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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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12 Jun 87

From: Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune
To: Distribution List
Via: Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities, Marine Corps Base,
Camp Lejeune

Subj: HENDERSON-HICKORY PONDS

Ref: (a) Dir, NREAD memo 11015 NREAD of 20 Aug 86

1. During 1986, Henderson Pond (Grid 8642) and Hickory Pond (Grid 8642) water control structures were replaced after which the ponds were refilled with water and stocked with a limited number of adult bass, bream and channel catfish. The ponds have been closed to fishing per the reference to allow spawning by the adult fish. Both ponds have been sampled by Base Natural Resources personnel and data collected indicates excellent reproduction this spring and adequate stocking of bass, bream and channel catfish.

2. Major General Cassity is scheduled to officially open the two ponds for recreational fishing at approximately 1400 hours on 24 June 1987 in a ceremony along the west shoreline of Henderson Pond.

3. It is requested the following services be provided:

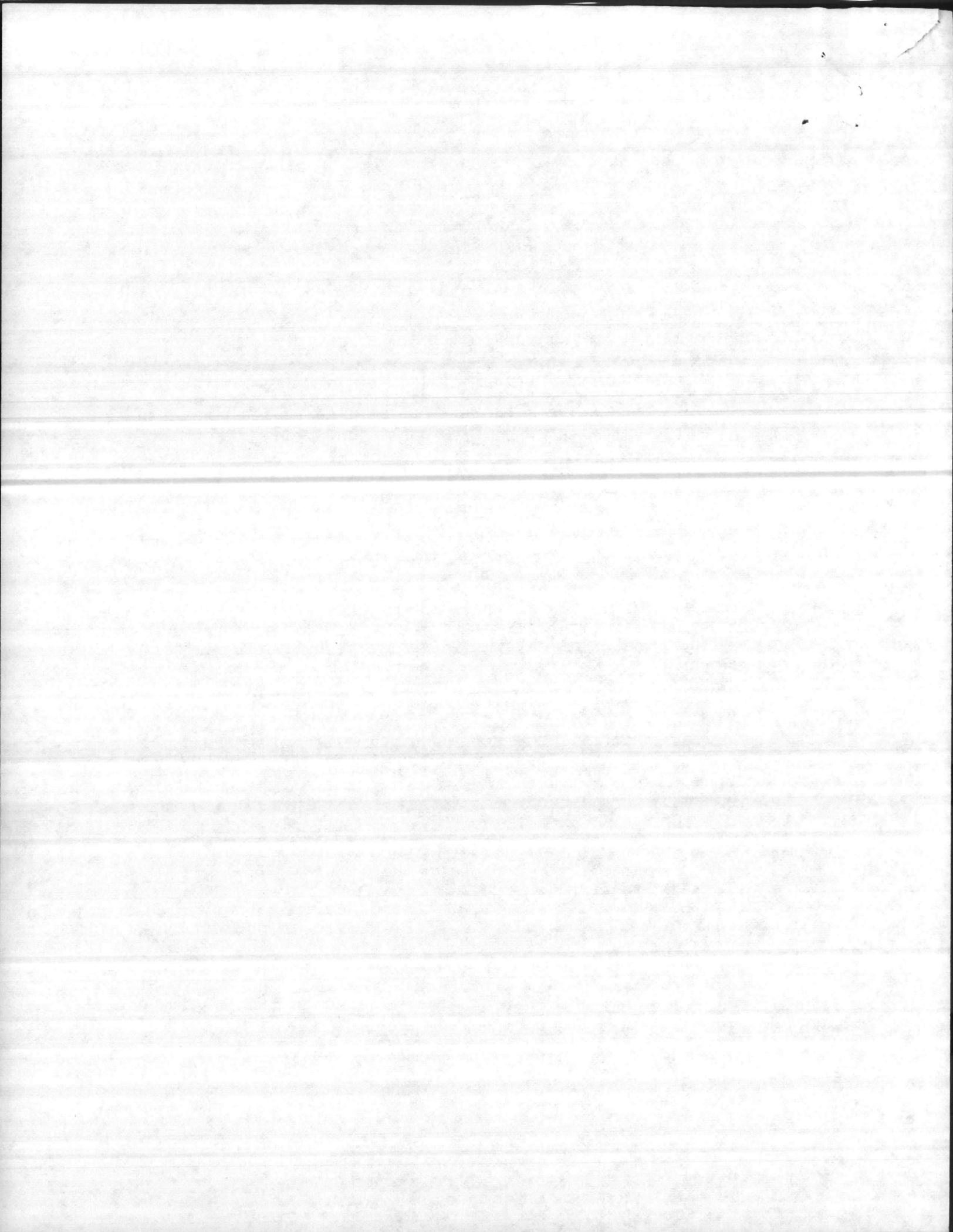
a. Provost Marshal, Game Warden Unit, advise fishing enthusiasts of the ponds' opening at approximately 1400 hours on 24 June 1987. There should be no boats launched or fishing until after the Commanding General makes the first cast.

b. Joint Public Affairs Officer issue a news release pertaining to the opening of Henderson and Hickory Ponds and arrange appropriate media coverage of the event.

c. Assistant Chief of Staff, Training and Operation, Training and Audiovisual Support Center, provide a photographer to take black and white photos and color slides of the event.

d. Assistant Chief of Staff, Morale, Welfare and Recreation arrange for following information to be posted on the Special Events Sign on Holcomb Boulevard from 1600, 22 Jun 1987 to 1600, 24 Jun 1987.

"HENDERSON AND HICKORY PONDS
OPEN FOR FISHING - 1400 HRS 24 JUNE 87
BASE FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED"



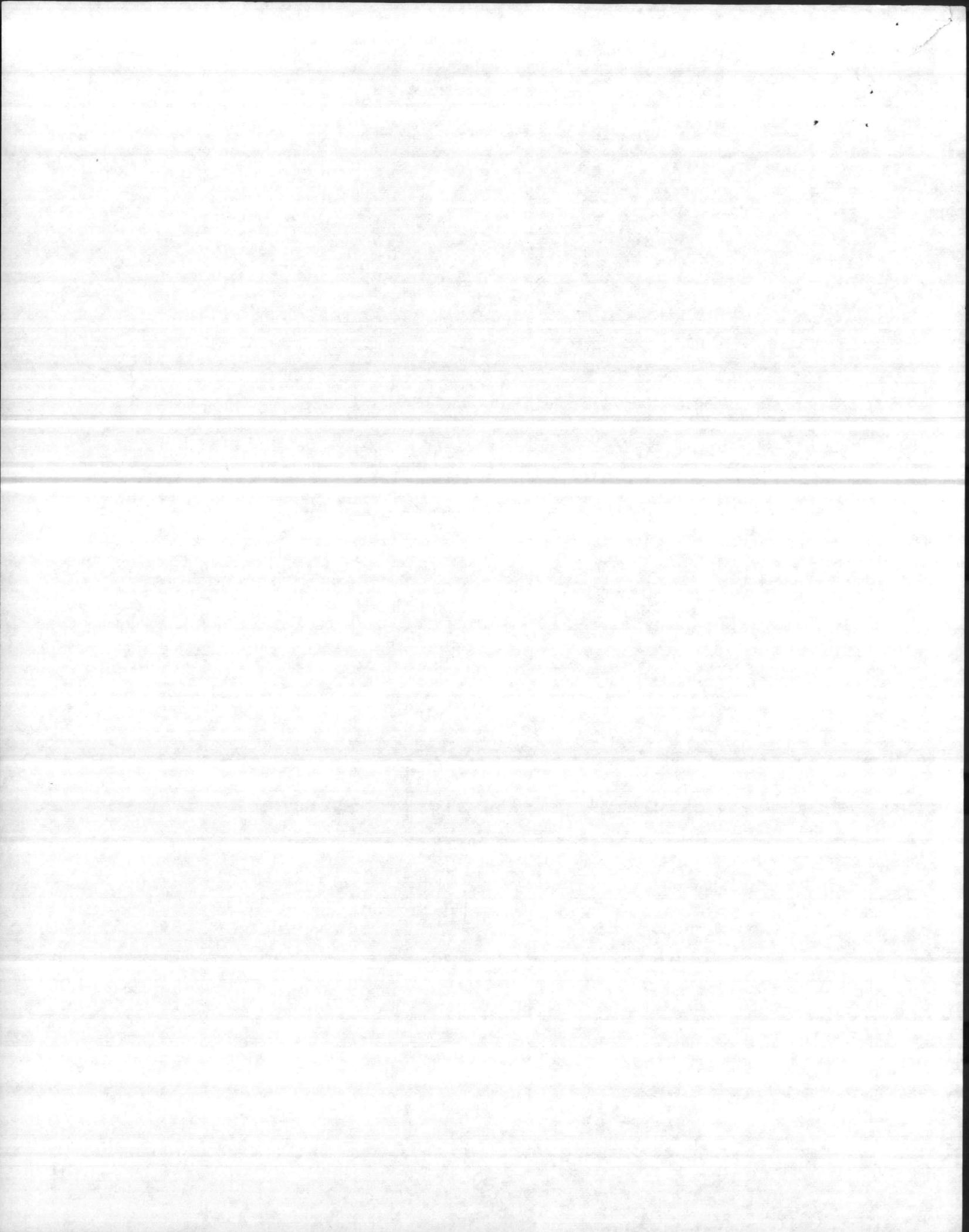
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4. If additional information is desired, please contact
Mr. Julian I. Wooten, NREAD, at 1690/2083.

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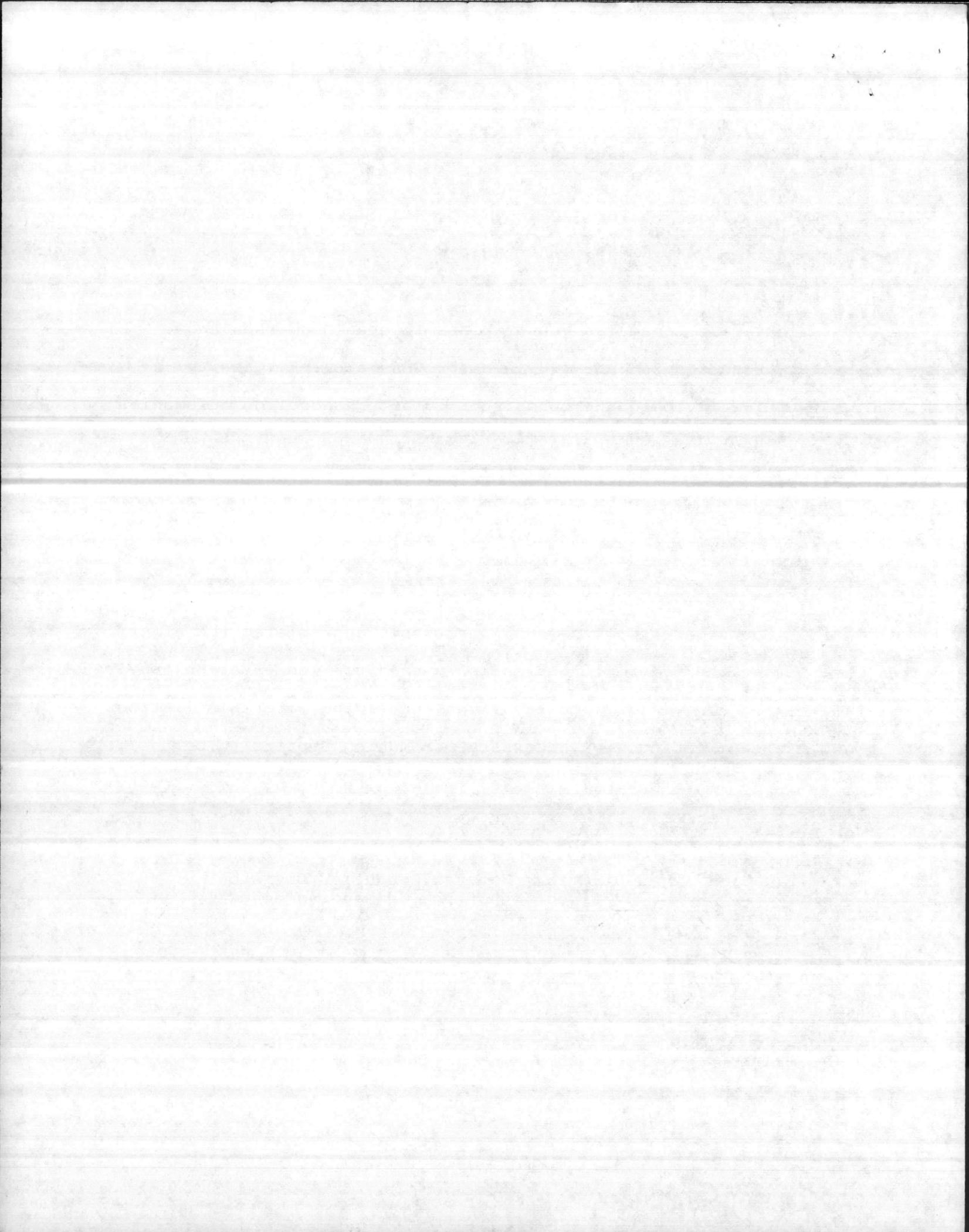
Dear Mr. Tyson:

This letter is to advise you of plans to open Henderson and Hickory Ponds on 24 June 1987. Major General J. E. Cassity will officially open the ponds shortly after shoreline ceremonies at 1400 hours. You, Mr. David Combs, Area Conservationist, Mr. Billy Jones, Area Engineer, Mr. William L. Barnhill, Area Soil Scientist, of your agency, and a representative from the Onslow County Soil and Water Conservation District are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune personnel, appreciates the effort by you and the other professionals in the Soil Conservation Service, for making the design specifications, providing materials listings, and the engineering work necessary for making repairs to both ponds. We look forward to having you with us during the ceremony.

J. I. WOOTEN
Director, Natural Resources Division
By direction of the Commanding General

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HENDERSON-HICKORY POND COMPLEX
1 July 1987

Ladies and Gentlemen, distinguished guest, fishermen, it is a pleasure for me to be here today to reopen Henderson and Hickory Ponds for fishing.

Before I open the ponds, I would like to share a little background information with you. From the early days of Camp Lejeune, fresh water streams and several small natural ponds including Prince Pond, Ward Pond, Hog Pen Pond, Oak Pond, Powerline Pond, Mile Hammock Pond and Courthouse Bay Pond 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, and the U.S. Soil Conservation Service Engineer, 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 to replace unservicable 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 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.

