

2026 Pomme de Terre Lake Annual Fish Attractor Work

KANSAS CITY DISTRICT, NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

NWD Priority: People & Partners

WHO: NWK's OFP-T Natural Resource Park Rangers, Missouri Department of Conservation, Bolivar High School FFA

WHAT: Partnership to promote improved fish habitat in three areas of Pomme de Terre Lake by sinking a total of 240 cedar trees creating 80 new fish attractors.

WHEN: January 2026

WHERE: Pomme de Terre Lake, Pomme de Terre Arm and Lindley Creek Arm Missouri

WHY: To enhance woody cover for fish to utilize throughout the year in the aging lake and to offer a better fishing opportunity for fishermen on Pomme de Terre Lake.



Top Left: Habitat barge loaded with trees
Top Right: FFA member tying on concrete anchors

Bottom Left: MDC staff and FFA members tying on concrete anchors

Bottom Right: Habitat barge dumping cedar trees



Summary:

In January 2026, Natural Resource Management (NRM) staff, in partnership with Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Fisheries, completed the annual fish attractor project on Pomme de Terre Lake. Over a three-day period, crews sank 240 cedar trees to enhance aquatic habitat. This effort represents a long-standing partnership between Pomme de Terre staff and MDC that has continued for more than 25 years.

This year, Park Ranger Mitch Jackson collaborated with the local Bolivar FFA chapter to involve high school students enrolled in a wildlife management and conservation course in the habitat improvement process. The students assisted with dragging trees, tying anchors, and participated on the water to help sink the structures. Throughout the day, students engaged with both NRM and MDC staff, learning about career opportunities and the importance of conservation work. The experience also highlighted the value and success of the strong partnership that Pomme de Terre staff and MDC have built over the years.

