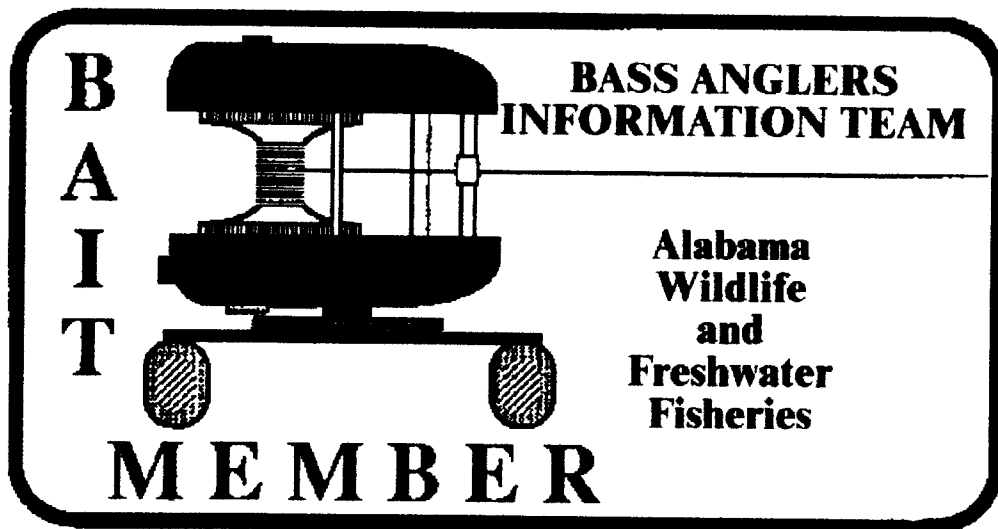


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INTRODUCTION

The printing of the 1999 B.A.I.T. annual report marks the fourteenth year of the B.A.I.T. program. The objective of the program since its inception has been to gather information on bass populations by combining the efforts of bass club members and state fisheries scientists. The B.A.I.T. program summarizes catch data already being collected by participating clubs on reservoir bass populations. These results are used by state fisheries scientists in combination with data from other sources as a basis for fisheries management decisions. Bass anglers use the report to establish future tournament sites or to locate a reservoir that provides a particular type of fishing action.

Through 1999, we have summarized 6,425 tournament reports. B.A.I.T. team anglers have spent 1,574,377 hours collecting data for this program. They have contributed data from 360,574 bass that weighed 609,407 pounds.

METHODS

Every year we attempt to maintain the support of the previous year's clubs and to enlist the support of new clubs through public meetings, news releases and letters. Participating club officers or tournament directors are sent the previous year's annual report, with tournament report postcards to be completed following each tournament. Clubs are assigned individual numbers to insure confidentiality. As tournament cards are received, they are checked for accuracy and entered into a computer database. Club officers are contacted when data are suspected to be erroneous. We compile and analyze the data following receipt of December tournament reports. Statewide tournament results are sorted by reservoir and by club.

To rank reservoirs, five "fishing quality" indicators were used: percent of successful anglers (percent of anglers with one or more bass at weigh-in), bass average weight, number of bass per angler-day, pounds of bass per angler-day, and hours required to catch a bass five pounds or larger. Since the length of a fishing day varies between

tournaments, an angler-day is defined as 10 hours of fishing effort. A minimum of five tournaments for an individual reservoir is considered necessary for minimum confidence in each reservoir dataset. Reservoirs with five or more tournament reports are ranked for each of the quality indicators. Values are assigned to each rank and an overall rank is determined for each reservoir by summing the values of the five quality indicators. This ranking system is intended to be a quick reference for club tournament site selection. It does not constitute a "best and worst" list of Alabama reservoirs and should not be interpreted that way.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Bass clubs submitted 638 tournament reports during 1999, a large increase from last year's 560 reports. Club representatives did an excellent job filling out the cards and few reports were rejected due to incomplete or erroneous information. Fifty-three clubs or tournament organizations provided data in 1999. Two hundred and fifty-one reports from Alabama waters were received from Dr. Carl Quertermus of the University of West Georgia, who summarizes tournament data from the Georgia B.A.S.S. Federation and 24 reports from the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency that Tennessee clubs provided from Alabama reservoirs. Without their support, several Alabama reservoirs would not have been well represented in the quality indicator rankings (Table 2). Once again we must stress that reports from more locations increase the capability of the summaries to reflect actual fish population conditions and not just a good or poor day's fishing by one or two clubs.

In 1999, tournament reports were received for 31 bodies of water that were fished 128,094 hours. B.A.I.T. anglers caught 26,242 bass (12 inches and larger) that weighed 42,575.61 pounds (Table 1). A total of 153 bass five pounds and larger were reported for an overall catch rate of one bass 5 pounds or larger for every 837 hours of fishing. The number of bass over 8.0 pounds decreased from 17 in 1997 to 8 in 1998 and to 6 in 1999 (Table 5). The largest bass weighed 9.5 pounds and was caught in Harris Reservoir.

Guntersville Reservoir has again produced more bass (32) 5 pounds and larger than any other reservoir.

Statewide catch rates in 1999 for number and pounds of fish per angler-day slightly increased (Figure 1). The imposition of size limits in the 1990s explains some of the variability in angling success between the 1980s and 1990s. The 1999 catch of 2.05 fish per angler-day is an improvement over 1.82 fish per angler day in 1998. Thirteen lakes improved in overall fishing success, eight lakes recorded declines and eight lakes remained about the same (Appendix A).

Of the 53 clubs or tournament organizations that submitted data during 1999, 39 submitted five or more tournament reports. Twenty clubs submitted 10 or more reports. Only five contributors submitted one report as compared to 10 contributors last year. All club representatives should understand that every tournament report is important if this program is to continue to be successful. A list of clubs contributing tournament results for the 1999 B.A.I.T. report is presented in Table 4.

More tournament reports were received from Logan Martin Reservoir (60) than from any other location. Weiss (56) was second and Guntersville and West Point (53) tied for third. Eufaula, Harding, Harris, Jordan, Lay, Martin, Mobile Delta, Neely Henry, Pickwick and Wheeler each had 20 or more tournament reports (Table 1). A total of fourteen lakes were represented by 20 or more reports in 1999. A good distribution of reports provides more representative catch statistics from which meaningful summaries can be prepared.

Of the 31 reservoirs from which reports were received, 21 had five or more tournament reports (Table 1). The following comments deal with these 21 reservoirs which are ranked by quality indicators in Table 2. The percent of successful anglers (those with one or more fish) ranged from 51 at Lewis Smith to 84 at Martin. The average weight of bass caught ranged from 1.02 pounds at Harris (13-16 inch slot limit) to 2.47 pounds at Guntersville (15-inch size limit, Table 1). Catch rates expressed as bass per angler-day ranged from 0.78 at Wilson to 2.91 at Martin. Catch rates as pounds per

angler-day ranged from 1.46 at Smith to 5.57 at Jordan. The statewide average weight for all 31 reservoirs was 1.62 pounds.

Overall, Jordan Reservoir accumulated more quality-indicator points (90) than any other reservoir in Alabama, replacing Weiss from last year. Lay (86) placed second and Jones Bluff (79) came in third. Readers should note that the primary intent of Table 2 was not to determine the overall "best" reservoir, but to characterize the fishery of each reservoir. An angler should first review the quality indicator that is most important to them. The overall rating would be used to narrow choices. For example, if an angler felt that angling success was the most important indicator, then Martin would be the first choice, however, Mitchell which is second has a better overall ranking and should provide high success combined with other higher ranked qualities.

Bass data as expressed in the B.A.I.T. report from reservoirs with harvest restrictions or length limits will be biased since the data is a function of the restrictions. Length limits are imposed to increase the number of fish below a minimum length or within a specified length range (slot limit) which should eventually result in a stable supply of bass above the limit. Because all minimum lengths and length ranges will be above the 12-inch limit fished in most tournaments, the restrictions will reduce the total harvest in numbers and possibly pounds. However, those fish weighed in will be larger (longer) by virtue of the minimum length or slot limit when the restriction has become fully functional within the bass community. In the B.A.I.T. report, length limit lakes should rank high for average weight and near the bottom for percent success and bass per angler-day. For instance, bass per angler-day averaged 2.05 statewide but Wilson and Eufaula were low with 0.78 and 0.86, respectively. Statewide average weight in 1999 was 1.62 pounds for all 31 reservoirs but at Wilson, Guntersville, and Eufaula average weight was over 2.0 pounds. These average weights were higher only because the fish weighed in are larger due to the imposed length limits.

Length limits remained in effect during 1999 on Eufaula and West Point (16-inch minimum on largemouth bass), Wilson and Guntersville (15-inch minimum on black bass),

Demopolis (14-inch minimum on black bass), Pickwick (14-inch minimum on smallmouth bass), and Harris and Smith (13 to 16-inch slot on black bass). Quality indicators from Demopolis and Wilson's bass harvest indicated that the minimum length limits at this time have not resulted in a significant positive trend. Additional sampling and more B.A.I.T. information will be needed to determine if the length limits at these reservoirs will be effective. Guntersville does appear to be reflecting a positive response in the bass population from implementation of a length limit. Fishing as measured by the quality indicators at West Point and Eufaula continued to reveal a declining condition, which is also indicated by standardized sampling data. Georgia and Alabama biologists have discussed various management options and will evaluate possible changes. Lewis Smith's bass population has improved from earlier years. It is very important that anglers continue to harvest largemouth and spotted bass under 13 inches. Efforts to remove bass under 13 inches at Harris Reservoir are not progressing very quickly. Harris anglers are beginning to make an impact on the bass population but quality indicators remain low in pounds per angler-day and average weight per angler-day. These indicators should improve as the slot limit takes full effect. Pickwick Reservoir's smallmouth bass fishing is among the best in the nation.

A disturbing fact has been discovered through analysis of the B.A.I.T. data. There has been in 1998 and 1999 a large decrease in catch of bass over five pounds from reservoirs throughout the State. The average number of hours to catch a five-pound or larger bass has changed from 265 in 1996 to 291 in 1997 to 594 in 1998 to 837 in 1999. This trend is occurring regardless of the river system, reservoir size, reservoir location, or type of management. A similar trend has been seen in Tennessee and Georgia. Therefore, this phenomenon is at least regional in scope. What has happen to cause such a response from bass populations is unknown at this time. All fish populations cycle to some degree. Most reservoirs have good bass spawning every year. The strength of a year-class of bass is determined not by the spawn but by the condition or state of health of bass as winter approaches. Bass fingerlings in poor condition or with low body fat experience high mortality and many do not survive their first winter. This dynamic process drives bass cycles up and down and directly affects the number of quality size bass available in four to

five years. Our sampling data does not indicate a statewide failure of bass year-classes in the nineties. Also, B.A.I.T. data does not support that a problem has occurred with bass below age 3. This is indicated by the high rate (71.43%) of angling success in 1999, as there has been every year. So we can eliminate early recruitment years as the problem. This would mean that the problem or mortality is occurring at a later time such as at three or four pounds. Mortality is divided into angling and natural components. To suggest that harvest or delayed angling mortality has for some reason increased greatly in the last two years does not seem to make sense. We do know that angling pressure is increasing so angling mortality can not be completely dismissed at this time. Could it be natural mortality? Natural mortality can be contributed to predation, old age, parasites, diseases, pollution and environmental conditions. The only problem that has been identified regionally in the last few years is the largemouth bass virus (LMBV). Not much is known about this virus, however, it has been found in bass populations throughout the southeast and has been attributed to bass kills in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas and Louisiana. Adult bass two pounds and larger seem to be the most susceptible. Regardless of the cause, the trend is disturbing and we are conducting research to examine this situation. Please report any unusual bass die-offs to your district fisheries office.

Graphs in Appendix A provide you with a historical record of how your favorite waters have performed in the B.A.I.T. program since 1986. A few words of caution, these graphs are not restricted to bodies of water with five or more tournaments. Data points for some years may be represented by only one tournament or are completely absent in some cases. However, those situations are restricted to those water bodies that generally have not been included in the quality indicator rankings in Table 2. Secondly, when comparing water bodies, be aware that the scale on the vertical axes have maximum ranges that vary. You can use these graphs to predict 1999 fishing by looking for trends. Good luck in 2000 and don't forget to take a kid fishing. They are our future anglers and stewards of Alabama's resources.

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Table 1. Statewide summary of tournaments for bass clubs participating in the 1999 B.A.I.T. Program.

Reservoir	Tourn. Number		Bass Anglers		Bass Success		Bass Number		Bass Weight		Bass > 5LB		Total Hours		Percent Success		Average Weight		Bass per Angler-day		Pounds per Angler-day		Hours per Bass > 5LB	
Aliceville	3	97	77	257	573.4	9	881	79.38	2.23	2.92	6.51	98												
Bankhead	3	84	73	238	359.4	0	830	86.90	1.51	2.87	4.33													
Bear Creek	2	24	18	38	65.3	0	201	75.00	1.72	1.89	3.25													
Cedar Creek	2	34	24	61	65.5	0	280	70.59	1.07	2.18	2.34													
Coffeerville	4	83	40	184	251.2	0	695	48.19	1.37	2.65	3.61													
Demopolis	5	183	105	186	334.3	0	1529	57.38	1.80	1.22	2.19													
Eufaula	34	534	283	532	1298.5	10	6163	53.00	2.44	0.86	2.11	616												
Gainesville	9	285	222	466	774.9	9	2557	77.89	1.66	1.82	3.03	284												
Guntersville	53	1346	900	1859	4595.5	32	13438	66.86	2.47	1.38	3.42	420												
Harding	49	881	711	1931	2651.6	11	7892	80.70	1.37	2.45	3.36	717												
Harris	27	468	279	683	697.6	2	4130	59.62	1.02	1.65	1.69	2065												
Holt	1	9	9	22	30.9	0	81	100.00	1.40	2.72	3.81													
Jones Bluff	11	450	350	978	1622.4	8	3898	77.78	1.66	2.51	4.16	487												
Jordan	20	408	338	1124	2167.3	4	3893	82.84	1.93	2.89	5.57	973												
Lay	24	507	404	1281	2191.6	8	4851	79.68	1.71	2.64	4.52	606												
Little Bear	2	34	27	112	124.5	0	295	79.41	1.11	3.80	4.22													
Logan Martin	60	1245	916	3132	5002.6	8	12048	73.57	1.60	2.60	4.15	1506												
Martin	36	648	547	1862	2273.8	2	6406	84.41	1.22	2.91	3.55	3203												
Millers Ferry	14	369	301	854	1257.9	2	3442	81.57	1.47	2.48	3.66	1721												
Mitchell	16	385	320	1022	1611.0	2	3522	83.12	1.58	2.90	4.57	1761												
Mobile Delta	41	683	512	1447	2206.4	5	6369	74.96	1.52	2.27	3.46	1274												
Neely Henry	41	1024	721	1885	3069.5	8	9378	70.41	1.63	2.01	3.27	1172												
Pickwick	23	754	473	1042	1624.7	4	7124	62.73	1.56	1.46	2.28	1781												
Smith	5	73	37	64	85.1	0	584	50.68	1.33	1.10	1.46													
Tuscaloosa	2	97	74	243	334.9	1	873	76.29	1.38	2.78	3.84	873												
Upper Bear	1	27	14	39	52.4	0	216	51.85	1.34	1.81	2.43													
Warrior	3	115	82	169	309.1	2	1035	71.30	1.83	1.63	2.99	518												
Weiss	56	958	750	2138	3274.0	11	9758	78.29	1.53	2.19	3.36	887												
West Point	53	842	482	874	1485.6	14	7797	57.24	1.70	1.12	1.91	557												
Wheeler	24	583	416	1334	1764.1	1	5547	71.36	1.32	2.40	3.18	5547												
Wilson	14	262	133	185	420.6	0	2385	50.76	2.27	0.78	1.76													
Grand Total	638	13492	9638	26242	42575.61	153	128094	71.43	1.62	2.05	3.32	837												

Table 2. Ranking by quality indicators for all reservoirs with five or more tournament reports in the 1999 B.A.I.T. program.

Rank	Percent Success	Average		Bass per		Pounds per		Hours per		Overall	Value
		Weight	Angler-day	Angler-day	Angler-day	Bass > 5LB	Bass > 5LB				
1	Martin	Guntersville	Martin	Jordan	Jordan	Gainesville	Jordan	Gainesville	Jordan	90	
2	Mitchell	Eufaula	Mitchell	Mitchell	Mitchell	Guntersville	Mitchell	Guntersville	Lay	86	
3	Jordan	Wilson	Jordan	Lay	Lay	Jones Bluff	Lay	Jones Bluff	Jones Bluff	79	
4	Millers Ferry	Jordan	Lay	Jones Bluff	Jones Bluff	West Point	Jones Bluff	West Point	Mitchell	78	
5	Harding	Demopolis	Logan Martin	Logan Martin	Logan Martin	Lay	Logan Martin	Lay	Guntersville	68	
6	Lay	Lay	Jones Bluff	Millers Ferry	Millers Ferry	Eufaula	Millers Ferry	Eufaula	Gainesville	66	
7	Weiss	West Point	Millers Ferry	Martin	Martin	Harding	Martin	Harding	Logan Martin	66	
8	Gainesville	Gainesville	Harding	Mobile Delta	Mobile Delta	Weiss	Mobile Delta	Weiss	Martin	64	
9	Jones Bluff	Jones Bluff	Wheeler	Guntersville	Guntersville	Jordan	Guntersville	Jordan	Millers Ferry	64	
10	Mobile Delta	Neely Henry	Mobile Delta	Harding	Harding	Neely Henry	Harding	Neely Henry	Harding	63	
11	Logan Martin	Logan Martin	Weiss	Weiss	Weiss	Mobile Delta	Weiss	Mobile Delta	Weiss	59	
12	Wheeler	Mitchell	Neely Henry	Neely Henry	Neely Henry	Logan Martin	Neely Henry	Logan Martin	Mobile Delta	56	
13	Neely Henry	Pickwick	Gainesville	Wheeler	Wheeler	Millers Ferry	Wheeler	Millers Ferry	Neely Henry	53	
14	Guntersville	Weiss	Harris	Gainesville	Gainesville	Mitchell	Gainesville	Mitchell	Eufaula	46	
15	Pickwick	Mobile Delta	Pickwick	Pickwick	Pickwick	Mobile Delta	Pickwick	Pickwick	West Point	45	
16	Harris	Millers Ferry	Guntersville	Demopolis	Demopolis	Harris	Demopolis	Harris	Wheeler	39	
17	Demopolis	Harding	Demopolis	Demopolis	Demopolis	Martin	Eufaula	Martin	Pickwick	37	
18	West Point	Smith	West Point	West Point	West Point	Wheeler	West Point	Wheeler	Demopolis	36	
19	Eufaula	Wheeler	Smith	Wilson	Wilson	Demopolis	Wilson	Demopolis	Wilson	27	
20	Wilson	Martin	Eufaula	Harris	Harris	Smith	Harris	Smith	Harris	23	
21	Smith	Harris	Wilson	Smith	Smith	Wilson	Smith	Wilson	Smith	12	

Table 3. Tournament summary for all bass clubs participating in the 1999 B.A.I.T. program.

Club	Tourn. Number	Bass Anglers	Bass Success	Bass Number	Bass Weight	Bass >5LB	Total Hours	Percent Success	Average Weight	Bass per Angler-day	Pounds per Angler-day	Hours per Bass >5LB
1	10	185	140	484	536.8	4	1969	75.68	1.11	2.46	2.73	492
2	5	63	49	155	267.1	2	626	77.78	1.72	2.48	4.27	313
3	10	158	128	330	467.1	1	1402	81.01	1.42	2.35	3.33	1402
4	7	114	84	203	344.9	2	936	73.68	1.70	2.17	3.69	468
5	10	98	73	206	355.7	0	870	74.49	1.73	2.37	4.09	
6	8	197	138	454	674.0	1	1815	70.05	1.48	2.50	3.71	1815
7	14	201	133	369	673.2	4	1681	66.17	1.82	2.20	4.01	420
8	6	77	57	219	350.1	2	687	74.03	1.60	3.19	5.10	343
9	7	107	63	177	309.2	1	913	58.88	1.75	1.94	3.39	913
10	11	239	197	763	1209.9	1	2691	82.43	1.59	2.84	4.50	2691
11	4	1072	669	2045	3755.4	12	9829	62.41	1.84	2.08	3.82	819
12	4	95	54	208	364.7	1	811	56.84	1.75	2.56	4.50	811
13	7	208	156	422	639.2	1	1906	75.00	1.51	2.21	3.35	1906
14	10	197	172	561	884.3	2	1974	87.31	1.58	2.84	4.48	987
15	5	310	246	533	1008.5	11	2790	79.35	1.89	1.91	3.61	254
16	10	261	186	581	1015.8	1	2669	71.26	1.75	2.18	3.81	2669
17	3	99	36	88	148.1	0	792	36.36	1.68	1.11	1.87	
18	7	133	117	269	380.9	0	1246	87.97	1.42	2.16	3.06	
19	6	164	69	200	334.8	0	1514	42.07	1.67	1.32	2.21	
20	11	193	134	328	535.7	4	1506	69.43	1.63	2.18	3.56	377
21	6	96	75	231	360.0	0	990	78.13	1.56	2.33	3.64	
22	11	220	150	241	343.3	0	1716	68.18	1.42	1.40	2.00	
23	3	83	56	150	328.4	2	693	67.47	2.19	2.17	4.74	346
24	1	21	13	30	30.5	0	210	61.90	1.02	1.43	1.45	
25	5	126	103	305	480.7	3	1427	81.75	1.58	2.14	3.37	476
26	13	218	93	184	272.3	1	1672	42.66	1.48	1.10	1.63	1672
27	1	24	15	49	75.3	1	240	62.50	1.54	2.04	3.14	240
28	7	63	39	87	123.9	1	518	61.90	1.42	1.68	2.39	518
29	4	105	71	176	310.2	1	1022	67.62	1.76	1.72	3.04	1022
30	6	187	84	321	388.6	1	1562	44.92	1.21	2.06	2.49	1562
31	1	16	12	34	62.1	1	152	75.00	1.83	2.24	4.09	152
32	12	166	120	285	470.9	1	1714	72.29	1.65	1.66	2.75	1714

Table 3 (cont.). Tournament summary for bass clubs participating in the 1999 B.A.I.T. program.

Club	Tourn. Number	Bass Anglers		Bass Number		Bass Weight		Bass >5LB		Total Hours	Percent Success	Average Weight		Bass per Angler-day		Pounds per Angler-day		Hours per Bass >5LB
		Success	Anglers	Success	Number	Weight	Bass >5LB	Weight	Angler-day			Angler-day	Angler-day	Angler-day				
33	2	44	37	124	132.7	0	352	84.09	1.07	3.52	3.77	332	62.22	1.48	1.33	1.97	332	
34	2	45	28	44	65.3	1	332	62.81	1.79	2.02	3.61	1182	81.25	1.11	3.16	3.50	591	
35	9	121	76	239	427.3	0	3981	77.90	1.63	2.49	4.06	2660	79.64	1.88	2.48	4.66	498	
36	1	16	13	48	53.1	8	2660	56.76	1.49	1.69	2.53	1281	86.84	1.53	2.38	3.63	532	
37	13	457	356	990	1615.8	5	1750	58.20	1.47	1.59	2.35	853	80.91	1.48	2.03	3.01	427	
38	12	275	219	660	1239.6	3	94	90.91	1.48	2.03	3.01	2660	79.64	1.88	2.48	4.66	532	
39	12	148	84	217	323.8	0	94	90.91	1.48	2.03	3.01	1281	56.76	1.49	1.69	2.53	427	
40	5	76	66	203	309.7	1	94	90.91	1.48	2.03	3.01	853	86.84	1.53	2.38	3.63	853	
41	9	189	110	279	410.6	0	1750	58.20	1.47	1.59	2.35	1750	58.20	1.47	1.59	2.35	853	
43	1	11	10	19	28.2	0	94	90.91	1.48	2.03	3.01	94	90.91	1.48	2.03	3.01	726	
44	14	173	120	261	552.3	2	1451	69.36	2.12	1.80	3.81	1451	69.36	2.12	1.80	3.81	726	
45	12	288	233	624	901.3	1	2678	80.90	1.44	2.33	3.37	2678	80.90	1.44	2.33	3.37	2678	
46	4	134	56	195	349.0	0	1125	41.79	1.79	1.73	3.10	1125	41.79	1.79	1.73	3.10	2678	
47	24	1007	794	1545	3424.9	23	9828	78.85	2.22	1.57	3.48	9828	78.85	2.22	1.57	3.48	427	
48	7	107	98	353	452.8	1	1230	91.59	1.28	2.87	3.68	1230	91.59	1.28	2.87	3.68	1230	
49	6	335	284	880	1325.9	3	3183	84.78	1.51	2.77	4.17	3183	84.78	1.51	2.77	4.17	1061	
50	8	138	94	233	352.7	0	1283	68.12	1.51	1.82	2.75	1283	68.12	1.51	1.82	2.75	1061	
51	11	152	111	325	305.7	0	1364	73.03	0.94	2.38	2.24	1364	73.03	0.94	2.38	2.24	1061	
52	10	130	104	306	480.0	0	1210	80.00	1.57	2.53	3.97	1210	80.00	1.57	2.53	3.97	1061	
53	251	4150	3013	8009	12323.2	41	41572	72.60	1.54	1.93	2.96	41572	72.60	1.54	1.93	2.96	1014	

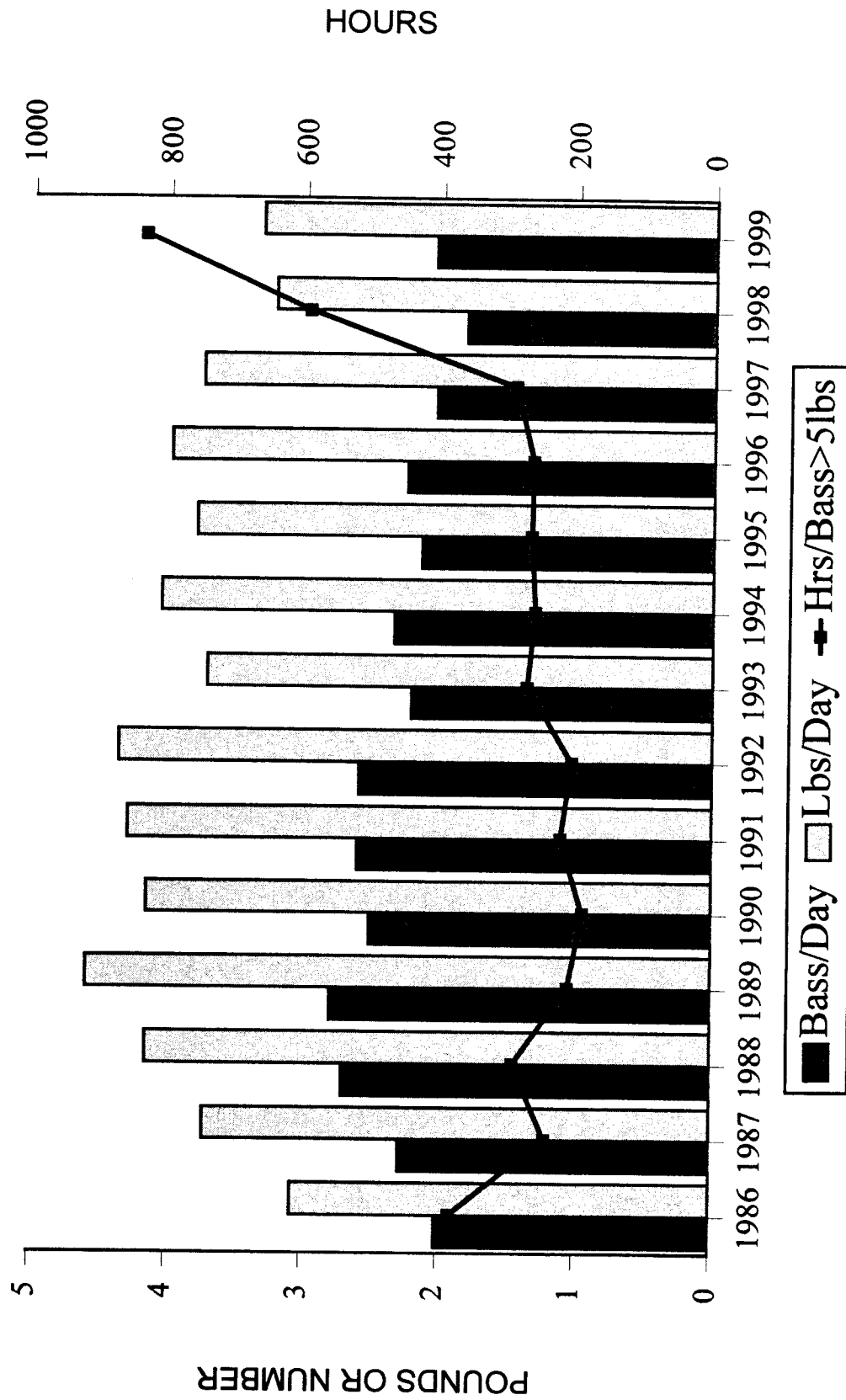
Table 4. Clubs supporting the 1999 B.A.I.T. annual report.

CLUB NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	CLUB REP	PHONE
AIR NATIONAL GUARD BIRMINGHAM	P.O. BOX 10204	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35202	HENRY HAGOOD	205-252-8021
877TH BASSMASTERS	P.O. BOX 1961	HAMILTON	AL	35570	JEFF WHITE	205-921-5636
A & M BASSMASTERS	567 LENOARD STREET RD.	SHUBUTA	MS	39360	FAY GOINES	601-735-1227
ALABAMA BASS FEDERATION	P.O. BOX 190	NOTASULGA	AL	36866	AL REDDING	334-257-1177
ALABAMA ELECTRIC COOP	P.O. BOX 10	LEROY	AL	36548	RANDY GRIMES	334-246-5746
ALEXANDER CITY BASSMASTERS	311 LAKEVIEW CIRCLE	ALEXANDER CITY	AL	35010	HULAN MATTOX	256-234-5231
BALDWIN COUNTY BASSMASTERS	13411 COUNTY ROAD 3	FAIRHOPE	AL	36532	LARRY YOUNG	334-928-1052
BAMA BASS GANG	P.O. BOX 1004	HANCEVILLE	AL	35077	DAWN MITCHELL	256-352-5229
BAMA BASSMASTERS	16150 BEAMS ROAD	NORTHPORT	AL	35475	WALTER KARR	205-339-5727
BIRMINGHAM BASSMASTERS	311 SUNHILL DRIVE N.W.	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35215	GREG PATE	205-583-3357
BIRMINGHAM BASS CLUB	12110 WISHING WELL LANE	McCALLA	AL	35111	DAVID JOHNSTON	205-583-1918
BLACK WARRIOR BASS TRACKERS	5514 SUMMERFIELD DR E	TUSCALOOSA	AL	35404	CHARLIE TIDMORE	205-553-2919
BLACKWATER BASS CASTERS	322 S. MAGNOLIA	LAUREL	MS	39440	VERNON McCREE	601-425-4852
BOEING BASS CLUB	26555 LAMBERT ROAD	ELKMONT	AL	36520	JONATHAN MANTEUFFEL	256-423-8674
BREWTON BASSMASTERS	P.O. BOX 2222	EAST BREWTON	AL	36427	ALLEN COUCH	334-867-9852
CHICKASAGOUE BASSMASTERS	207 CHASE DR	SARALAND	AL	36571	DONALD BUSH	334-679-9046
CHRISTIAN BASSMEN CLUB OF MONTGOMERY	4950 GOVERNMENT BLVD # 44	MOBILE	AL	36693	JIMMY GLENN	334-665-1260
CLAY COUNTY BASS BUSTERS	62 COUNTY ROAD 8021	LINEVILLE	AL	36266	BRIAN BUTTER	256-396-6100
DALLAS COUNTY BASSMASTERS	606 COUNTY ROAD 267	SELMA	AL	36701	BRIAN L. NICHOLS	334-875-4322
DOLPHIN BASS CLUB	3603 VICTORY DRIVE	COLUMBUS	GA	31903	BILL COBB	706-687-1832
DUNCANVILLE BASS CLUB	P.O. BOX 122	DUNCANVILLE	AL	35456	KIRK GARNER	205-758-6067
ETOWAH ANGLERS BASS CLUB	712 CHURCH ROAD	GADSDEN	AL	35904	DAVID STEPHENS	256-346-2798
FAYETTE	250 25TH STREET N.E.	FAYETTE	AL	35555	DANNY BLACKBURN	205-932-3342
FORT MOUNTAIN	109 A MALLORY ST. N.W.	DALTON	GA	30705	M. ARY	706-272-6916
GENEVA COUNTY BASSMASTERS	532 COUNTY ROAD 266	ENTERPRISE	AL	36330	MIKE McDANIEL	334-894-6109
GEORGIA BASS FEDERATION					DR. CARL QUERTERMUS	
GILBERTOWN BASS CLUB	P.O. BOX 183	GILBERTOWN	AL	36908	MIKE THORN	334-843-2668
GOLDENROD BASSMASTERS	P.O. BOX 310069	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35231	RANDOLPH STRICKLAND	205-791-9031
GOODYEAR HUNTING & FISHING	922 E. MEIGHAN BOULEVARD	GADSDEN	AL	35999	ALBERT DAVIS	256-422-7446
HAMILTON BASS MASTERS	P.O. BOX 1201	HAMILTON	AL	35570	JIMMY MILLS	205-921-7764
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HILLCREST BASS CLUB	630 ROXIE AVE	OXFORD	AL	36203	CLYDE ABERNATHY II	256-835-9412
JACKSONVILLE BASSMASTERS	1207 MOUNTAIN ST. NE	JACKSONVILLE	AL	36265	WILLIAM McBRIDE	256-435-3734
KOWALIGA	26 RICHARD ST	TALLASSEE	AL	36078	HANK GOLDEN	334-283-6117
LAKE GUNTERSVILLE BASSMASTERS	2613 SOUTH HURST DRIVE	HUNTSVILLE	AL	35803	GEORGE COLUCCI	256-885-2424
LAY LAKE BASSMASTERS	243 ROCKY ROAD	SYLACAUGA	AL	35151	RUBEN ABERNATHY	256-245-0026
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LIMESTONE LUNKERS	21889 DAVID DR	ELKMONT	AL	35620	GERALD RICKRODE JR	256-233-8943
LOWER ALABAMA HOOKSETTERS	8285 COTTAGE HILL ROAD	MOBILE	AL	36695	JAMES D. MILES	334-633-6228
MASTER'S BASS	6216 BRANDY RUN ROAD NORTH	MOBILE	AL	36678	JAMES MORGAN	334-666-2820
NAHEOLA BASSMASTERS	37 WHITE OAK DRIVE	THOMASVILLE	AL	35763	CHIPPER MATHIS	334-636-5322
NORTH ALABAMA BASS CLUB	111 RUNELL DR	OWENS CROSS ROADS	AL	35763	JEFF McCRACKEN	256-533-9198
NORTH ALABAMA BASS ANGLERS	4103 9TH AVE	HUNTSVILLE	AL	35805	DALE MAJORS	256-730-8321
OUTCASTERS	3002 HILLCREST DR.	SCOTTSBORO	AL	35769	DEON SMITH	256-259-0503
PEMCO BASS CLUB	9 MONTE BELLO LANE	MONTEVALLO	AL	35115	JOHN E. SIPPOLA	205-663-8994
PIPEMILL BASSMASTERS	350 SPRING TRAIL	WARRIOR	AL	35180	BILLY LAWSON	205-647-2871
PLEASANT VALLEY BASS CHASERS	740 RIVER OAKS DRIVE	CROPWELL	AL	35054	JACK WOMACK	205-525-0066
ROANOKE BASS HUNTERS	91 COUNTY ROAD 6911	ROANOKE	AL	36274	DAVID A. BROWN	256-357-2669
SYLACAUGA BASS ANGLERS	ROUTE 3 BOX 63 D	GOODWATER	AL	35072	SCOTT HORN	256-377-4306
TENNESSEE RIVER BASS CLUB	555 LOCUST LANE	TUSCUMBIA	AL	35674	TOMMY DIXON	256-381-6669
TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY					WILLIAM C REEVES	
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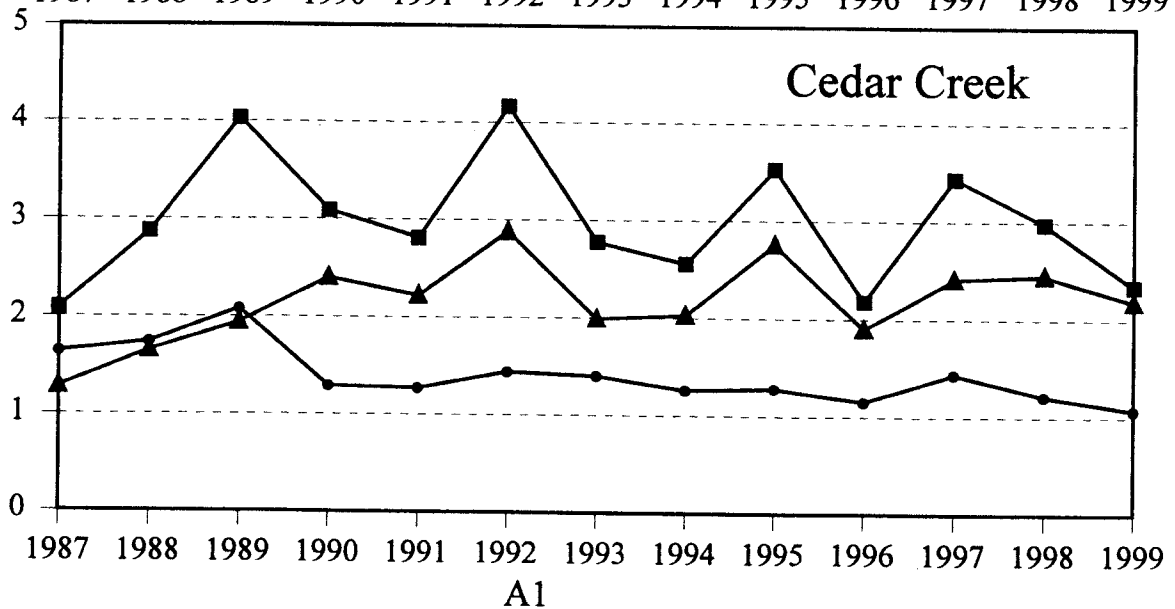
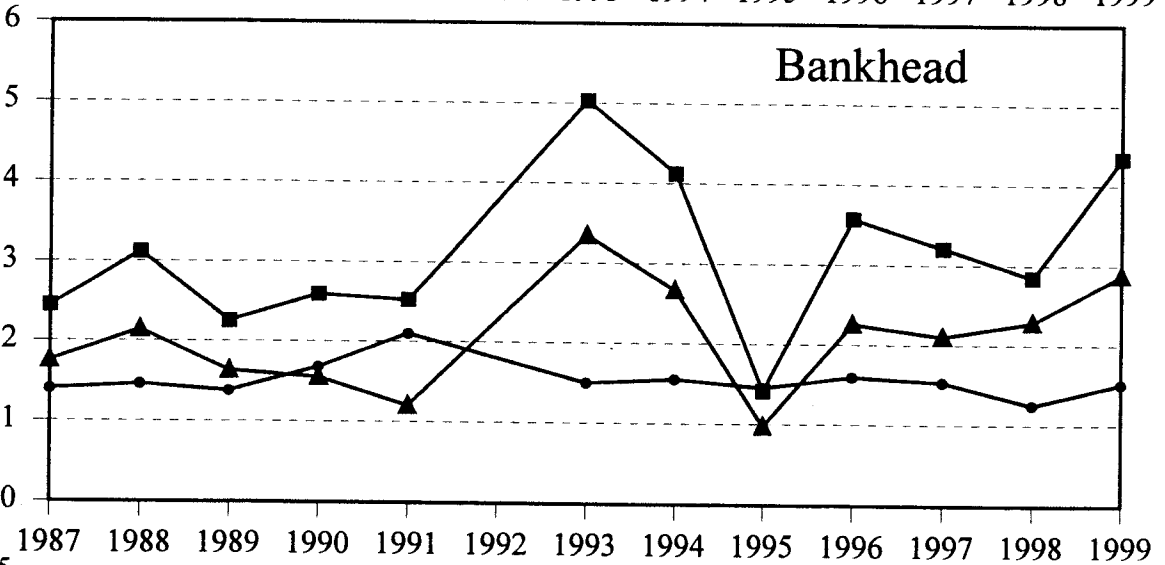
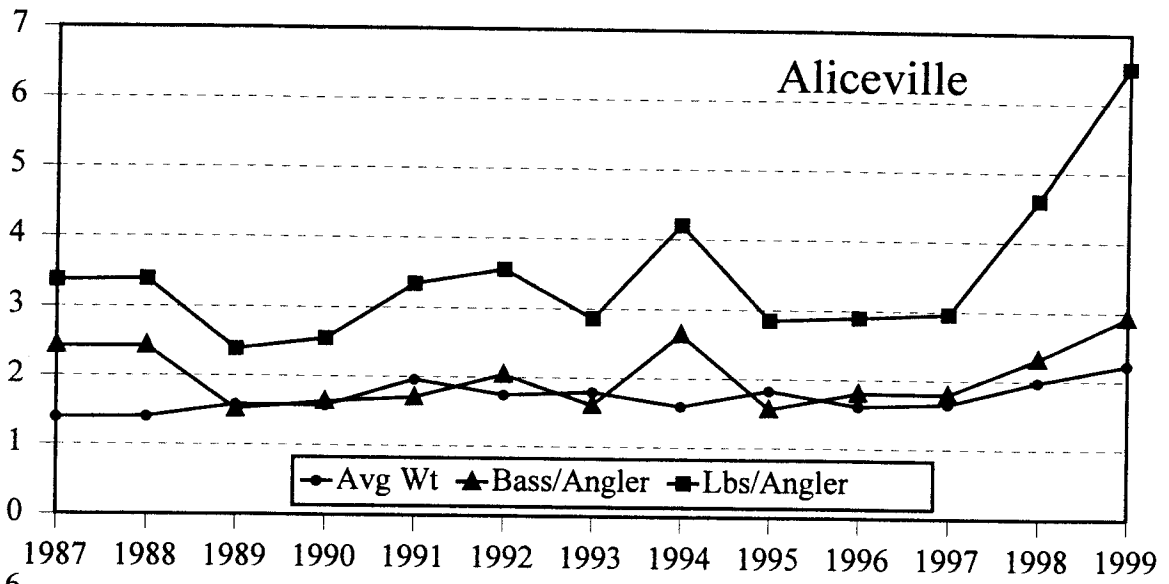
Table 5. Bass eight pounds and larger from 1999 B.A.I.T. tournament reports.

WEIGHT(LBS)	DATE	LOCATION	CLUB
9.50	11-Apr	Harris	Clay County Bass Busters
9.19	13-Mar	Guntersville	Hawg Masters
9.13	7-Mar	Martin	Georgia Bass Federation
8.38	13-Feb	Harding	Georgia Bass Federation
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8.00	20-Mar	Aliceville	Black Warrior Bass Trackers

Figure 1. Annual catch for B.A.I.T. tournaments

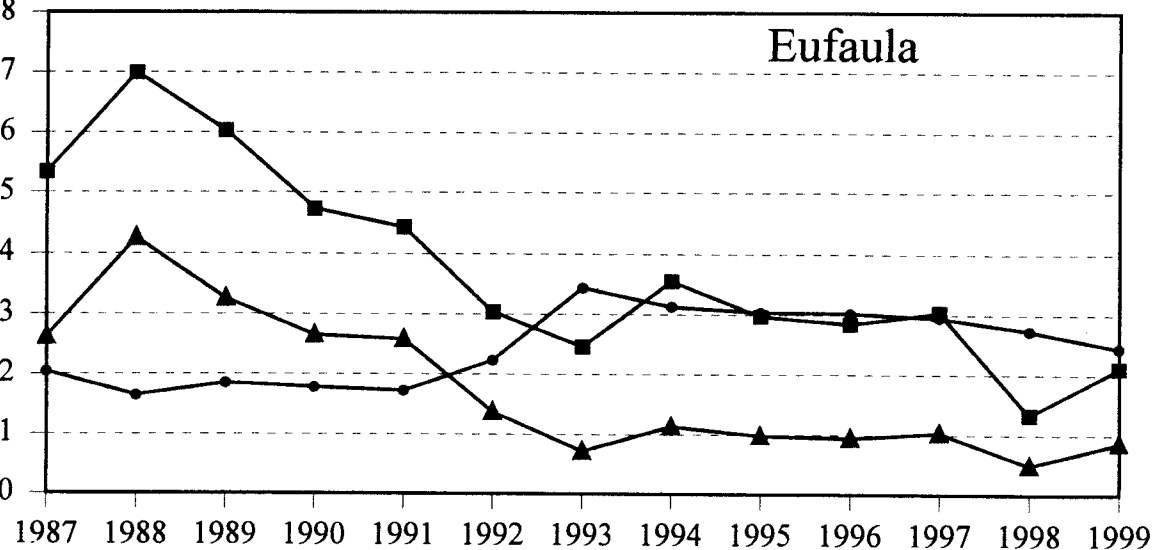
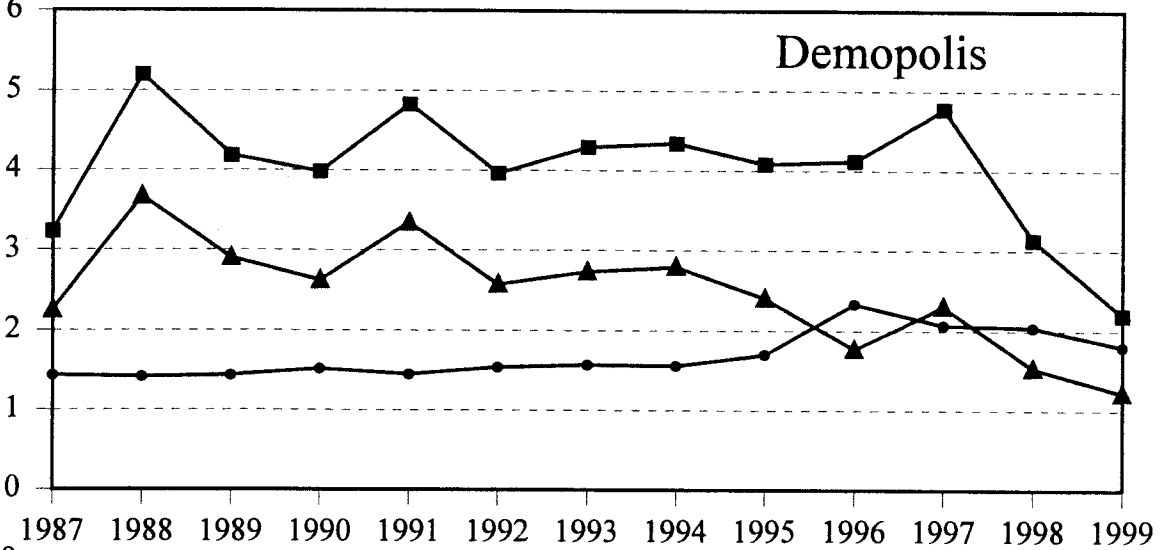
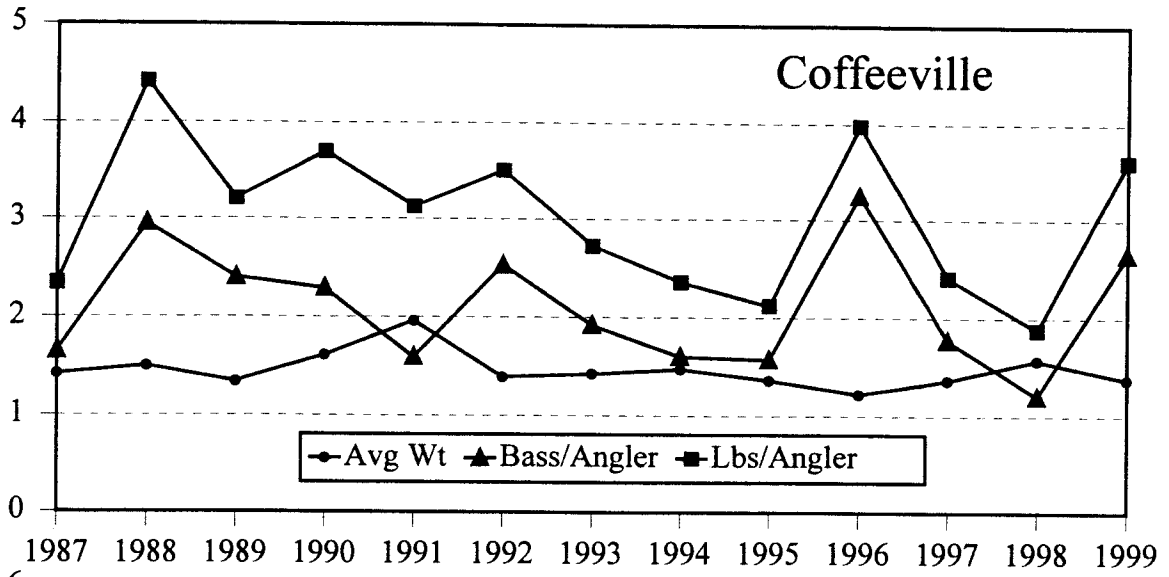


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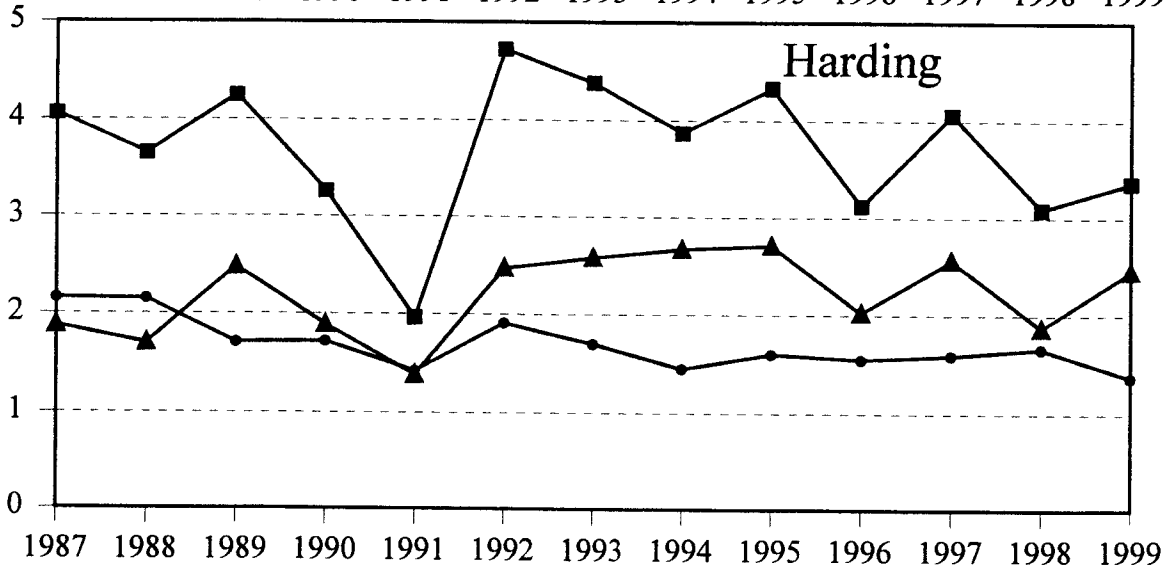
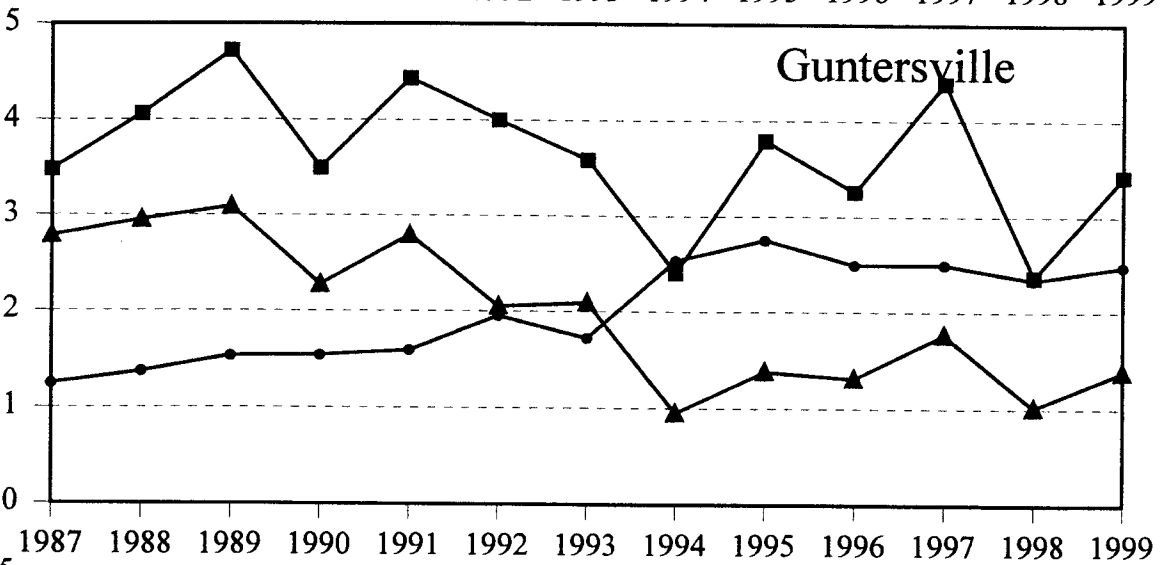
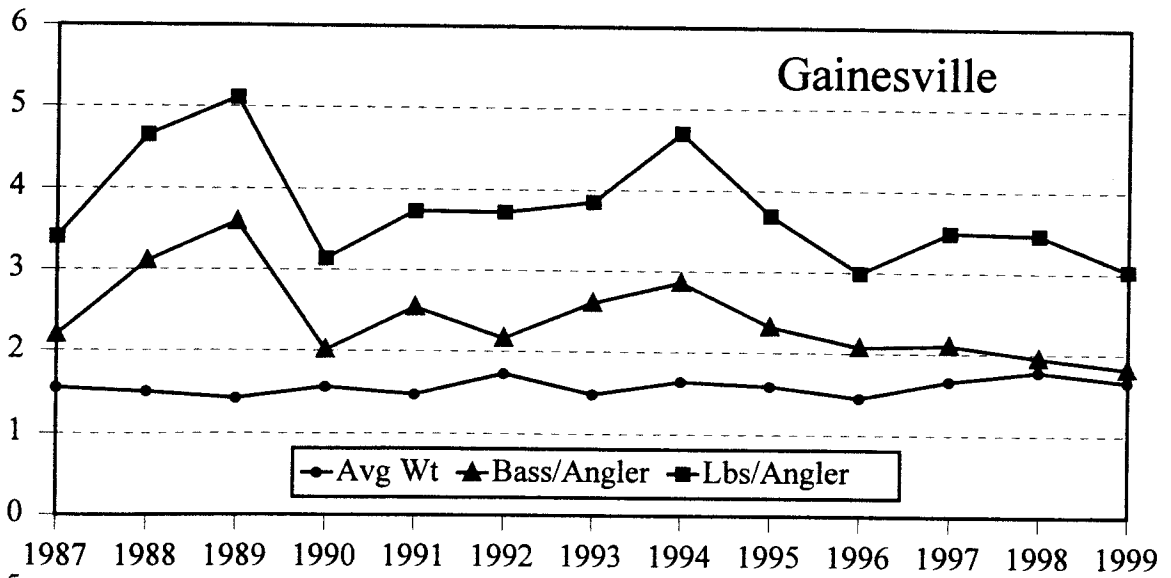


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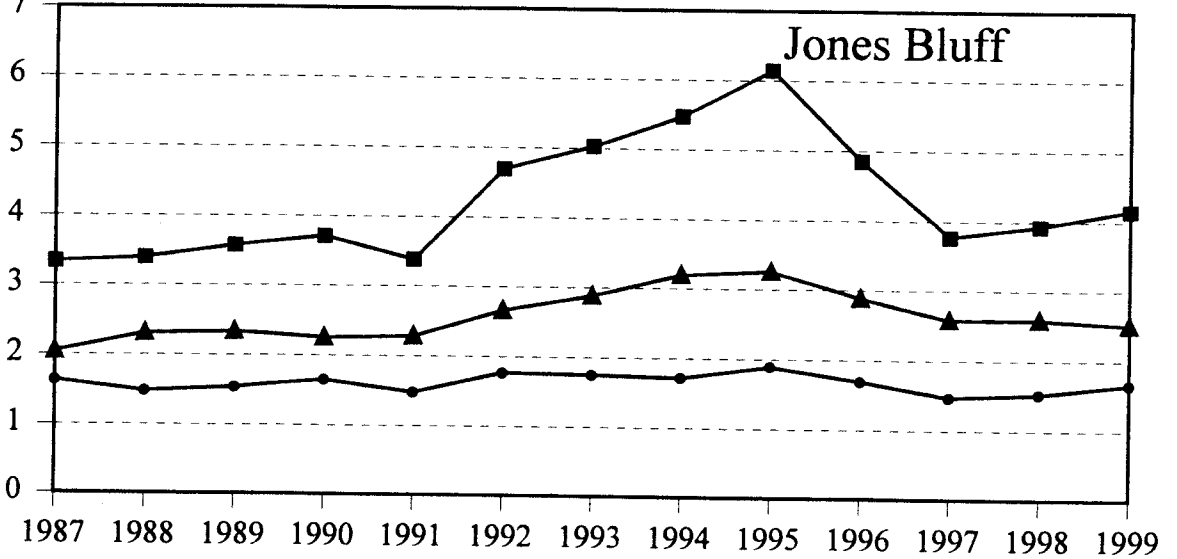
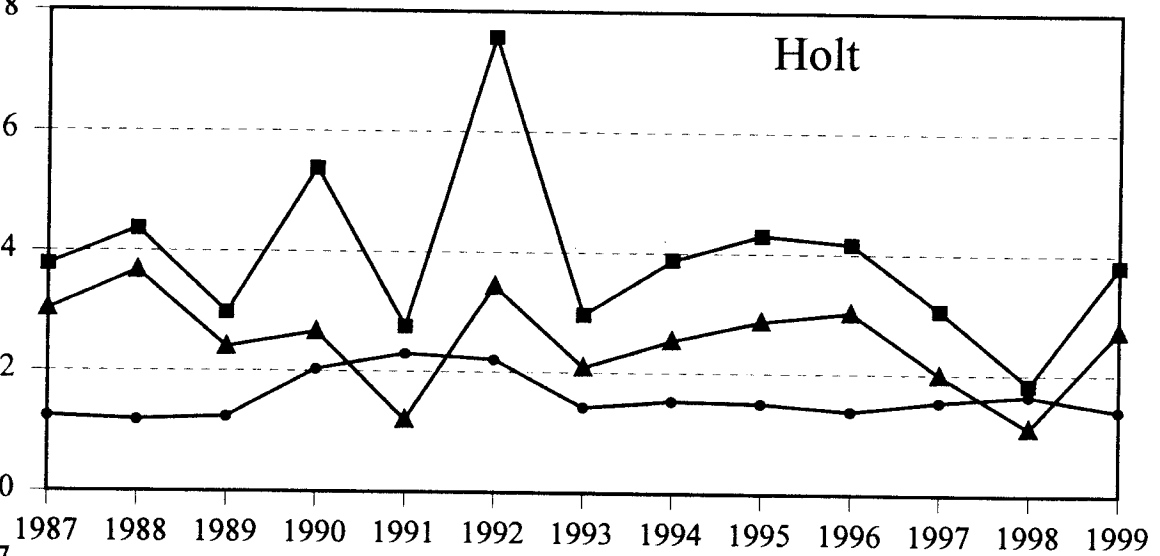
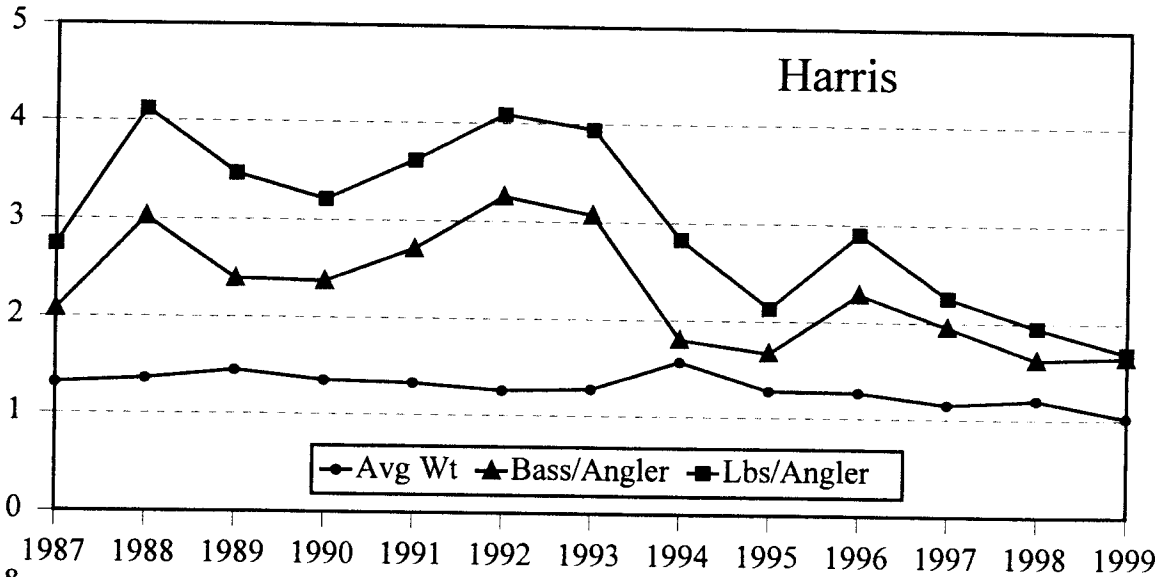
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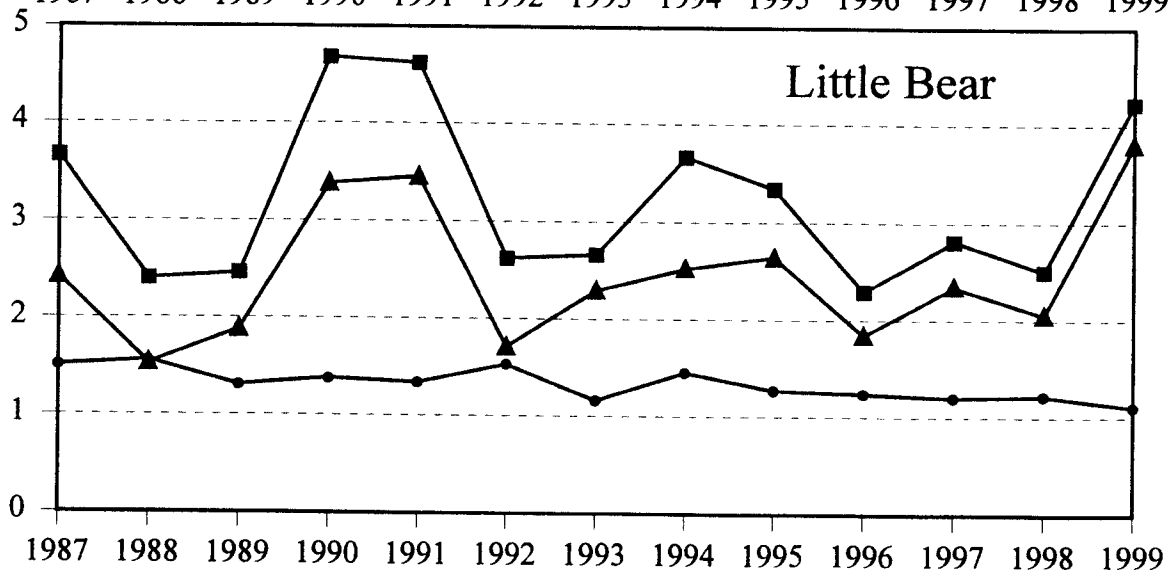
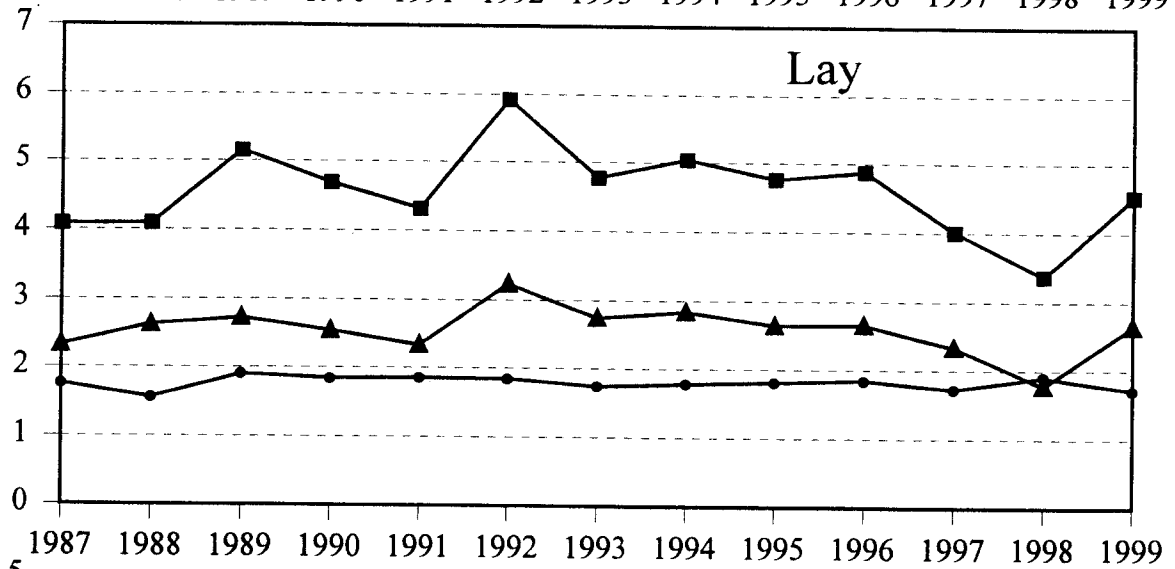
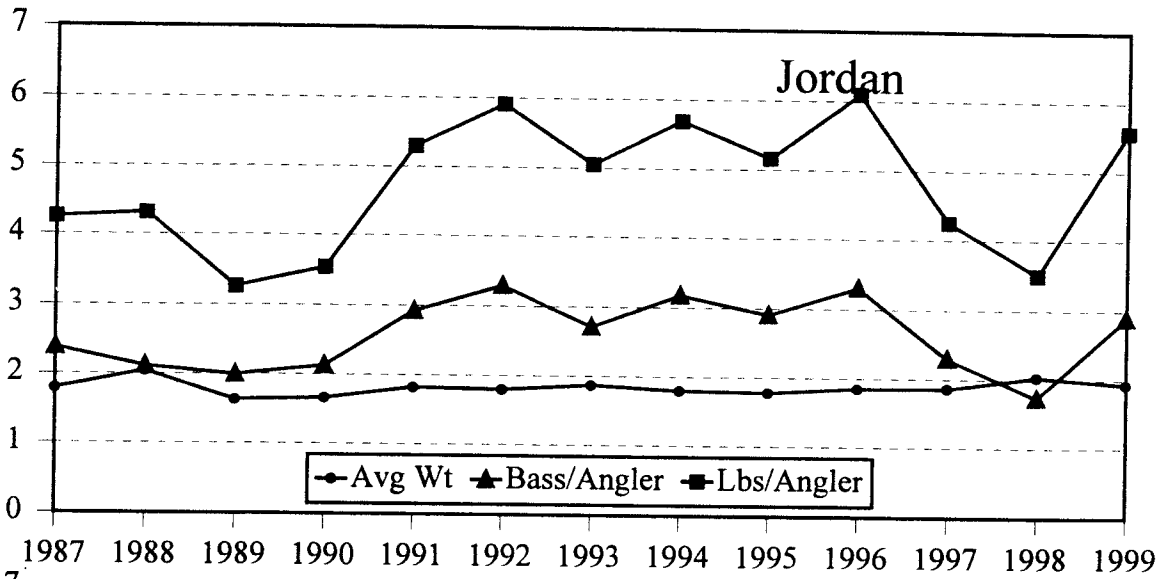
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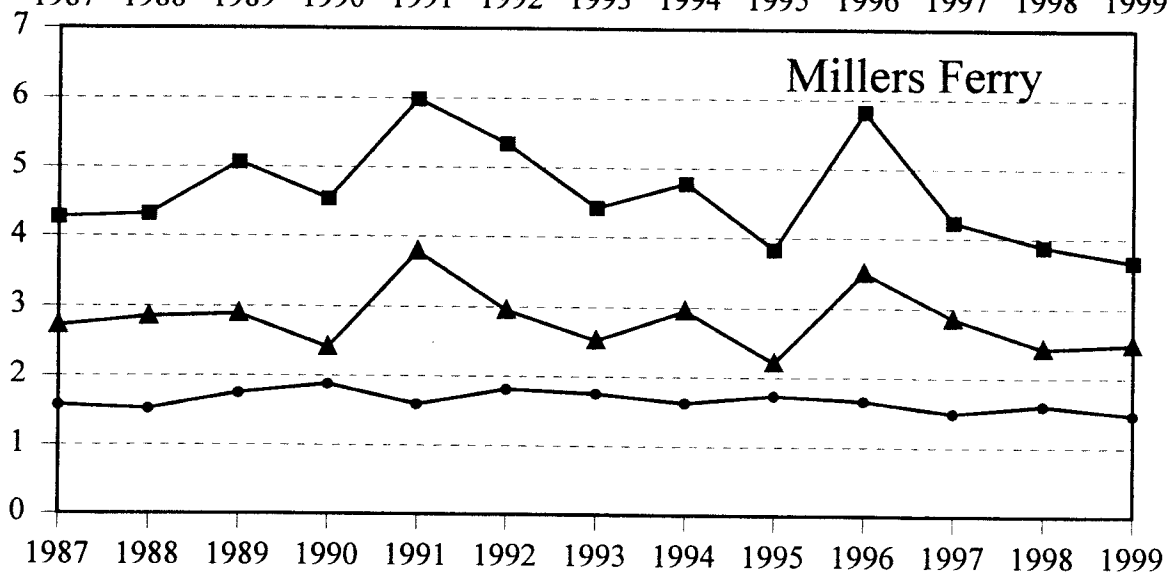
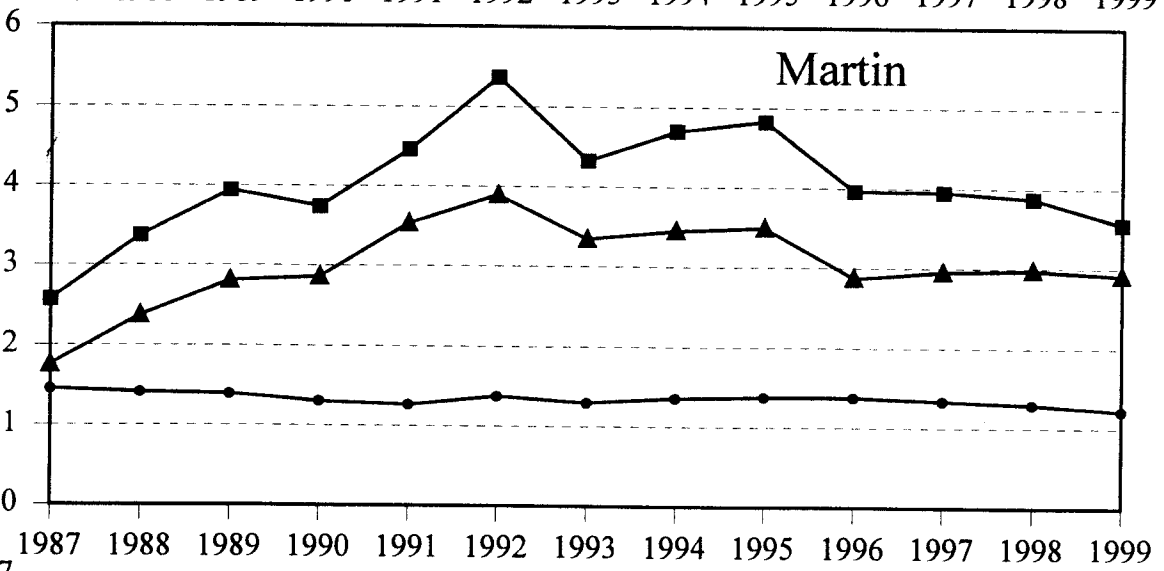
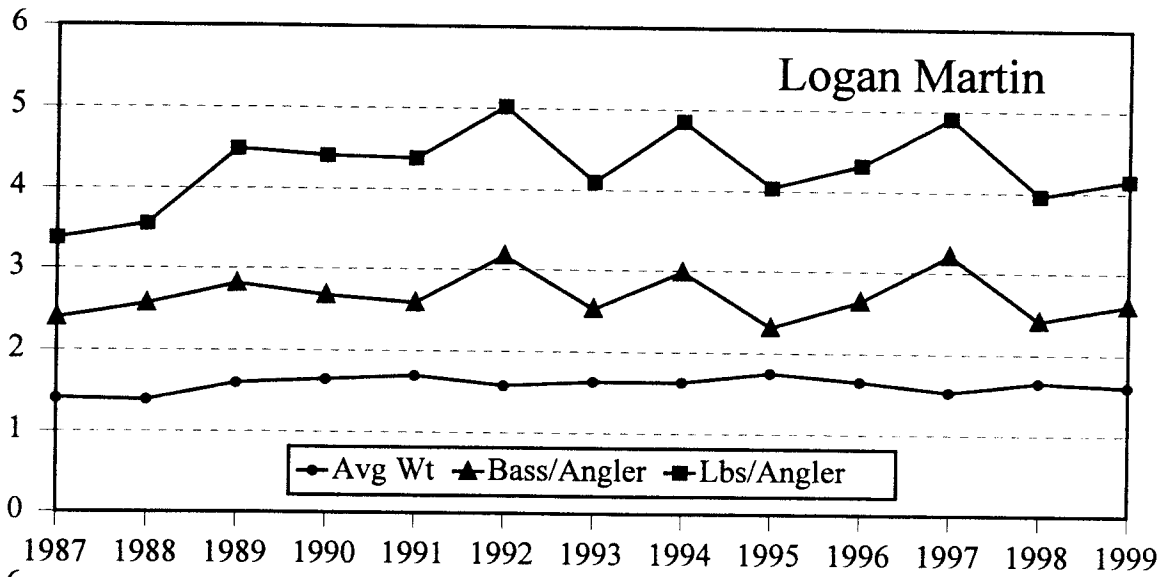
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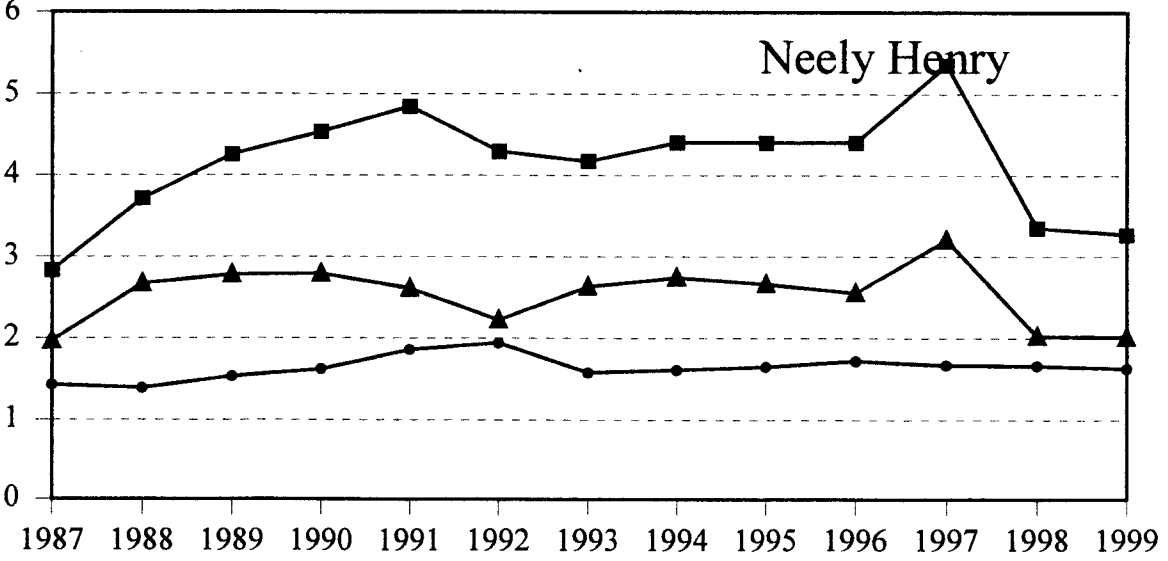
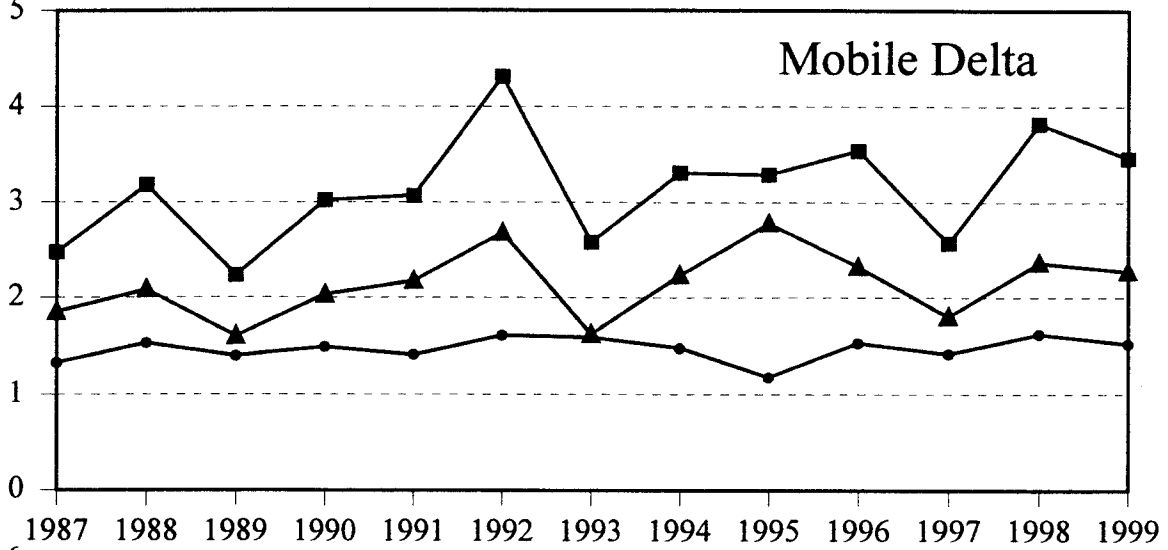
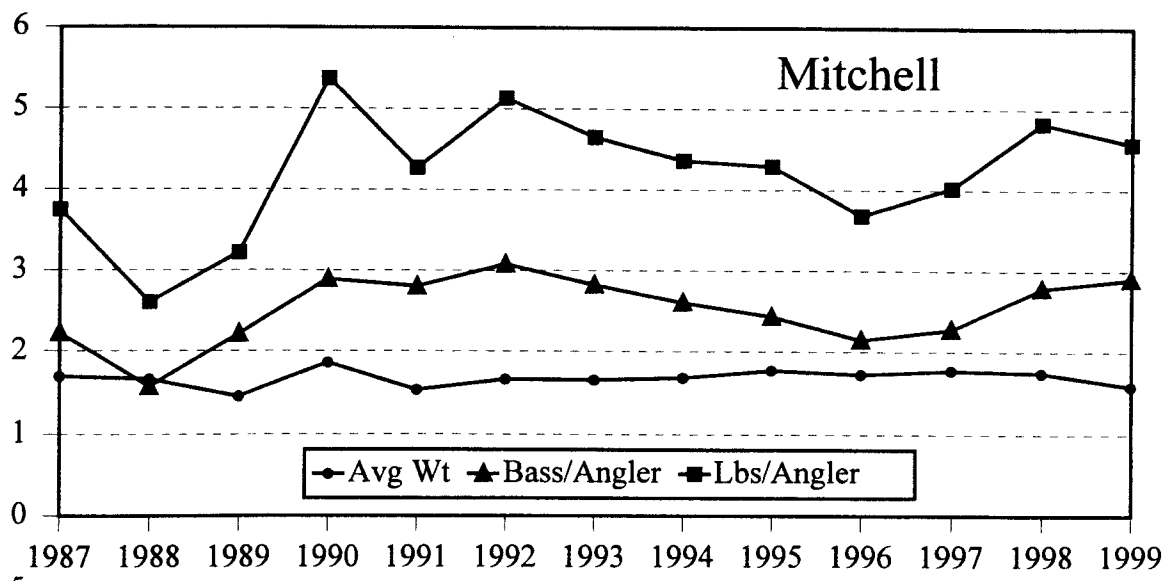
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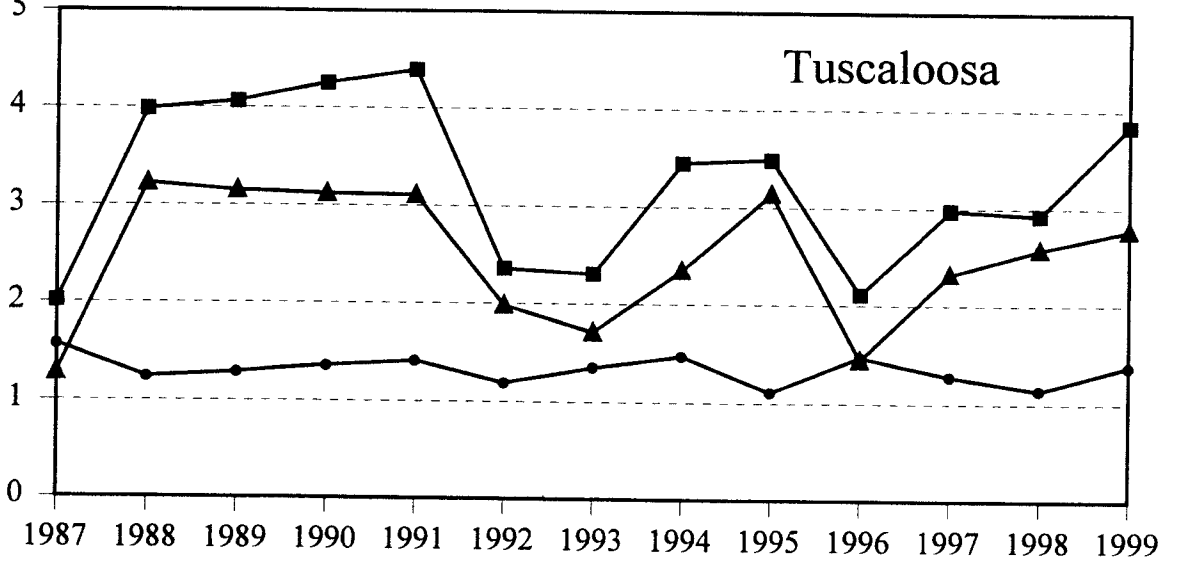
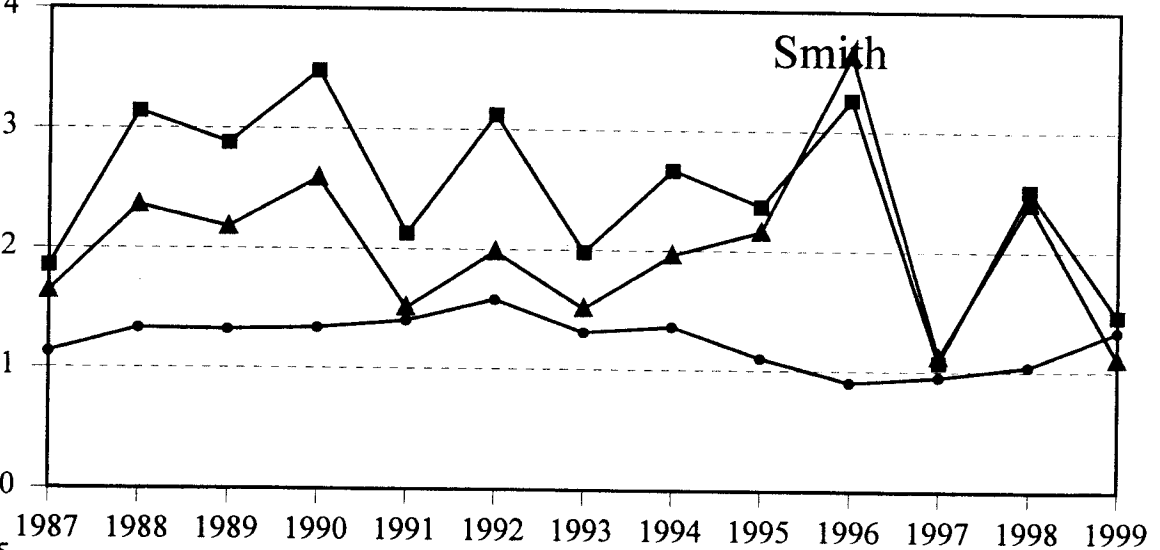
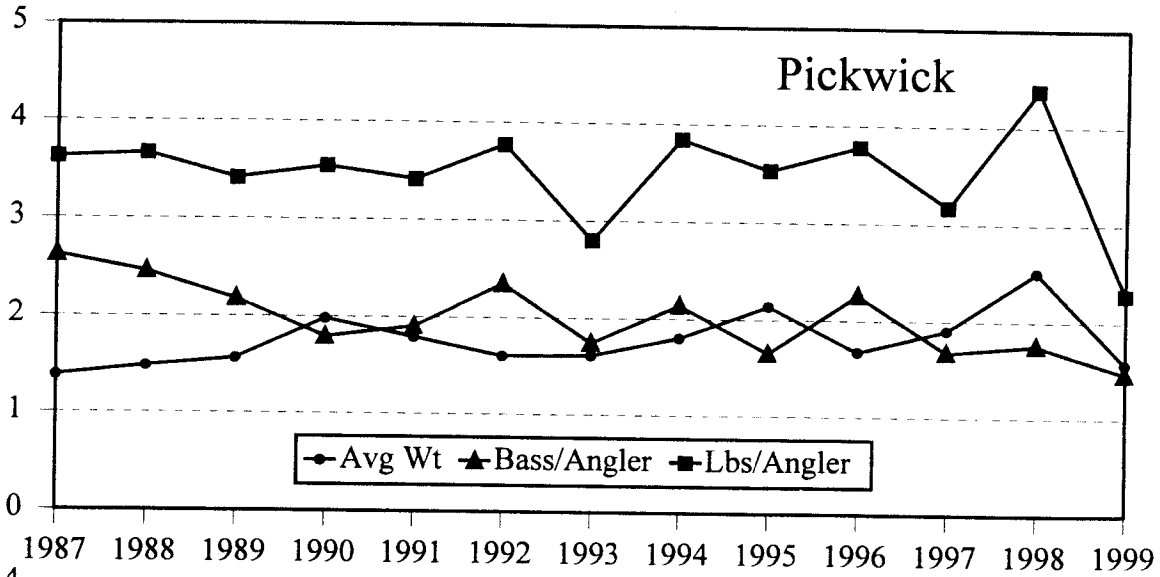
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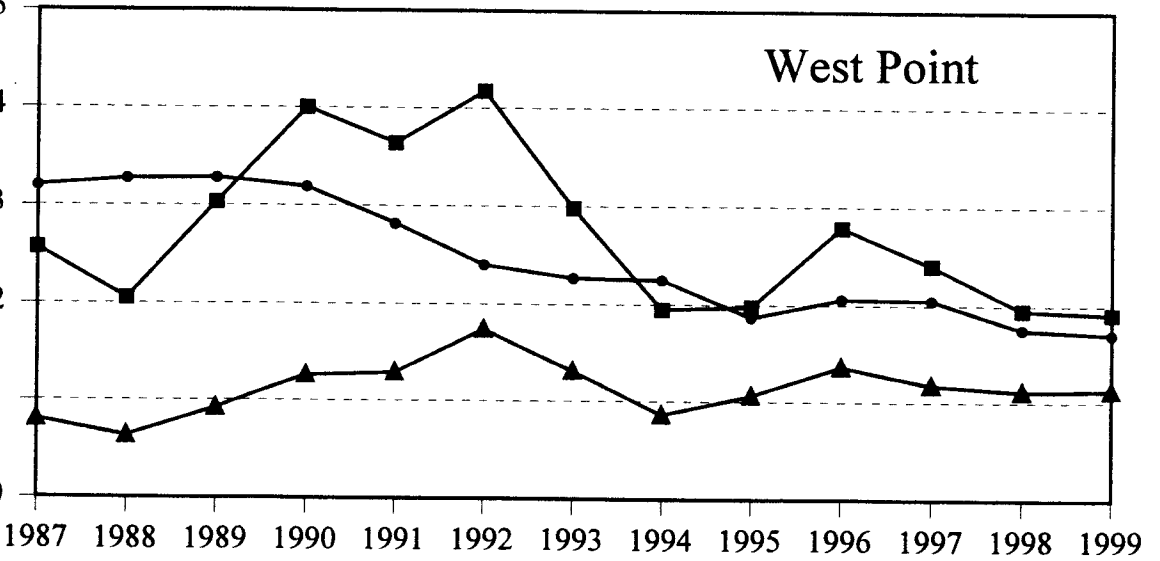
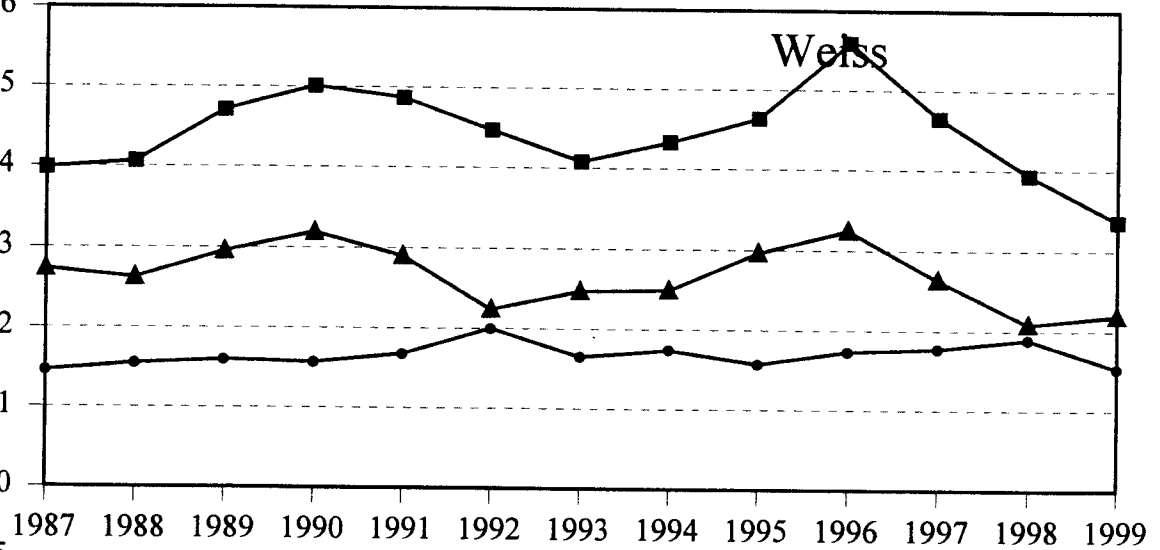
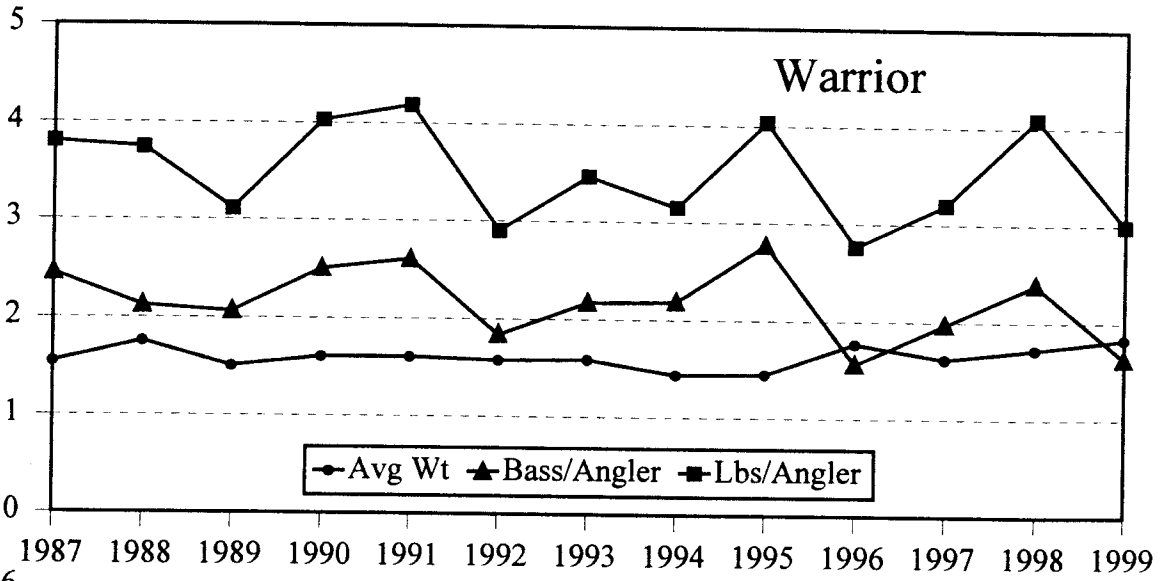
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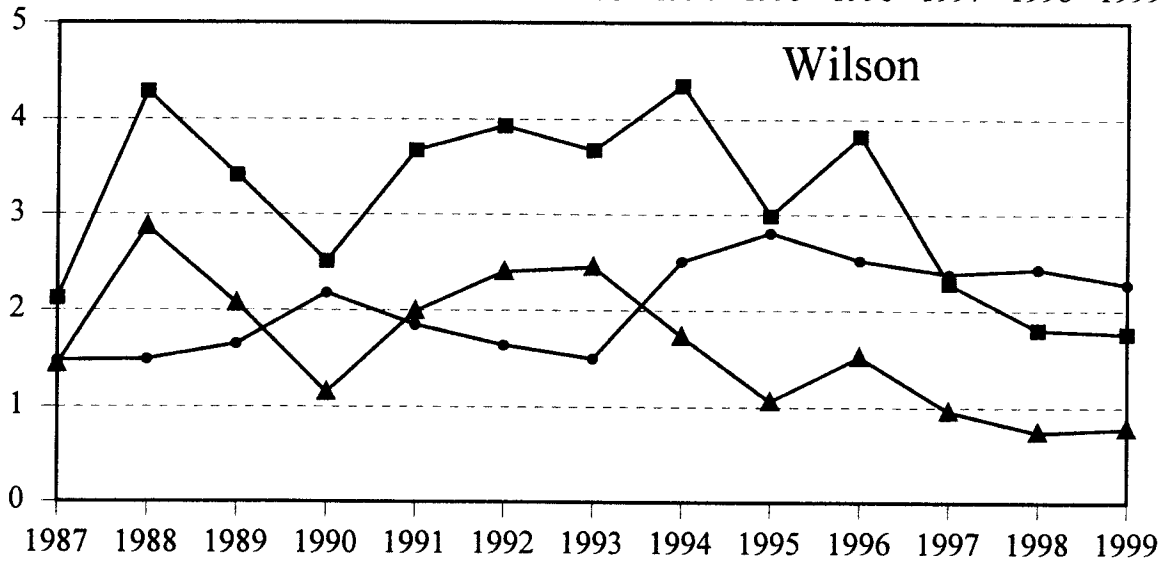
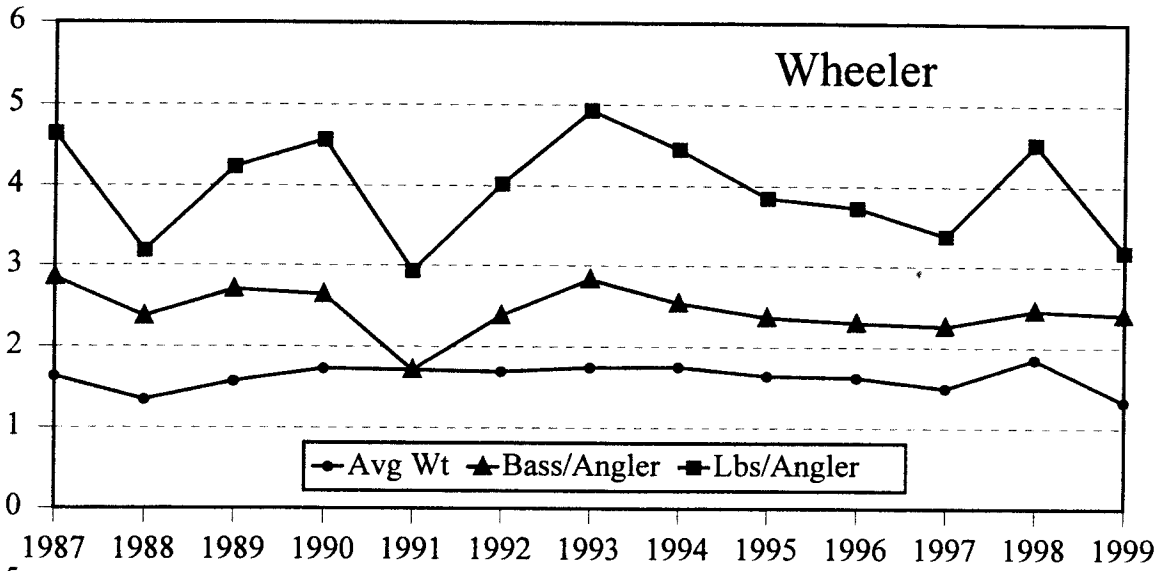
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