 23