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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Interlocal Agreement for Reservoir Fisheries Projects

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System Operation Permit Water Management **Plan Reservoir Fisheries Guidelines**

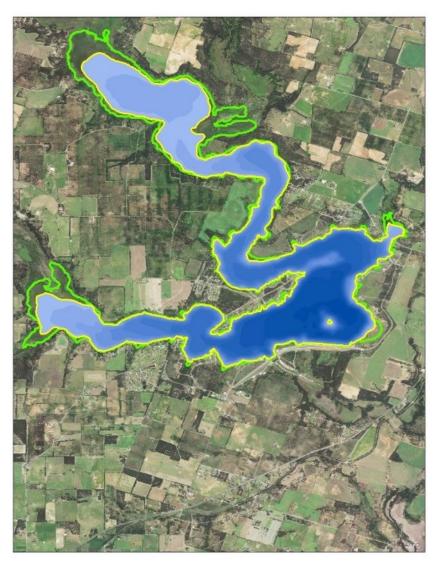
- System Operations Permit Water Management **Plan Reservoir Fisheries Guidelines**
- Operating guidelines to manage impacts from water-level fluctuations on fisheries
- Guidelines included in the Sys Ops Water **Management Plan**
 - Unique reservoir thresholds below which fishery habitat is significantly reduced
 - Work with TPWD to mitigate the negative effects of prolonged, low water levels



Top of Conservation Pool



Operating Guideline Threshold





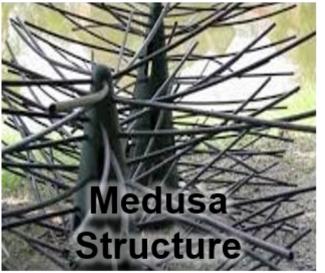
Lowest Elevation During 2011 Drought





Examples of Artificial Habitat Structures

















- FY 2016 First interlocal agreement with **TPWD**
- Unique habitat strategy developed for each System reservoir
- Initial installations performed FY 2016 FY 2019
- Positively received by lakeside communities
- No installations in FY 2020 due to Covid-19









- Would like to continue partnership with TPWD and habitat improvements
- Mitigate negative impacts of reduced water levels
- •\$15,000 per year, FY 2021 through FY 2026



BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Authority hereby authorizes the General Manager/CEO to execute an **Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Parks and** Wildlife Department to perform fisheries habitat improvement on BRA System reservoirs.





