



# WEST PALM BEACH FISHING CLUB

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Daniel P. Clark, P.E.  
Town Administrator  
Town of Lake Clarke Shores  
1701 Barbados Rd.  
Lake Clarke Shores, FL 33406

Dear Dan,

The West Palm Beach Fishing Club (WPBFC) supports the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, in partnership with the City of West Palm Beach and Lake Worth, plan to construct a boat lift at the C-51 spillway (a.k.a. the Lake Worth Spillway). Public fishing access at this location is our primary concern. The Lake Worth Spillway is one of the premiere snook fishing spots in Florida. We appreciate the Town's willingness to meet with us and area snook anglers to seek input on how the facility will be designed. After meeting with town planners we are comfortable with the project. In fact, we are encouraged by the proposed improvements and believe that the redesigned fishing pier will be well received by anglers. Other project elements such as improved lighting should help make Spillway Park a safer place for not only anglers, but for area residents who frequent the site. The boat lift proposal appears to be feasible and will expand small boat access to the Chain of Lakes and the Lake Worth Lagoon. We believe the size limitation on vessels (approximately 25' and under) that will be able to use the boat lift will help keep the amount of boat traffic in the canal system at a reasonable level. We urge the Town and its partners to seek input and work closely with area residents to design a quality project that is viewed as an asset to the community.

Again, the WPBFC supports the Chain of Lakes Blueway Trail boat lift project. We appreciate the opportunity to provide an angler's perspective on this unique proposal that will expand public access to Palm Beach County's fishing and boating resources. Thank you for seeking our input.

Respectfully,

Tom Twyford, Jr.  
President

Cc: Pete Schulz, WPBFC Chairman