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Fishing Access Expanded at Toledo Bend Dam

(Orange, TX) The Operating Board of the Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations recently approved a change to the Toledo Bend Project security plan to allow more access for fishing and recreation activities at the Toledo Bend Dam. Operations of the dam are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The amended Toledo Bend Project security plan, which was recently approved by FERC, will:

- Allow boaters to operate within fifty feet of the waters edge (upstream face of Toledo Bend Dam) as opposed to the current restriction of 500 feet;
- Enforce a no-anchor zone from the upstream face of the dam to 1,800 feet upstream to protect critical dam safety features;
- Continue to restrict access to the spillway and powerhouse intake facilities with the orange cable buoys.

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The Toledo Bend Dam and Reservoir is a project constructed by the Sabine River Authority of Texas, and the Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana, primarily for the purposes of water supply, hydroelectric power generation, and recreation. The Sabine River Authorities of Texas and Louisiana encourage recreational activities like boating, fishing, swimming, skiing, and hunting in all non-restricted areas around the reservoir and down the river. “We are pleased to improve the access of boaters around the dam,” stated SRA-Texas Operations Manager Donnie Henson. “It is still critical to restrict access to our infrastructure which ultimately protects the general public.”

For more information about the amended security plan, contact Donnie Henson, SRA-Texas Operations Manager at 409-746-2192 or Mike Rankin, SRA-Louisiana Engineer at 337-286-5244.

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