



LSA Fish Patrol Team Overview

One of the most important aspects of enforcing rules and regulations is the education of the fishermen and membership. Often, the main problem with enforcement is not so much enforcing the regulations, but convincing the fishermen and community of their necessity. Making fishermen familiar with the regulations and the reasons for which they have been implemented usually results in support of the common goal. As such, the focus of the Fish Patrol Team is the following:

Education: Place emphasis on education and communication where fishermen become more aware that the ability to renew the fishery resources depends on them, (the fisheries stakeholders) accepting the rules and regulations that not only protect fish stocks but also the environment in which fish live.

Communication/Data Collection: Interact with and poll fishermen to get information about catch trends and patterns. This will yield critical information in determining the health of specific fish species, as well as understanding the overall population density and balance of fish present in the lake. This data feeds directly into the fishery management strategy.

Enforcement: *As a last resort*, regulations will be enforced with penalties for infringement (citations, warnings, fines and possible loss of privileges) acting as the deterrent.