

## Fish and Waterways activity report to the Board September 2018

The fish and waterways Committee have two guiding areas of responsibility.

1. Flood Control
2. Recreational use for SHOA members

Flood control and watershed management have been a major focus this year. A Large-scale map of our waterways with photographs of existing outfall and drainage locations has been developed and is in use. Meetings with the County Flood Control people have given the committee guidance in coordinating flood control efforts with County needs and requirements. State Fisheries management people and County Flood control representatives are currently scheduled to meet and make recommendations for screening the out fall and the stocking of trout in Twin Lakes. We have a Fish and Waterways Committee member as a permanent representative on the County Flood Control Board.

We have started receiving bids for evaluating the long-term maintenance needs of our waterways. Meanwhile, we have continued efforts to clean brush and debris from Twin Lakes and Deer Lake. In addition, we have made progress in the continuing need to eradicate invasive plants that can be found in all our waterways.

Recreational use plans and projects are underway. Our goal is to provide the most family friendly opportunities for our members. Upon completion of State and County evaluations and recommendations, our goal is to re-open trout fishing in Twin Lakes as early as Spring, 2019. The Committee is currently evaluating the feasibility and design of multi-use fishing and picnic landings for Seabreeze and Twin Lakes, including kayak and canoe launch areas cleared and maintained during summer months.

Our waterways are one of Surfside's greatest assets, and the Fish and Waterways Committee is determined to provide a safe and family friendly recreational environment for our members over the long term.

Respectfully,  
Ralph Dennington