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More Paddlefish Stocked At Texas Lake

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2,000 paddlefish will be released into Caddo Lake after apparent success with initial restocking of the rare creatures.

State and federal wildlife agencies joined conservation groups for Tuesday's release.

In March about 50 paddlefish implanted with radio transmitters were released into Caddo Lake and the Big Cypress Bayou.

Officials with the Nature Conservancy say early data indicate those fish are doing remarkably well.

The paddlefish experiment is part of a larger five-year project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to change how water is released from Lake O' the Pines Dam.

The releases are meant to mimic the watershed's natural flows, along with flood control.

Observers hope that paddlefish, on the Texas list of threatened marine life, will once again flourish.