

Table 1. Typical stocking recommendations for (A) new or renovated ponds without an existing fishery and (B) supplemental stocking to ponds with existing fisheries (Lynch 2002).

A. New or renovated ponds	Number to stock per acre			
Stocking strategy	Bass	Bluegill	Redear	Catfish
Largemouth Bass-Bluegill Sunfish	100	500		
Largemouth Bass-Bluegill-Channel Catfish	100	500		100
Largemouth Bass-Redear Sunfish	100		500	
Largemouth Bass-Bluegill and Redear Sunfishes	100	350	150	
Largemouth Bass-Bluegill-Redear-Catfish	100	350	150	100
Recommended size:	3–5 in.	2–3 in.	2–3 in.	3–5 in.

B. Supplemental stocking	Number to stock per acre			
Stocking strategy	Bass	Bluegill	Redear	Catfish
Largemouth Bass-Bluegill Sunfish	50	250		
Largemouth Bass-Bluegill-Channel Catfish	50	250		50
Largemouth Bass-Redear Sunfish	50		250	
Largemouth Bass-Bluegill and Redear Sunfishes	50	175	75	
Largemouth Bass-Bluegill-Redear-Catfish	50	175	75	50
Recommended size:	6–8 in.	3–5 in.	3–5 in.	6–8 in.

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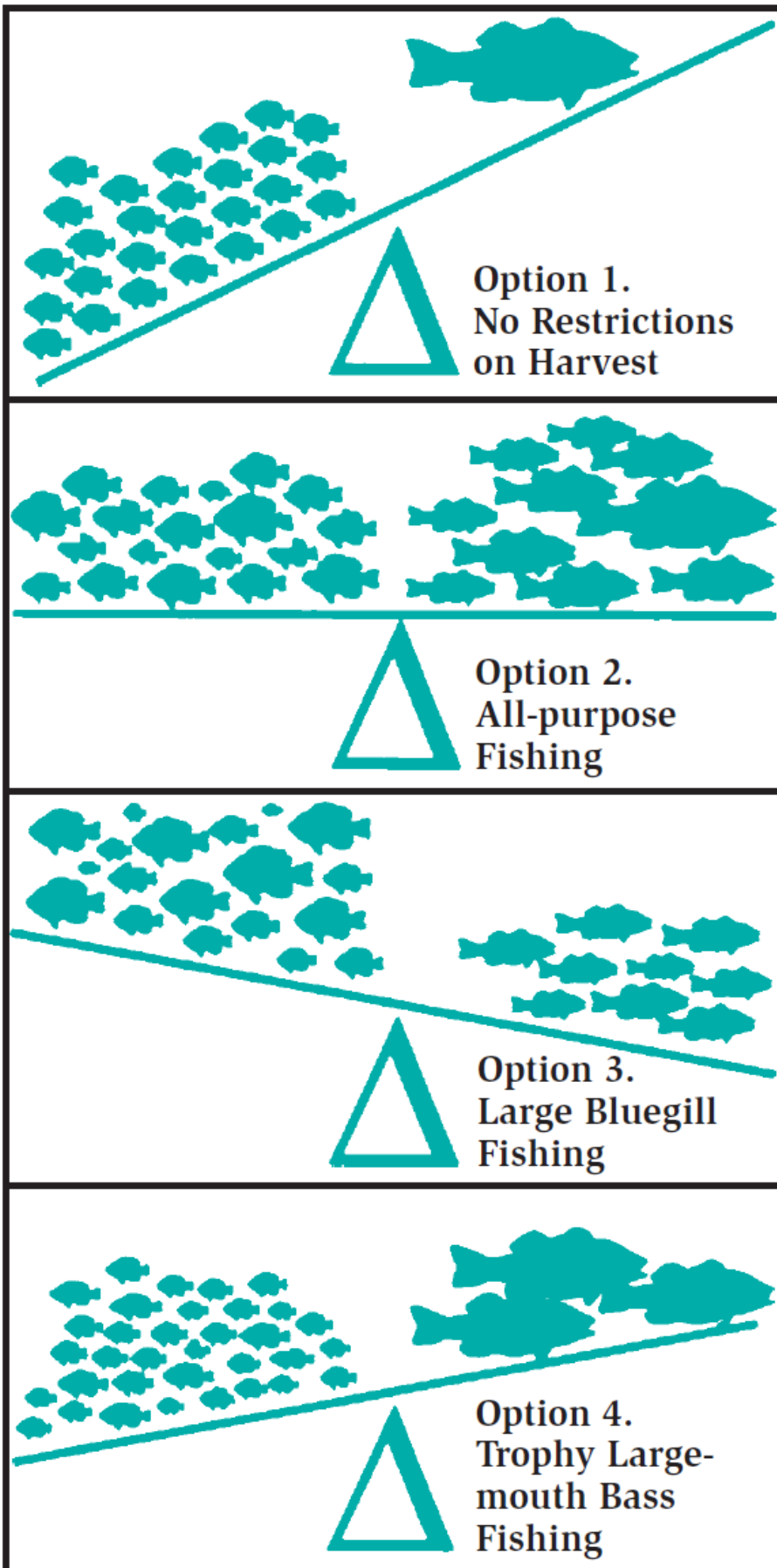


Figure 1. Typical management strategies for pond fisheries (Austin et al. 1996). 1. Managing without restrictions, the “do-nothing” strategy, is risky and not recommended if quality fisheries are important to your pond-management goals. 2. “Balanced” or “all-purpose fishing” is surprisingly fleeting and often trickier to manage over time than the following two strategies. 3. The “large-Bluegill” strategy tends to find plenty of willing biters available and is thus a good option for children and families. 4. The “trophy-bass fishing” option tends to produce relatively few (but large) catchable fish and so isn’t necessarily good for children, but may be the best approach (or only one tolerated by some) for experienced connoisseurs of the sport.