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Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542-5001

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL
CHIEF OF STAFF

Subj: REOPENING HENDERSON-HICKORY POND COMPLEX

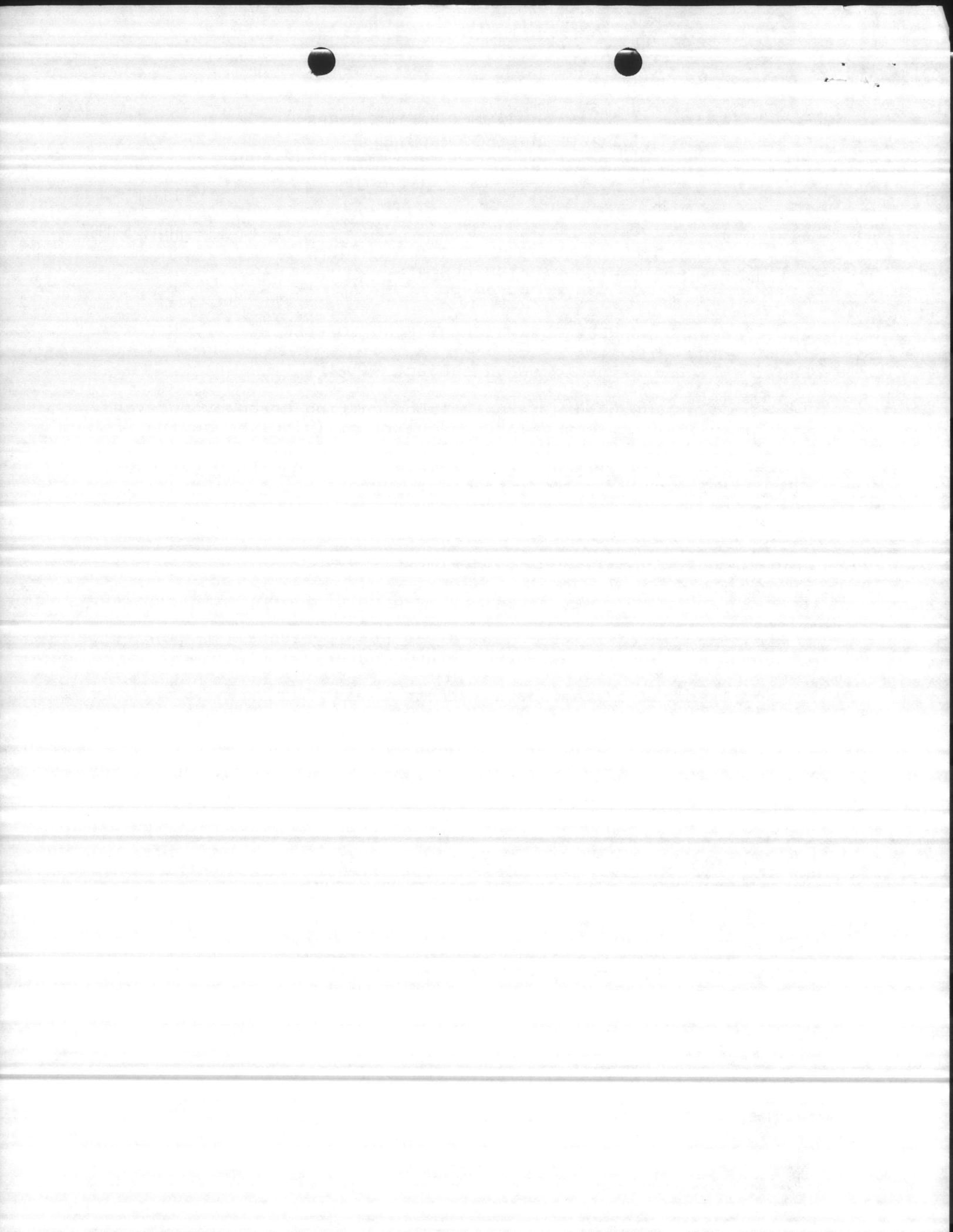
Encl: (1) Background data on subject

1. We have scheduled a formal ribbon cutting ceremony for you on 1 July 1987 at 1000. Invited guests will include several Federal Soil and Water Conservation representatives, staff members from the Facilities, Base Maintenance, and MWR Departments. JPAO will provide appropriate media support.
2. Suggested sequences of events are as follow:
 - a. Depart Building 1 approximately 0945.
 - b. Arrive Henderson-Hickory Pond complex approximately 1000.
 - c. Meet with invited guests and Base personnel who worked on rehabilitating this recreational and conservation project.
 - d. Remarks by Commanding General.
 - e. Ribbon cutting by Commanding General.
 - f. First cast with a fishing pole by Commanding General into the pond.
 - g. Depart Henderson-Hickory Pond complex approximately 1030.
 - h. Arrive Building 1 approximately 1045.

Very respectfully,


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AC/S, Facilities

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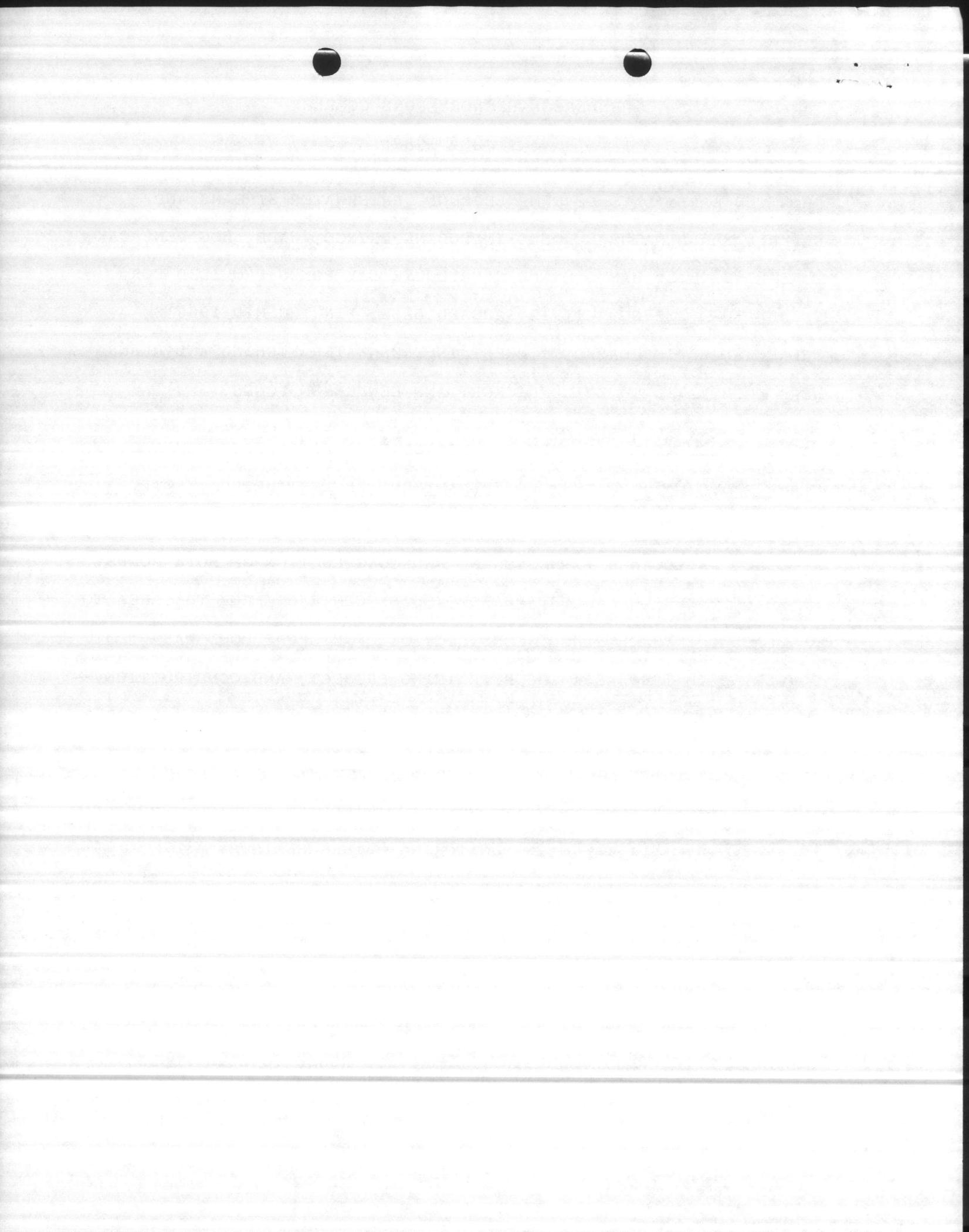
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FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF CAMP LEJEUNE, FRESHWATER STREAMS AND SEVERAL SMALL NATURAL PONDS INCLUDING PRINCE, WARD, HOG PEN, OAK, POWERLINE, MILE HAMMOCK AND COURTHOUSE BAY PONDS PROVIDED FOR FRESHWATER FISHING ACTIVITY ABOARD BASE. IN THE MID 1960'S, THERE WAS AN INCREASED INTEREST IN FRESHWATER FISHING AND PLANS WERE FORMULATED TO BUILD HICKORY AND HENDERSON PONDS.

IN 1968, THE ONSLOW COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATIONIST, JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE ENGINEER, GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, PROVIDED ASSISTANCE IN DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF BOTH PONDS. STANDING TIMBER WAS SOLD AND REMOVED BY CONTRACT FROM THE AREA TO BE FLOODED IN EACH POND. CONSTRUCTION OF HICKORY POND WAS COMPLETED IN 1968 AS A TROOP TRAINING PROJECT, AND CONSTRUCTION OF HENDERSON POND WAS COMPLETED IN 1972 BY THE BASE MAINTENANCE DIVISION.

THE FISHERIES DIVISION, U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, PROVIDED PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE IN MONITORING WATER CHEMISTRY AND PROVIDED FISH FOR STOCKING THROUGH FEDERAL HATCHERIES. BOTH PONDS PROVIDED GOOD FISHING UNTIL THE MID 1980'S WHEN MAINTAINING WATER LEVELS IN BOTH PONDS BECAME A PROBLEM.

IN 1986, A WORK PROJECT WAS INITIATED FOR REPAIRING THE WATER CONTROL STRUCTURES, SHORELINE AND ACCESS ROADS TO BOTH PONDS. REPAIRS WERE NECESSARY PRIMARILY TO REPLACE UNSERVICEABLE



DRAINPIPES THAT HAD BEEN IN USE SINCE THE HICKORY AND HENDERSON PONDS WERE CONSTRUCTED IN 1968 AND 1972, RESPECTIVELY. AGAIN, THE ONSLOW COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATIONIST AND THE U. S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE ENGINEER DESIGNED THE ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS NECESSARY FOR REPAIRING BOTH PONDS. BASE MAINTENANCE DIVISION PROVIDED HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL TO DO THE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

ADULT BLUEGILL, LARGE-MOUTH BASS AND CHANNEL CATFISH WERE STOCKED IN BOTH PONDS IN NOVEMBER 1986. RECENT SEINE SAMPLE ANALYSIS INDICATE THAT THE FISH HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REPRODUCED IN BOTH PONDS, AND THEY CAN NOW BE OPENED FOR FISHING.

HENDERSON AND HICKORY PONDS WILL PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY RECREATIONAL FISHING OPPORTUNITY FOR MARINES, THEIR DEPENDENTS, INVITED GUESTS AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES FOR MANY YEARS.

