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Boat Ramp Extended at Kowaliga Bridge on Lake Martin

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division (WFF) has completed the first of three planned boat ramp extensions on Lake Martin to allow boating access during drought conditions. The western ramp at the Kowaliga Bridge facility on state Highway 63 in Elmore County opened Thursday, Oct. 25 and was extended 35 feet to allow boaters to access the lake during drought conditions. The depth at the toe of the ramp is now 472 feet mean sea level (MSL), which will allow boating access with lake levels as low as five feet below normal winter pool.

Efforts to extend the boat ramp at Pace's Point on Tallapoosa County Road 34 began today, providing an access point for boaters on the eastern side of the reservoir. After completing the Pace's Point extension, the second boat ramp at Kowaliga Bridge will be extended.



Boaters should continue to use caution when operating vessels on Lake Martin. There are numerous shallow water areas that have become hazardous due to low water. Current lake levels at Lake Martin can be obtained by calling 1-800-LAKES11 or by accessing the Alabama Power Web site at http://www.alabamapower.com/lakes/iframe_lakelevel.asp.

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