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**NESBITT LAKE**

History - Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area and Nesbitt Lake were acquired in 1964. Key Pittman is located one mile north of Hiko. The primary management objective is for waterfowl with secondary concerns for the fishery.

Pertinent Information - Nesbitt Lake covers approximately 200 surface acres. The sport fishery consists of black bullhead catfish and largemouth bass. There are fathead minnows that serve as a prey base for the bass. Fishing is best between February and June. The angler questionnaire survey for 2007 showed an average catch rate of 2.19 fish per angler day. Largemouth bass generally range in length between 8 and 10 inches with a maximum size usually near 13.0 inches. Most anglers used jigs, spinner baits, rubber worms and top water plugs. The black bullheads range in size between 10.0 and 12.0 inches. Black bullhead anglers use worms and some prepared catfish baits. Camping - There is **no** camping or fires allowed on the management area. Things to Consider: Bring your own drinking water as there is none available on the area. There is only one chemical toilet at the south end of the lake. Gate must remain closed after one enters the area.

Stocking - The fishery is self-sustaining, therefore no stocking is needed.

Regulations - Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night except that portion above the old fence line as posted, which is closed to trespass from February 15 through August 15 due to waterfowl nesting. Limit is 10 largemouth bass and 10 black bullhead.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 - Fishing should only be fair this year for largemouth bass, bluegill and bullhead. Water levels are predicted to be normal. Aquatic weed growth increases in the summer, making shore fishing difficult. A boat or float tube remedies the problem.

Boating Regulations - A vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour. All vessels and floating devices are prohibited during the waterfowl season.



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Access - From Las Vegas, travel 21 miles east on I-15 to US 93, then north 83 miles to the junction with SR 318. Travel north on SR 318 for 5 miles to the south end of Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area. Nesbitt Lake is located just east of SR 318 and visible from the highway. Access is via a dirt road through a locked gate that must remain closed at all times. The reservoir is 1 mile north of the Hiko Post Office and 109 miles north of Las Vegas.