**Fish Habitat Project**

**Bear Lake Preservation Association**

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**Here is a short summary of what the tree drop project would entail.**

**In cooperation with the Bear Lake Preservation Association and interested citizens the Department of Natural Resources would place large trees in 10-15 locations around Bear Lake in order to improve habitat for fish populations.  Clusters of 2-5 whole large (>12 inch diameter) trees with crown attached would be utilized for each location.  The trees would be placed in depths of water from 10-20 feet.  All trees would be placed in depths where the top of the tree would be no closer than 7 feet from the surface of the water to eliminate any navigation hazard.  Freshly cut trees will be used for the project and all will be anchored with wood boxes filled with natural field stone.  Trees would be cut and moved to the lake during winter ice conditions.  Attached is a tentative map outlining potential locations.**



