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Mr. Bobby Baker  
Director of Public Works  
City of Lynn Haven  
1308 Illinois avenue  
Lynn Haven, FL 32444

Dear Mr. Baker,

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management (DFFM), Northwest Region, recommend and request the City of Lynn Haven conduct a winter drawdown of Davis Lake. The drawdown should consist of releasing as much water from the lake as possible through the water control structure valve.

The duration of the drawdown should last through the winter months of November, December, January and February. DFFM recommends the starting and ending days of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and closing the water control structure valve February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The purpose of the drawdown would be to consolidate and compact organic sediments by desiccation allowing oxidation of these sediments to occur which will reduce nutrients. Further, a winter drawdown will aid in the control of aquatic plant communities. Water level fluctuation is potentially the most effective management tool for small impoundments.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation and request.

Sincerely,

**Christopher J. Paxton**  
Regional Fisheries Administrator  
FWC-Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management