



February 23, 2026

Innsbrook Fishing Club – A Non-Profit Corporation
C/O: Chris Chivetta, President
5 Cricklewood Place
St. Louis, Missouri 63131

RE: Herman Brothers Lake Management Recommendations

Dear Mr. Chivetta,

We are excited to provide this letter of recommendation for the Innsbrook Fishing Club to secure grants and funding from outside organizations to continue your efforts to improve the lakes within the Innsbrook Community.

In 2016, we provided the initial electroshock survey data for several lakes to analyze and determine a plan for corrective action. Your goals were to:

- Engage all age groups to become active in the sport of fishing,
- Increase fishing success for all participants (young to old),
- Create best of class Bass fishing in the region,
- Enhance the aquatic environment by placing habitats and structures.

We have had the pleasure of working with your dedicated group of volunteers in 2018, 2021, 2023, and most recently in 2025. Each year we have seen improvements based upon prior year recommendations.

Your volunteers have installed numerous habitats, stocked fish to improve genetics, held tournaments to remove stunted bass populations, established a pond dedicated to engaging children to fish, educated your members on lake management issues, and have managed all this on a limited budget. Congratulations on your Club's commitment to improving the lakes.

We understand you are trying to secure outside grant funding to enhance Lake Alpine (236 acres), Lake Innsbrook (80 acres), and Lake Lucerne (30 acres). Recommendations for improving these lakes based on our analysis included increasing habitat, introducing aquatic vegetation to support forage species, and removal of the invasive Paddlefish to enhance the phytoplankton and zooplankton densities for YOY fish species. We fully support your efforts to seek and secure funding for these key improvements.

We would be delighted to discuss with funding and grant reviewers our involvement with the Innsbrook Fishing Club and your efforts to enhance your fisheries over the past 10 years.

Sincerely,

Austin Bennett

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Fisheries Biologist
Herman Brothers Fisheries