

April  
2024

# Big Woods Springs

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Lake Habitat and Fishing Improvement Update



# Trophy Bass Fishery

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Keys to growing and CATCHING Trophy Bass and having a healthy fishery

- 1. Lake Habitat
- 2. Genetics and Stocking Program
- 3. Baitfish Feeding Program
- 4. Electroshock Surveys
- 5. Selective Harvest
- 6. Water Quality Testing, Fertilization, Aquatic Vegetation

# Lake Habitat

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Lake is pretty healthy, based on the vegetation and color, but it was made a LONG time ago. Over time areas have become silted in and there is a not a lot of diversity

- Structure
  - Bottom contour, depth, channels, topography and different bottom types (clay, rock, sand, etc.)
- Cover
  - Vegetation – submergent, emergent
    - Aquatic plants, lily pads, cat tails, etc.
  - Brush, Rocks, Stumps, docks, artificial manmade cover



# Habitat Progress

Lake was 8 feet low in the summer due to the bridge/spillway work. Some structure changes were made and some artificial cover was added

- Made some bottom changes, channels near my dock
- 3 new docks were added to the lake and some were expanded / renovated
- Artificial cover was introduced in multiple areas included around docks, near HOA areas and spawning areas
- Large pea gravel beds were added to the south shoreline near my dock and the HOA property
- Additional fabric and cover were placed in a few other areas without pea gravel.. Will add gravel over time

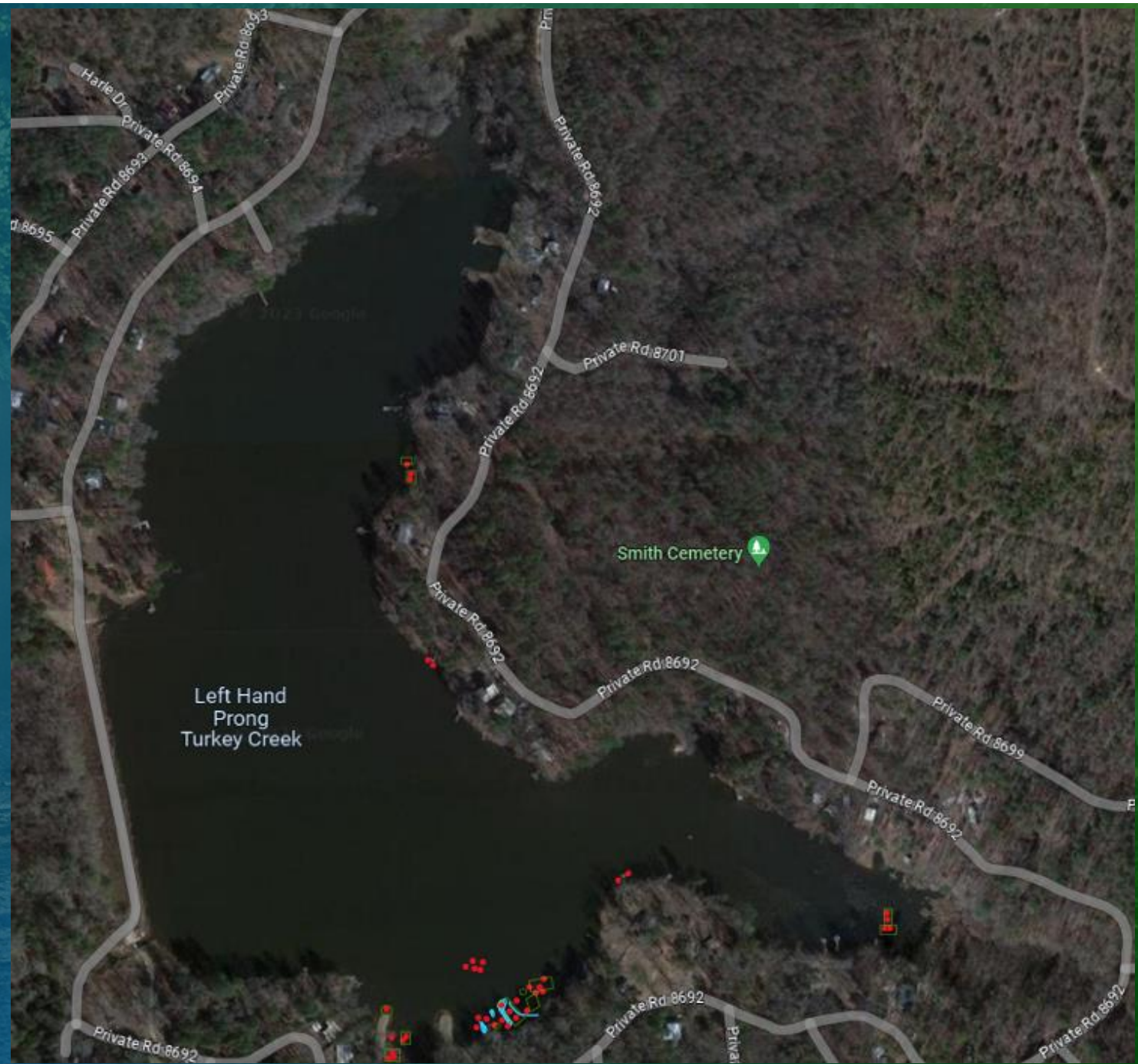
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 Red = Artificial PVC cover

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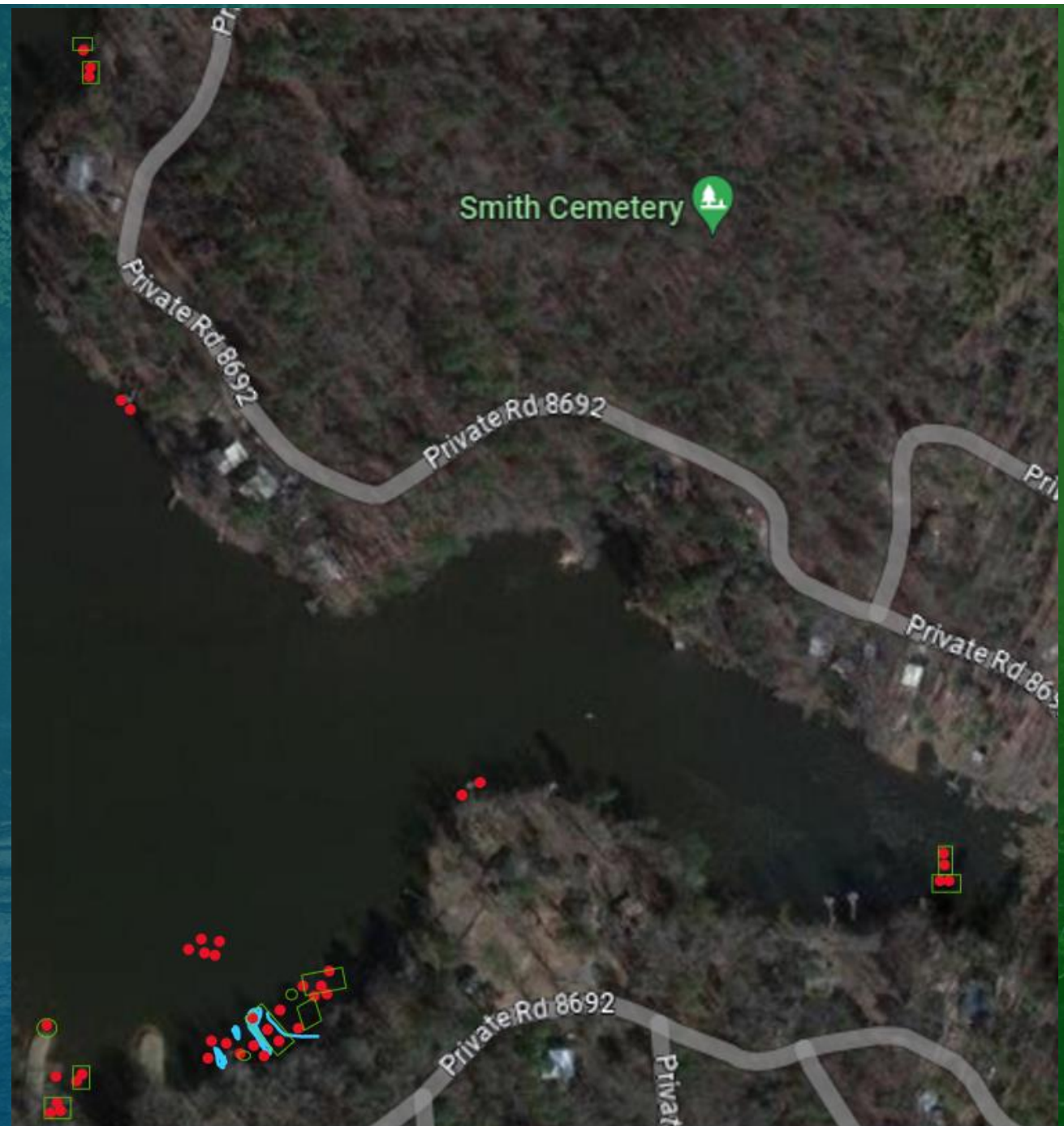
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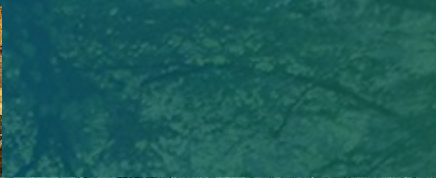
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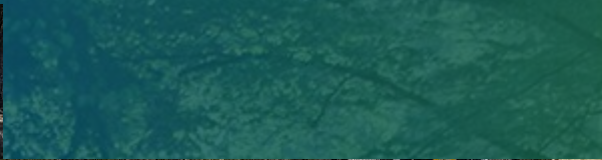
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# Green Lights attract fish!

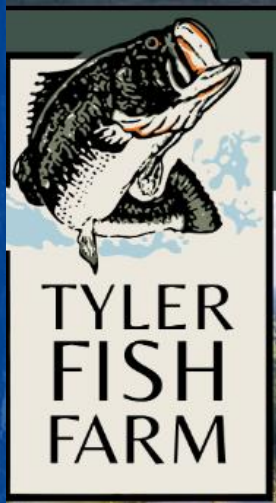


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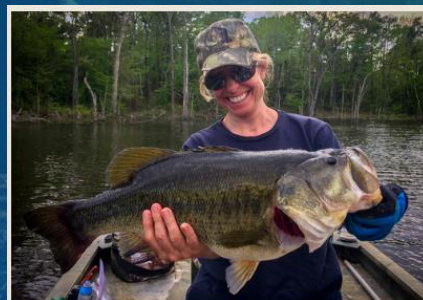
# Genetics and Stocking



14 lb Florida Largemouth caught in February 2020. the lake was stocked with our standard bait and bass package plus threadfin shad.



This 13.8 lb Florida Largemouth was caught in march 2020 along with several others over 10lb. the 15 acre lake was originally stocked with our standard bass and baitfish package. the lake owner fertilizes and adds tilapia and threadfin every year.



Jody Thurmon with her first double- digit bass, A 10 lb 46-month old Florida stocked as a 2" fingerling. This spring 2020, she caught a 7 1/2, 9, and 9 3/4 lb in one hour.

- May and June is THE only time to stock! If we don't get it done, we'll be another year out.
- Certified PURE Florida Largemouth Bass at \$1 each for 1.75 to 2" fish
  - *Recommendation – 100 per acre = 5000 bass = \$5000*
- Cold Water tolerant threadfin shad 2 to 3 inch
  - *Recommendation – 250 per acre, 10,000 minimum order = \$2500*
- \$7500 is the magic number  
Donations?

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# Blue Gill Feeders

Key to growing big, healthy bass is feeding their prey high protein and doing it consistently

- Need volunteers
- Will cost a little money, pitch in with next door neighbors?
- Will make your dock a fish haven!
  - Have seen where bass eat at the same time as they get excited when the blue gill start feeding
- Min. recommendation is 1 Feeder for every 10 acres = 5
- DO NOT use cheap fish food or catfish food, it's a waste of time/money
  - Use Cargill Triton or Purina Aquamax
  - \$50 - \$70 for a 50 pound bag
  - 50 Pounds lasts about 1 month

# Electrofishing Survey - \$2500

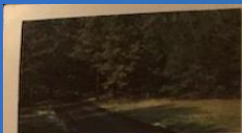




**Big Woods Springs**  
IN THE HEART OF THE BIG WOODS

OVER 150 **Lake-Front** LOTS  
A Private Fishing and Hunting Resort

**WE INVITE YOU TO VISIT AND COMPARE**  
Only 12 Minutes East of Quitman on FM 2088



**BIG WOODS SPRINGS** is an excitingly new lake resort carved from the Big Woods of eastern Wood County in the heart of East Texas. Its two beautiful lakes are located on spring-fed Turkey Creek in a deeply wooded valley below East Point Lookout. The site has been designated an "outstanding scenic place" by the Wintersboro Autumn Trails Association and its adjacent roadway, F.M. 2088, is one of the highways selected for the Texas Forest Trails.

For over two years we have been transforming this beautiful site into an even more attractive lake and recreational area. And now **BIG WOODS SPRINGS** is ripe for your enjoyment. The lake is still young and the fishing is just reaching its peak. As a direct result of **BIG WOODS SPRINGS'** fishing reputation it was recently featured on the half-hour TV show *Fishes' World*, Channel 39 from Dallas. We have a new club-house overlooking sandy beaches, cool and clear spring water, a beautifully wooded shoreline, and several large piers for your swimming and fishing enjoyment. Also our new campground offers beautiful camping spots on the lake complete with restrooms, individual electrical outlets, dump stations, and drinking water tapped from our 900 ft. well. You will appreciate the relaxing atmosphere of our new clubhouse with its vaulted ceiling, mammoth fireplace, and 22 ft. long raised hearth. And we require only enough restrictions to protect your investment and to conserve the area's natural beauty for your continued enjoyment. All property owners are encouraged to camp on their lots and begin enjoying immediately the recreational opportunities available at **BIG WOODS SPRINGS**.

A new black-top road meanders for three miles around the two lakes - - - wonderful for driving, bicycling, and hiking. Connecting green-ways provide endless pathways for roaming through the beautiful, deer-inhabited forests. And for hunters there is ample space to pursue deer, quail, squirrels, and numerous small game through their natural surroundings. How long has it been since you have taken the opportunity to stroll in solitude among tall, straight, white oaks, accented with stately pines, and to listen to the melody of rushing spring water? Why wait? **BIG WOODS SPRINGS** is the natural setting that you and your family will want to enjoy for many years to come.

All of our beautiful lots are heavily wooded with tall pines, gum, dogwood, white oak and many other native species. We have over 150 lake-front lots overlooking the water in addition to many small-acreage tracts for those families preferring a more spacious location while enjoying the lake and its surrounding recreational facilities. We also offer lots - designed with the camper in mind - far as low as \$1195 on which you can park your travel trailer permanently. And all lots are complete with a free connection to our new water system.

We invite you to take a drive through **BIG WOODS SPRINGS** to compare its beauty with all other similar resorts in the area. Bring the family and camp, fish, or just picnic; there will be no high-pressure selling. We rely only on its natural beauty to convince you that **BIG WOODS SPRINGS** is right for your family. Having acquired the land before prices inflated we can offer beautiful lots at prices far below similar developments. Come by and see us! **BIG WOODS SPRINGS** has the lot for you!

We have excellent camping facilities with water, electricity, dump station, restrooms, show you the property. Camp free up to 3 days. Fish, hike and enjoy our lodge and all other facilities.

# THANK YOU

## and please consider a donation to stock our beautiful lake!

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**Big Woods Springs**  
A Private Lake Resort

VISITORS WELCOME TO TAKE THE 3 MILE SCENIC DRIVE AROUND THE LAKE AND IF THEY WISH TO STOP AT CLUB HOUSE FOR INFORMATION

- Constant level spring fed lakes
- Main Lake 100 acres, second lake 20 acres
- No water skiing
- Beautiful lake front and lake view lots
- Area for mobile homes on lake shore
- Special size lots for campers as low as \$1195
- Owner financed, 15% down, 7 years, 7 1/2% simple interest
- Swimming area, hiking and bicycle trails
- Reasonable building restrictions - No time limit on building
- Excellent fishing (Big Woods Springs was featured on fishing world program shown weekly on Channel 39, Dallas)
- Lot prices include connection to water system
- Completely private for lot owners and their guests

• Club house with recreation center




**BIG BASS, CHANNEL CATFISH, AND FIGHTING BRIM UP TO 3 LBS. ARE USUAL CATCHES AT BIG WOODS SPRINGS.**



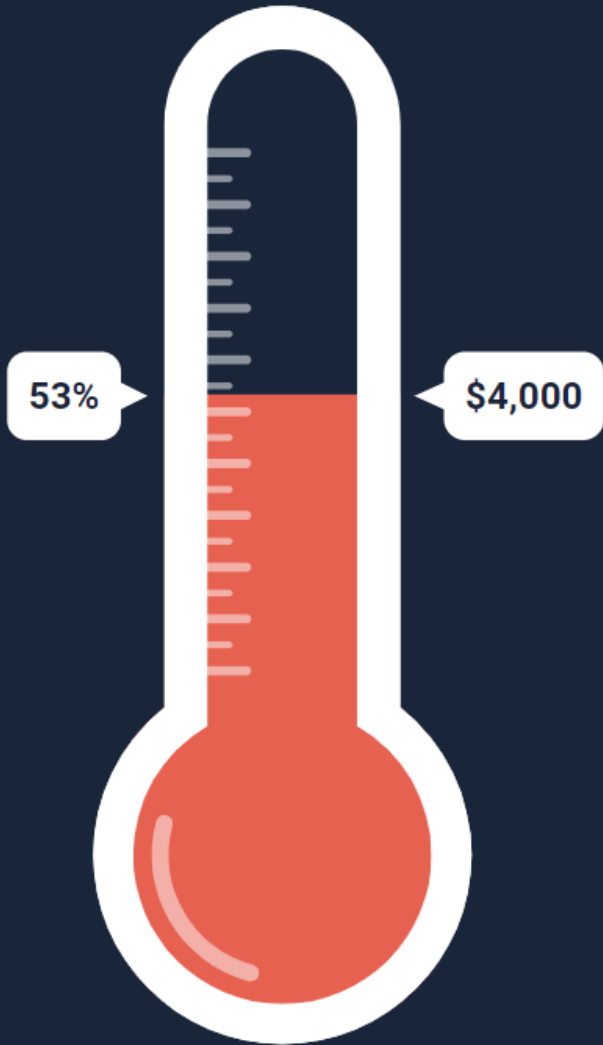
**LESS THAN 2 HOURS FROM DALLAS** . . . Take U.S. 80 east to Mineola . . . north on SH 37 to Quitman . . . East on FM 2088 - 12 miles to **BIG WOODS SPRINGS**

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**GOAL: \$7,500**



List of Donors So Far:

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Bob and Holly Lauck

Chris and Diana Clark

Chris and Linda Hodgkins

Dennis and Ruth Plank

Austin and Erin Gaddy

Thank you!!

- May 2024
- 5000 Certified PURE Florida Largemouth Bass
- 10,000 Cold Water tolerant threadfin shad

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