

City of Winter Park
Lakes (General)
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'Sunshine Bass' Released In Lakes

Sunshine bass, a cross between striped bass and white bass, have been stocked in the Winter Park chain of lakes, according to Sam McKinney, fisheries biologist for the state Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Approximately 19,000 sunshine bass fingerlings were stocked in 1975 and 10,800 were stocked in 1976, McKinney said.

THE HYBRID fish will not reproduce in the waters. The fish were stocked as part of an experiment to determine if sunshine bass could control forage fishes and at the same time give fishermen another large fresh water game fish.

Sunshine bass are expected to grow to more than 20 pounds and should bite more readily than the striped bass. There is no size limit on sunshine bass and the daily bag limit is six.

In order to collect data needed for the experimental program, McKinney said fishermen catching sunshine bass should report their catch to him either by post card to 1239 S.W. 10th Street, Ocala; or call toll free 1-800-342-9620. He would like to know the length, weight and date the fish was caught. The type bait used would also be helpful.

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