

Understanding Types of Fish Habitat

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Natural Habitat

- Undercut Banks
- Rootwads and Rootmats
- Substrate
- Logs and other LWD
- Aquatic Macrophytes
- Pools
- Overhanging Vegetation
- Backwaters and Shallows

Natural Habitat

➤ Undercut Banks

➤ Rootwads



Natural Habitat

➤ Substrate

- Boulder
- Cobble
- Gravel
- Sand
- Silt
- Hardpan



Natural Habitat

➤ LWD



Natural Habitat



Natural Habitat

➤ Aquatic

Macrophytes

- Emergent
- Submergent

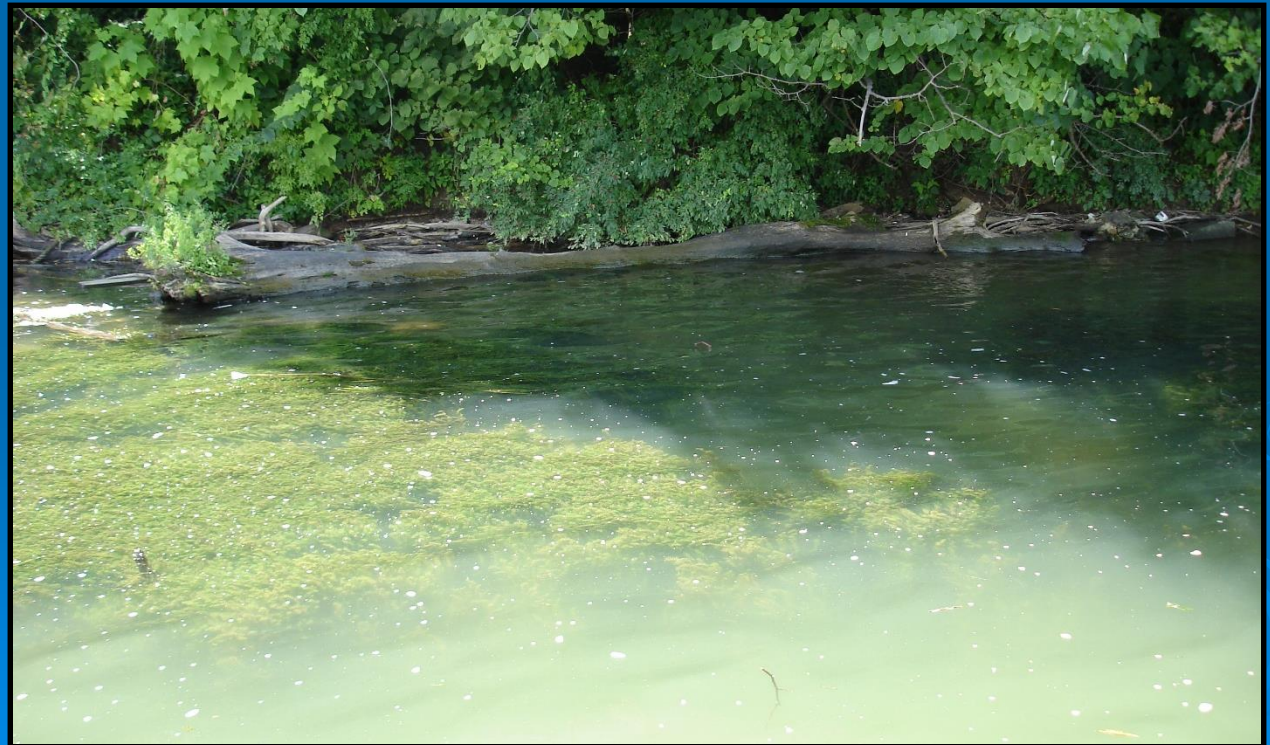


Natural Habitat



Natural Habitat

- Pools
- Overhanging Vegetation
- Backwaters and Shallows



Types of Artificial Habitat

- Fish Cribs
- Christmas Trees
- Fallen Trees
- Fish Sticks
- Half-Logs
- Reefs
- Pipes
- Plastic Structures
- Other Structures

Types of Artificial Habitat

➤ Fish Cribs

- Various construction materials
 - Wood
 - Plastic
 - Metal
 - Concrete



Types of Artificial Habitat

➤ Fish Cribs

- Construction – Log Crib



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➤ Fish Cribs

- Construction – Pallet Crib



Types of Artificial Habitat

➤ Fish Cribs

- Construction – Pallet Crib

- Tee-pee
- Three pallets
- Tied or nailed together
- Can fill with brush
- Weighted with bricks



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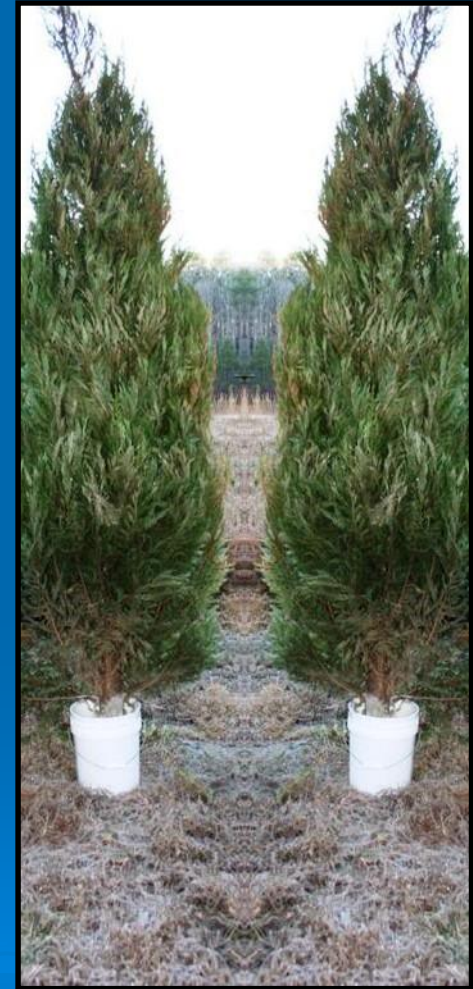
➤ Fish Cribs

- Construction – Plastic Crib
 - Commercially sold
 - Fill with stones/brush
 - Weigh with rock/cinderblocks



Types of Artificial Habitat

➤ Christmas Trees



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Types of Artificial Habitat

➤ Christmas Trees

Xmas Tree lifespan



3 years



5 years



10 years

Christmas tree structures that were submerged for 3, 5, and 10 years. They last longer than a person might think! The key is to keep them submerged. Trees that are alternately flooded and then exposed will decay much faster.

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➤ Fallen Trees



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- Pewaukee Lake - WI



Types of Artificial Habitat

➤ Fish Sticks

- <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/documents/outr each/FishSticksBestPractices.pdf>



Types of Artificial Habitat

➤ Half-Logs



Types of Artificial Habitat

➤ Reefs

- Lake Carroll, IL



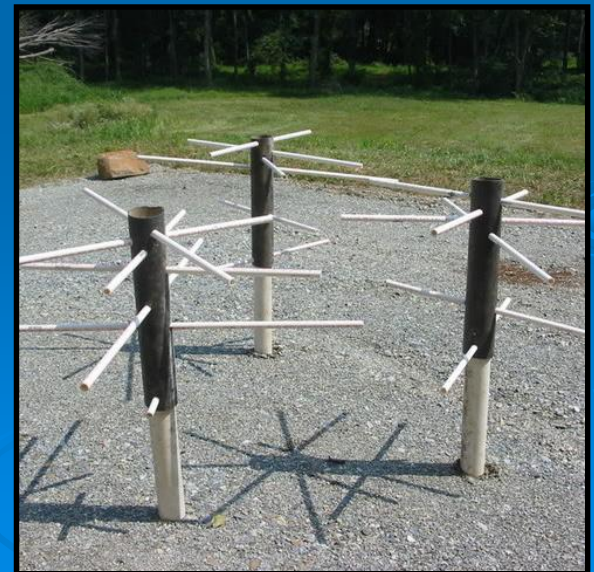
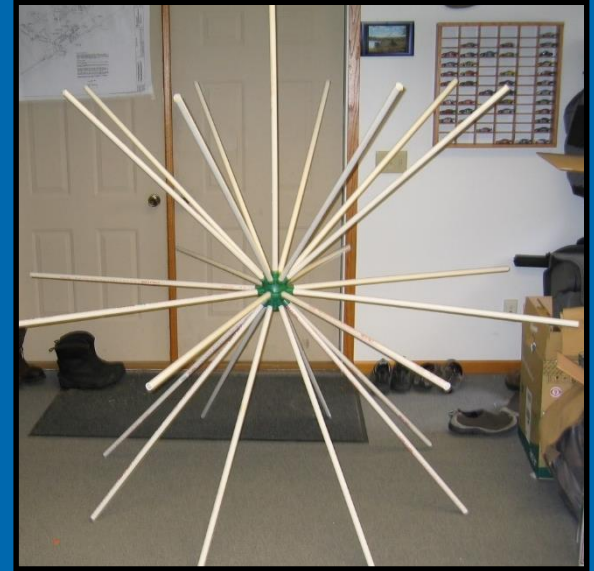
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➤ Pipes



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Types of Artificial Habitat

➤ Other Plastic Structures



Types of Artificial Habitat

- Other Plastic Structures
 - Fishhiding



Types of Artificial Habitat

➤ Other Structures



Problems and Upkeep

- Not weighted enough
- Not put in deep enough water
- Become navigational hazard
- “Ugly”
- Short life span

QUESTIONS?

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