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**WATER DEPARTMENT JOINS IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL
FISHING AND BOATING WEEK**

*All fishing, private boat, and recreational permit fees waived on Saturday, June 12
at all San Diego City Lakes*

SAN DIEGO B Annually, there is a national campaign designed to recognize the historic role that traditional outdoor recreation activities have played in the lives of Americans, and to introduce others to these pursuits. This year, National Fishing and Boating Week will be observed from June 5-13.

California along with most other states waives its fishing license requirement in observance of National Fishing and boating Day which this year will be June 12.

In honor of the San Diego City Lakes Program and the role it has played in providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities since 1913, the **Water Department will waive all fishing, water-skiing, wakeboarding, jet-skiing, and recreational boating permit fees (except for rentals) on Saturday, June 12** in observance of National Fishing and Boating Week.

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Observance of National Fishing and Boating Week - June 9, 2004

For nearly a century, the Water Department's San Diego City Lakes Program has been nationally recognized as a pioneer for the quality and diversity of outdoor opportunities provided on municipal water supply reservoirs.

From a fishing standpoint, the San Diego City Lakes are home to state record for blue catfish (101 pounds) as well as county record for bluegill (3.50 pounds).

On a global scale, the progeny of Florida-strain largemouth black bass imported by the City in 1960 now account for 21 of the 25 largest bass in history. Anglers from around the world come to San Diego for no other purpose than to fish our municipal reservoirs.

Recreational boaters recognize the San Diego City Lakes for a wide range of family boating activities that include sailing, canoeing, kayaking, waterskiing, wakeboarding and jet-skiing.

In addition to enhancing the quality of life of those who enjoy outdoor recreational activities, our municipal reservoirs contribute significantly to the local economy. As well as San Diego's reputation as the best of all places to live and play.

For additional information regarding the San Diego City Lakes Program, visit our website at www.sandiego.gov or call the Lakes Line at (619) 465-3474.

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