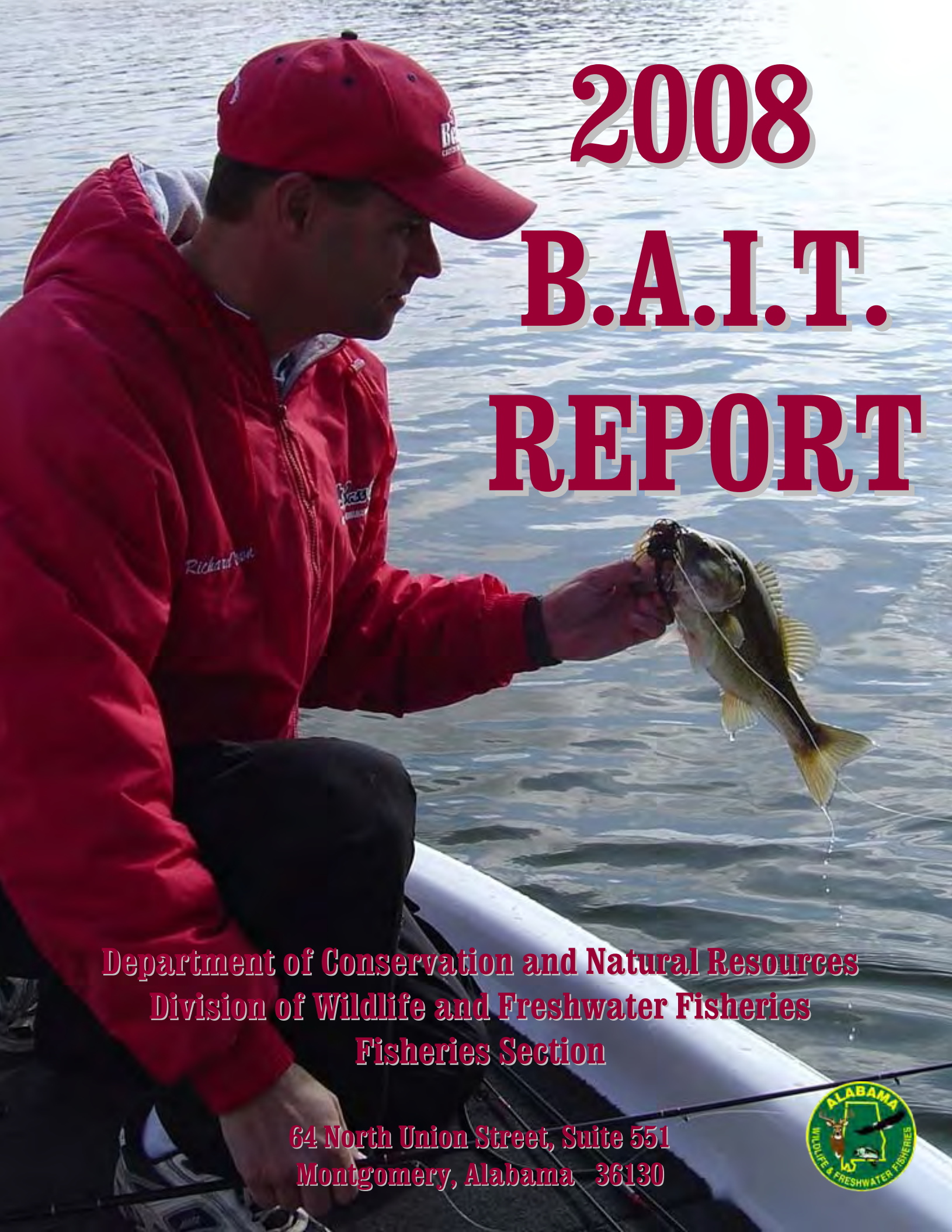


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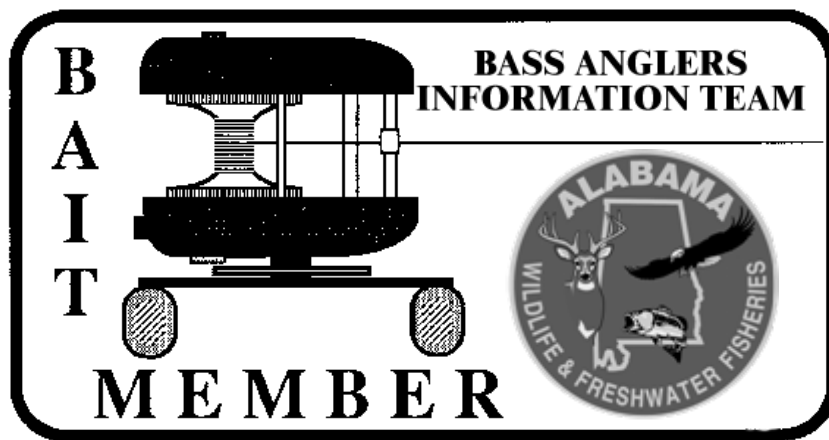
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2008 B.A.I.T. Summary

The quality of bass fishing in the State of Alabama has continued to improve during the past several years, and particularly during the last two. On average, Alabama's bass fishermen caught more fish, larger fish, and weighed in heavier limits than during any of the previous 22 years of B.A.I.T. reporting. The number of hours required to catch a five-pound bass has continued to improve reaching its lowest level since before the LMBV era and taking only 5% longer than was required from 1986 – 1997. Anglers are raving about the quality of the fishing at Pickwick since the expansion of hydrilla; Guntersville continues to be one of Alabama's top bass fisheries; and Wheeler is experiencing a huge turn-around, though still not what it was during its heyday in the early 90's. The following summary outlines the most important points from the 2008 B.A.I.T. Report.

- **Harris** was the top lake in the overall quality indicator rankings
- **Harris, Wheeler, Lay, Logan Martin, Tuscaloosa, Millers Ferry, and Harding** all improved in the overall quality indicator rankings
- **Harris, Wheeler, Lay, Logan Martin, Tuscaloosa** were the top five lakes in the overall quality indicator rankings
- **Guntersville, Aliceville, Eufaula, Harris, and Wheeler** were the top five big bass lakes in Alabama

Statewide B.A.I.T. Statistics

3.06 – Number of bass caught per angler-day
5.79 – Pounds of bass caught per angler-day
1.89 – Average weight of bass caught
271 – Hours required to catch a 5 pound bass
9.61 – Weight of the largest bass caught
4 – Number of bass 8 pounds and larger
288 – Number of bass 5 pounds and larger

Introduction & Methods

The printing of the 2008 B.A.I.T. Annual Report marks the twenty-third 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 biologists. The B.A.I.T. Program summarizes catch data on reservoir bass populations that are collected and provided to us by participating clubs. This information is used by state fisheries biologists 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.

Through 2008, we have summarized 11,300 tournament reports. Anglers have spent 2,511,856 hours collecting data for this program. They have contributed data from 586,603 bass that weighed 1,002,033 pounds.

This report also contains information related to the Alabama Division of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries' Boating Access Maintenance and Development Program which maintains over 120 boating access areas statewide. The accomplishments made by this program during 2008 may be of particular interest to tournament bass anglers and their organizations. In addition, details of the Angler Recognition Program administered by the Alabama Division of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries can be found here as well.

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 and 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), average bass 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 one angler fishing for ten hours. In this report, an angler-day may simply be referred to as a "day" of fishing. 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.

Tournament results were also broken down by month for each reservoir with more than 10 reports. This section was intended to aid clubs in scheduling tournaments since the quality of fishing can vary considerably from one season to the next on any given reservoir. It also allows anglers to better understand their chances of achieving a particular goal (i.e., catching a big bass) on a given lake by studying in detail how anglers performed during each month of the year. When studying this section of the report, be aware that some months are represented by only one tournament, which may not be a good indicator of the overall quality of fishing during that month.

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Statewide Tournament Results

Bass clubs submitted 478 tournament reports during 2008, down slightly from 485 in 2007 (Tables 1 and 3). Club representatives did an excellent job filling out the cards and few reports were rejected due to incomplete or erroneous information. We want to again, thank all of the participants of the B.A.I.T. Program and urge them to keep up the good work! Twenty-eight Alabama clubs provided data in 2008. Two hundred

reports from Alabama waters were received from Dr. Carl Quertermus of the University of West Georgia, who summarizes tournament data from the Georgia Bass Federation; and another 48 reports were received from Biologist Larry Pugh, with the

Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks. 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 2008, tournament reports were received for 29 bodies of water that were fished 77,949 hours. B.A.I.T. anglers caught 23,822 bass that weighed 45,110 pounds (Table 1). A total of 288 bass five pounds and larger were reported

for an overall catch rate of one bass five pounds or larger for every 271 hours of fishing. Tournament anglers weighed in 4 bass eight pounds and larger in 2008. The largest bass caught in 2008 came from Harris (Lake Wedowee) and weighed 9.61 pounds. With 83 bass weighing five pounds or larger, Guntersville led this category. Other top lakes for big bass included Aliceville, Eufaula, Harris, and Wheeler.

Of the 30 clubs or organizations that submitted data during 2008, 22 clubs submitted five or more tournament reports. Sixteen clubs submitted 10 or more reports. Four contributors submitted only one report. A list of clubs contributing tournament results for the 2008 B.A.I.T. Report is

presented in Table 4.

Average catch rates in 2008 for both number (3.06) and pounds (5.79) of bass per angler-day were the highest since the B.A.I.T. Program began in 1986. Compared to 2007, seven lakes improved in overall fishing success in 2008. The most notable improvements were on Harris and Wheeler, which finished 1st and 2nd, respectively, in the overall ranking (Table 2).

Alabama's Top 10 Tournaments For Big Bass in 2008

CLUB	LAKE	DATE	No. >5lbs.
Black Warrior Bass Trackers	Guntersville	May 10 th	6
North Alabama Tournament Anglers	Guntersville	Mar. 15 th	6
North Alabama Tournament Anglers	Guntersville	Jul. 12 th	6
Lay Lake Bassmasters	Guntersville	Nov. 8 th	5
B.F. Goodrich Bass Anglers	Guntersville	Jun. 12 th	5
Team Trails of Mississippi	Aliceville	Apr. 21 st	5
Team Trails of Mississippi	Aliceville	Mar. 16 th	5
Dallas Bass Anglers	West Point	Mar. 29 th	4
Alabama-Tennessee Bass Club	Wheeler	Feb. 9 th	4
Team Trails of Mississippi	Pickwick	Mar. 29 th	4

Although average size of bass decreased by 2-3 ounces on each lake, the time required to catch a bass over five pounds improved by 40-60%! There were also substantial increases in the number of fish

caught by each angler.

Most tournament reports in 2008 were received from Guntersville (54), West Point (48), Eufaula (42), Pickwick (42), and Logan Martin (40). Harris, Lay, the Mobile Delta, and Weiss each had 20 or more tournament reports (Table 1). A good distribution of reports provides more

Alabama's Top 10 Tournaments For Average 5-Fish Weight in 2008

CLUB	LAKE	DATE	WEIGHT
Lay Lake Bassmasters	Guntersville	Nov. 8 th	16.83 lbs.
Alabama-Tennessee Bass Club	Wilson	Mar. 15 th	12.29 lbs.
TMT Anglers	Mitchell	Jul. 18 th	11.29 lbs.
Lay Lake Bassmasters	Jordan	Aug. 23 rd	11.22 lbs.
Clay Co. Bass Busters	Lay	Nov. 22 nd	11.06 lbs.
Clay Co. Bass Busters	Harris	Jul. 12 th	10.94 lbs.
Mississippi DWFP	Pickwick	Mar. 29 th	10.91 lbs.
Team Trails of Mississippi	Aliceville	Mar. 29 th	10.88 lbs.
Mississippi DWFP	Pickwick	Jul. 27 th	10.73 lbs.
Northport Bass Club	Mitchell	Sep. 13 th	10.73 lbs.

representative catch statistics from which meaningful summaries can be prepared. All club representatives should understand that every tournament report is important if this program is to

continue to be successful.

Of the 29 reservoirs from which reports were received, 20 had five or more tournament reports (Table 1). The following comments deal with these 20 reservoirs, which are ranked by quality indicators in Table 2. The percent of successful anglers (those with one or more fish) ranged from 68% at Coffeeville to 96% at Harris. The average weight of bass caught ranged from 1.28 pounds in the Mobile Delta to 2.94 pounds at Guntersville (Table 1). Catch rates expressed as bass per angler-day ranged from 2.08 at Guntersville to 4.36 at Tuscaloosa. Catch rates as pounds per angler-day ranged from 3.08 in the Mobile Delta to 7.26 at Mitchell. The statewide

Statewide Tournament Results

average weight for bass caught on all 29 reservoirs was 1.89 pounds.

Overall, Harris accumulated more quality indicator points (77) than any other reservoir in Alabama, replacing Aliceville from 2007. Wheeler (73) jumped from ninth to second while Lay and Logan Martin (71) tied at number three. 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. Anglers 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 wanted to have the best chance to catch a bass greater than 5 pounds, then Guntersville would be the first choice, followed by Aliceville and Eufaula. Clubs interested in having all its members catch good quality stringers would look at the pounds per angler-day rankings to find that Mitchell, Jordan, and Lay are great destinations. If catching lots of bass is important, Tuscaloosa would provide the best opportunity based upon its bass per angler-day ranking, followed by Logan Martin and Harris.

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 greater 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. 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 3.06 statewide in 2008; but for Guntersville, it was 2.08. Statewide average weight was 1.89 pounds for all 29 reservoirs; but at Eufaula and Guntersville, average weight was 2.14 and 2.94 pounds, respectively. These average weights were higher primarily because anglers must release the smaller fish due to the minimum length limits. Length limits remained in effect during 2008 on West Point (14-inch minimum on largemouth), Wilson (14-inch minimum on smallmouth), Guntersville (15-inch minimum on largemouth and smallmouth), Eufaula (14-inch minimum on largemouth), Demopolis (14-inch minimum on all black bass), Pickwick (14-inch minimum on smallmouth), Little Bear Creek (13- to 16-inch slot on largemouth), Smith (13- to 15-inch slot on all black bass), and Harris (13- to 16-inches on largemouth).

Bass fishing in Alabama has continued to improve with 2008 scoring the highest marks since the Alabama Division of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries began keeping records in 1986. Alabama's bass fishermen caught more fish, larger fish, and weighed in more cumulative weight than during any of the previous 22 years of B.A.I.T. reporting. Even the number of hours required to catch a five pound bass was the lowest since the Largemouth Bass Virus Disease (LMBV) swept through the State in 1998, and is only slightly higher than the pre-LMBV average of 258 hours.

The average number of hours (effort) needed to catch a five-pound and larger bass dramatically increased beginning in 1998 due to the presence of the Largemouth Bass Virus (LMBV), and reached its peak of 837 the following year. From 1999 through 2008, the amount of effort required to catch a bass over five pounds has decreased from 837 hours to 271 hours (Figure 1). You have to go all the way back to 1996 to find a better year for big bass in Alabama reservoirs.

Although there have been no recent outbreaks of LMBV, we are continuing to cooperate with researchers at Auburn University and other agencies to assess the presence of this virus in Alabama bass populations and to monitor any further fish mortalities caused by this pathogen. There are still indications that this disease may be impacting our bass populations by elevating natural mortality rates above what was observed prior to its introduction; so, please report any unusual bass die-offs to your district fisheries office, and never move fish from one body of water to another.

The graphs throughout this report provide a historical record of how your favorite waters have performed in the B.A.I.T. Program. 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 a few tournaments. 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 scales on the vertical axis have maximum ranges that vary. You can use these graphs to predict future fishing by looking for trends.

Good luck fishing, and don't forget to take a child with you and introduce him or her to your sport. Our children are our future anglers and stewards of Alabama's resources. To obtain more information on Alabama's fisheries resources, visit the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Internet Homepage: www.outdooralabama.com.

Bass Eight Pounds and Larger from 2008 B.A.I.T. Tournament Reports

Date	Organization	Lake	Weight
Mar. 29	Team Trails of Mississippi	Aliceville	8.34 lbs.
May 14	BF Goodrich Bass Anglers	Harris	9.61 lbs.
Jul. 12	Clay Co. Bass Busters	Harris	9.13 lbs.
Oct. 17	Birmingham Bassmasters	Guntersville	8.00 lbs.

Monthly Tournament Stats

In this section, reservoirs with at least 20 reports are discussed in detail and often refer to the monthly tournament results. Table 6 provides monthly catch information for all reservoirs with at least 10 reports.

Eufaula

We received 42 tournament reports from this reservoir that were held from March through December, with the majority (9) occurring in March. A total of 577 tournament anglers fished for 5,874 hours to catch 1,423 bass that averaged 2.14 pounds (Table 6). Average size of bass has been slowly decreasing since 1993, primarily because of reduced fertility levels in the Chattahoochee River watershed. However, it may also be a function of the increased abundance of the smaller spotted bass in anglers' creels. The number of spotted bass weighed in at Eufaula tournaments has been holding steady at about 20% for the past two years. March and April appeared to provide the best fishing with an abundance of larger bass, good catch rates, and good average weights. The quality of fishing at Eufaula remained fairly consistent throughout the year and the only trend appeared to be lower catches of spotted bass during the spring and early summer. Catch rates of bass increased 40% from 2007 to 2008, which may be related to the abundance of submerged aquatic vegetation present on the upper end of the reservoir, which has a tendency to position fish in predictable locations near the edge of weed lines, making them easier for anglers to locate and catch. Consistent year-class production during the last several years has also bolstered the bass population in the reservoir. It took the average angler about 17 days of fishing to catch a bass over five pounds, which was exactly half the time required only one year ago.

Guntersville

Fifty-four tournament reports were received from this reservoir that were held during every month of the year, with the majority occurring in May and June (8 ea.). A total of 773 tournament anglers fished for 7,102 hours, catching 1,476 bass that averaged 2.94 pounds (Table 6). The average number of fish weighed-in by each angler was 2.08, with an average bag weight of 6.10 pounds. Seventy-one percent of Guntersville's bass fishermen weighed-in at least one fish. Anglers' creels were comprised of largemouth bass (95%) and spotted bass only. November offered anglers the best opportunity to catch bass over five pounds, but numerous big bass were caught during every month except December. Anglers fished for an average of a little more than four days to catch a bass over five pounds in November. March and May through August were also very productive months for big bass. September had the lowest catch rates for big bass. The majority of spotted bass were caught in April and November. As in 2007, June was probably the best month overall for bass fishing at Guntersville. During that month, anglers had the highest catch rates, the second highest number of bass over five pounds, and weighed-in an average of 9.31 pounds per angler.

Harris (Wedowee)

During 2008, we received 20 tournament reports from this reservoir that were held primarily during the winter months, with the majority (5) occurring in January. A total of 252 anglers fished for 2,107 hours, catching 916 bass that averaged 1.49 pounds (Table 6). Catch rates improved by 46% from 2007 to 2008, reaching 4.35 bass per angler-day, the best ever recorded in the annual BAIT report. Average bass weight declined by 2-3 ounces from 2007 to 2008. Harris was a popular tournament destination throughout the year, and catches were made up of mostly spotted bass (88%). Catch rates were highest during the cooler months, but the biggest bass were caught during April and May. More largemouths were caught from May through July than in the other months. Catches of bass over five pounds were distributed throughout the year.

Harris has a 13- to 16-inch slot limit on largemouth bass, which is intended to help reduce an overabundance of small bass all competing for the same size prey. Slot limits are rarely effective unless anglers are willing to remove fish below the slot. Harris anglers have made great strides toward removing the sub-slot fish and harvested 11% of the bass they caught in 2008. This harvest rate is considerably higher than the statewide average of 4%, but additional harvest is necessary to keep this lake on it's upward trend. **If you or your club plans to visit this lake in the future, please do your part to help reduce the abundance of small fish and keep the sub-slot fish after each tournament.**

Lay

Twenty-one tournament reports were received, representing every month except March and May. The majority of tournaments were held in February and October. Two hundred ninety five anglers fished for 2,516 hours catching 998 bass that weighed 1,807 pounds. Although average size of bass has remained constant since the late 1980's, the number being caught has shown a general upward trend since 2004, reaching its peak of 3.97 bass per angler-day in 2008. This reservoir is a popular, year-round tournament destination, probably due to it's fishery that offers equal opportunity to target either spots or largemouths and because tournaments can be won with either species during most times of the year. There are a number of different types of habitat in the reservoir from steep rocky banks below The Narrows, to a strictly riverine environment on the upper end. Water levels remain stable throughout the year and water willow provides excellent fish habitat around the shoreline. .

Logan Martin

Forty tournaments were held during all twelve months during 2008, with March and April being the most popular months to fish (5 tournaments each). Five hundred eighty anglers fished for 4,899 hours, catching 2,134 bass that averaged 1.58 pounds each (Table 6). Catch rates have continued to increase and reached their highest level ever (4.36 fish per

day) in 2008. Catch-rates have increased each year from 2004 through 2008. The average size of bass (1.58 pounds) was equal to the 20-year average for this reservoir. Anglers averaged 6.87 pounds apiece at tournament weigh-ins in 2008, making it the best year on Logan Martin since this program began in 1986. Furthermore, almost every competitor weighed-in at least one fish, with less than 7% of anglers catching no fish. Although there didn't appear to be a bad time to go to this lake in 2008, catch rates were lowest during months with extreme temperatures. Average weights per day and catches of large bass appeared to be equally distributed throughout the year. The time required to catch a bass over five pounds was less than half what was required in 2007. Additionally, the Alabama Division of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries stocked 360,000 Florida largemouth bass for genetic enhancement into Cropwell Creek (Town & Country) in May bringing the three-year total to almost 0.8 million fish.

Mobile Delta

During 2008, we received 21 tournament reports that were held during every month of the year, with the majority (3) occurring in February. A total of 249 anglers fished for 2,256 hours, catching 541 bass that averaged 1.28 pounds each (Table 6). The number of bass caught per angler (2.40), and weight per angler (3.08 pounds) both increased in 2008. Over 87% of Mobile Delta bass anglers weighed-in at least one fish during 2008, a substantial increase from the previous year. Although the 2008 season was not among the best years for bass fishing in the Mobile Delta, most quality indicators were near the 20-year average. Over 99% of angler's creels contained largemouth bass, with spotted bass being present in only a couple of springtime tournaments. No bass over 5 pounds were reported during 2008. January through April appeared to offer the best fishing with higher catch-rates, and higher average weight of bass. Fishing was poorest from July through October with catch rates around two fish per day and average pounds per angler-day ranging from 1.2 to 2.6.

Pickwick

Forty-two tournaments were reported during 2008, with almost all of them being submitted by Larry Pugh, a fisheries biologist with The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Two thousand eighty one bass anglers fished for 17,677 hours to catch 4,305 bass that averaged 2.53 pounds each. Tournaments were reported during every month except January. April was the most popular month for tournaments (9), followed closely by July (7) and August (6). March through July seemed to offer the best fishing with good numbers of fish being caught

and pounds per angler-day ranging from 5.60 to 7.25. Fishing has improved considerably on this reservoir since 2006 with the expansion of submerged vegetation. Bass over five pounds were reported during every month except December and January with March and April each producing 12 bass in this category.

Weiss

We received 35 tournament reports from this reservoir that were held from March through December, with the majority (9) occurring in June. A total of 545 tournament anglers fished for 4,686 hours to catch 1,383 bass that averaged 1.57 pounds (Table 6). Bass fishing at Weiss has declined somewhat during the last two years, primarily due to a reduction in the average size of fish weighed-in. However, catch-rates have remained high and over 88% of anglers caught at least one fish during the tournament day. Overall, anglers caught an average of 2.95 fish that weighed 4.63 pounds. The time required to catch a bass over five pounds increased from 33 days in 2006, to 37 days in 2007, and to 59 days in 2008. The total largemouth to spot ratio was about 1:1, but during April, only 10% of the catch was comprised of largemouths. The numbers of largemouth caught reached its peak in November and December when angler catches of largemouths were between 60-70%. Eight bass greater than five pounds were reported and were distributed fairly equally throughout the year.

West Point

We received 48 tournament reports from this reservoir that were held during every month except January and December. The majority of tournaments occurred in October (10) and March (9). A total of 606 tournament anglers fished for 6,248 hours to catch 1,952 bass that averaged 1.48 pounds (Table 6). Over 83% of anglers caught at least one bass and weighed-in an average of 3.12 fish that weighed 4.63 pounds. During the last ten years, catch rates at West Point have tripled, but average bass weight has decreased by 25%. As with other reservoirs in the Chattahoochee River watershed, reduced fertility levels and an increase in abundance of the more aggressive spotted bass has resulted in a fishery dominated by spots. In 2008, more than 76% of the bass weighed-in by West Point anglers were spotted bass. However, in spite of the abundance of spotted bass, big largemouths are still common in this reservoir. West Point has consistently been ranked as one of Alabama's top five lakes for producing big bass. After water levels recovered from the drought of 2007, the big bass have reappeared in angler creels, with the time required to catch a bass over five pounds being reduced by 50% from 2007 to 2008.

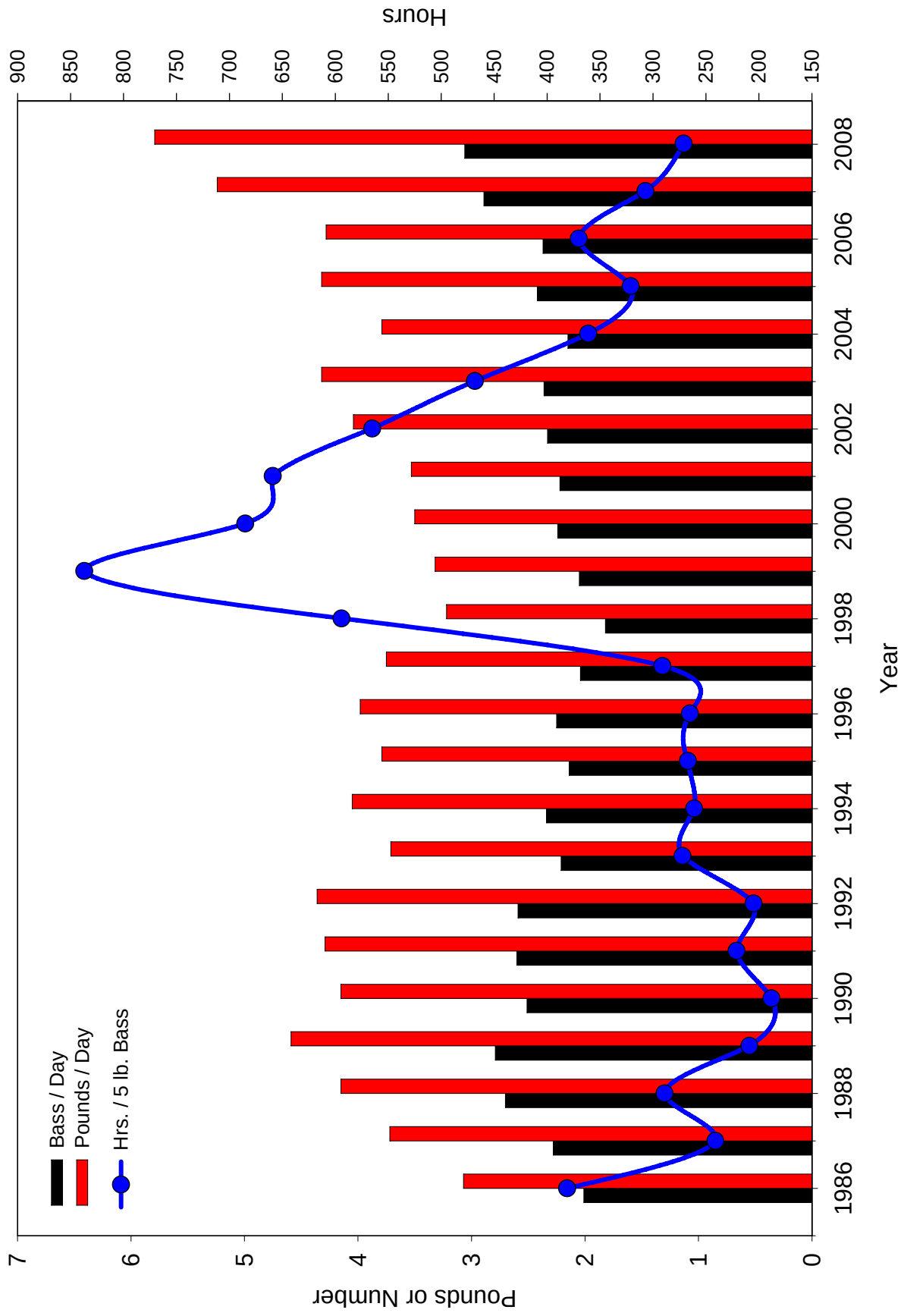


Figure 1. Annual catch for B.A.I.T. tournaments

Table 1. Statewide summary of tournaments for bass clubs participating in the 2008 B.A.I.T. Program.

Lake	No. of tournaments	No. of anglers	No. of anglers w/ at least 1 fish	No. of anglers w/ a limit of fish	Total hrs. fished	Total bass caught	% largemouth	% spotted bass	% smallmouth	Percent of bass released alive	Total lbs. of bass	Avg. bass weight	Bass over 5lb.	Bass over 8lb.	Avg. big bass weight	% success (anglers w/ at least 1 fish)	Bass per day ¹	Pounds per day ¹	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.	Days ¹ to catch a bass over 5 lb.
Aliceville	15	359	75	153	3098	893	100.0	0.0	0.0	98	1778	1.99	28	1	6.03	87.21	2.88	5.74	111	11
Bankhead	3	49	44	22	441	164	29.4	70.6	0.0	97	236	1.44	0	0	3.25	89.80	3.72	5.34	.	.
Harding	16	247	222	61	2162	675	37.7	62.3	0.0	97	906	1.34	1	0	3.08	89.88	3.12	4.19	2162	216
Cedar Creek	1	9	8	0	81	14	35.7	64.3	0.0	100	20	1.40	0	0	3.19	88.89	1.73	2.41	.	.
Coffeeville	8	206	141	80	1802	559	50.0	50.0	0.0	93	763	1.37	1	0	3.93	68.45	3.10	4.24	1802	180
Demopolis	8	172	136	46	1533	447	74.0	26.0	0.0	95	867	1.94	2	0	4.32	79.07	2.92	5.65	767	77
Eufaula	42	577	466	114	5874	1423	80.8	19.2	0.0	97	3048	2.14	35	0	5.00	80.76	2.42	5.19	168	17
Gainesville	2	37	32	19	344	136	95.0	5.0	0.0	94	219	1.61	1	0	4.70	86.49	3.96	6.37	344	34
Guntersville	54	773	546	115	7102	1476	95.0	5.0	0.0	97	4335	2.94	83	1	5.39	70.63	2.08	6.10	86	9
Harris	20	252	223	119	2107	916	11.7	88.3	0.0	89	1364	1.49	12	2	4.44	96.12	4.35	6.47	176	18
Holt	4	75	67	30	669	265	23.9	76.1	0.0	98	428	1.61	4	0	4.28	89.33	3.96	6.40	167	17
Jones Bluff	3	49	44	22	392	164	32.4	67.6	0.0	96	268	1.63	0	0	4.42	89.80	4.18	6.82	.	.
Jordan	15	203	179	86	1844	656	14.3	85.7	0.0	92	1337	2.04	2	0	3.99	88.18	3.56	7.25	922	92
Lay	21	295	264	134	2516	998	49.7	50.3	0.0	98	1807	1.81	6	0	3.95	89.49	3.97	7.18	419	42
Logan Martin	40	580	541	289	4899	2134	26.8	73.2	0.0	96	3364	1.58	8	0	3.82	93.28	4.36	6.87	612	61
Martin	9	137	128	65	1567	632	20.2	79.8	0.0	100	824	1.30	0	0	3.02	93.43	4.03	5.26	.	.
Mobile Delta	21	249	217	37	2256	541	99.6	0.4	0.0	93	695	1.28	0	0	2.51	87.15	2.40	3.08	.	.
Millers Ferry	9	211	168	106	1784	700	36.5	63.5	0.0	89	1167	1.67	6	0	4.86	79.62	3.92	6.55	297	30
Mitchell	16	226	195	113	2101	788	18.9	81.1	0.0	98	1525	1.93	2	0	3.87	86.28	3.75	7.26	1051	105
Neely Henry	15	212	193	101	1781	627	45.7	54.3	0.0	96	931	1.48	1	0	3.71	91.04	3.52	5.23	1781	178
Pickwick	42	2081	63	729	17677	4305	91.2	0.0	8.8	97	10875	2.53	57	0	5.27	84.00	2.44	6.15	310	31
Smith	4	61	31	10	488	108	3.4	96.6	0.0	100	142	1.32	0	0	3.21	50.82	2.21	2.91	.	.
Tuscaloosa	5	91	86	45	767	334	53.5	46.5	0.0	100	489	1.47	2	0	4.17	94.51	4.36	6.39	383	38
Upper Bear	1	10	6	1	90	15	33.3	66.7	0.0	87	17	1.13	0	0	1.71	60.00	1.67	1.89	.	.
Warrior	2	37	35	13	316	127	81.5	18.5	0.0	93	159	1.25	0	0	3.93	94.59	4.03	5.05	.	.
Weiss	35	545	482	210	4686	1383	47.9	52.1	0.0	96	2171	1.57	8	0	4.06	88.44	2.95	4.63	586	59
Wheeler	15	276	242	152	2582	1070	94.5	0.8	4.7	98	1808	1.69	9	0	4.10	87.68	4.14	7.00	287	29
Wilson	4	87	76	52	747	320	62.3	26.9	10.8	95	675	2.11	2	0	4.43	87.36	4.28	9.03	374	37
West Point	48	606	486	210	6248	1952	24.0	76.0	0.0	97	2895	1.48	18	0	3.96	83.50	3.12	4.63	347	35
Grand Total	478	8712	5396	3134	77949	23822	51.6	48.1	0.3	96	45110	1.89	288	4	4.28	84.46	3.06	5.79	271	27

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Table 2. Ranking by quality indicators for all reservoirs with five or more tournament reports in the 2008 B.A.I.T. Program.

Rank	Percent Success		Average Bass Weight		Bass per Angler-Day		Pounds per Angler-Day		Hours per Bass > 5 lbs.		Overall		Value
1	Harris		Guntersville		Tuscaloosa		Mitchell		Guntersville		Harris		77
2	Tuscaloosa		Pickwick		Logan Martin		Jordan		Aliceville		Wheeler		73
3	Martin		Eufaula		Harris		Lay		Eufaula		Lay		71
4	Logan Martin		Jordan		Wheeler		Wheeler		Harris		Logan Martin		71
5	Neely Henry		Aliceville		Martin		Logan Martin		Wheeler		Tuscaloosa		69
6	Harding		Demopolis		Lay		Millers Ferry		Millers Ferry		Jordan		67
7	Lay		Mitchell		Millers Ferry		Harris		Pickwick		Mitchell		61
8	Weiss		Lay		Mitchell		Tuscaloosa		West Point		Aliceville		60
9	Jordan		Wheeler		Jordan		Pickwick		Tuscaloosa		Millers Ferry		59
10	Wheeler		Millers Ferry		Neely Henry		Guntersville		Lay		Pickwick		56
11	Aliceville		Logan Martin		West Point		Aliceville		Weiss		Guntersville		54
12	Mobile Delta		Weiss		Harding		Demopolis		Logan Martin		Eufaula		50
13	Mitchell		Harris		Coffeeville		Martin		Demopolis		Martin		46
14	Pickwick		Neely Henry		Weiss		Neely Henry		Jordan		Neely Henry		46
15	West Point		West Point		Demopolis		Eufaula		Mitchell		Weiss		43
16	Eufaula		Tuscaloosa		Aliceville		West Point		Neely Henry		Demopolis		41
17	Millers Ferry		Coffeeville		Pickwick		Weiss		Coffeeville		West Point		40
18	Demopolis		Harding		Eufaula		Coffeeville		Harding		Harding		32
19	Guntersville		Martin		Mobile Delta		Harding		Martin		Coffeeville		20
20	Coffeeville		Mobile Delta		Guntersville		Mobile Delta		Mobile Delta		Mobile Delta		14

Table 3. Tournament summary for bass clubs participating in the 2008 B.A.I.T. Program.

Club No.	No. of tournaments	No. of anglers	No. of anglers w/ at least 1 fish	No. of anglers w/ a limit of fish	Total hrs. fished	Total bass caught	% largemouth	% spotted bass	% smallmouth	Percent of bass released alive	Total lbs. of bass	Avg. bass weight	Bass over 5lb.	Bass over 8lb.	Avg. big bass weight	% success (anglers w/ at least 1 fish)	Bass per day1	Pounds per day1	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.	Days1 to catch a bass over 5 lb.
1	12	151	136	34	1361	373	84.5	15.5	0.0	81	564	1.51	0	0	2.94	90.07	2.74	4.15	.	32
2	9	160	125	42	1293	398	38.1	61.9	0.0	99	662	1.66	4	0	4.29	78.13	3.08	5.12	323	.
3	12	165	134	37	1450	425	48.9	51.1	0.0	89	864	2.03	14	1	5.10	81.21	2.93	5.96	104	10
4	12	155	144	111	1275	617	36.3	63.7	0.0	94	1128	1.83	4	1	4.59	92.90	4.84	8.85	319	32
5	6	113	97	43	906	326	62.1	37.9	0.0	99	585	1.79	3	0	4.81	85.84	3.60	6.46	302	30
6	12	165	110	20	1275	303	91.9	0.9	7.2	100	605	2.00	4	0	4.37	66.67	2.38	4.75	319	32
7	1	10	9	3	82	28	.	.	.	100	67	2.38	1	0	5.10	90.00	3.44	8.16	82	8
8	11	257	233	108	2543	803	18.1	81.9	0.0	95	1452	1.81	6	1	4.80	90.66	3.16	5.71	424	42
9	13	108	77	12	880	192	60.8	37.4	1.8	97	298	1.55	0	0	2.96	71.30	2.18	3.39	.	.
10	4	145	132	101	1305	577	93.6	0.0	6.4	97	1301	2.25	9	0	6.11	91.03	4.42	9.97	145	15
11	10	116	105	63	1058	422	66.8	33.2	0.0	98	646	1.53	1	0	3.58	90.52	3.99	6.11	1058	106
12	9	144	121	42	1152	398	29.8	70.2	0.0	94	660	1.66	0	0	3.93	84.03	3.45	5.73	.	.
13	1	15	10	3	135	35	.	.	.	40	47	1.34	1	0	5.94	66.67	2.59	3.48	135	14
14	2	33	27	17	274	106	25.8	74.2	0.0	100	189	1.78	0	0	3.78	81.82	3.87	6.89	.	.
15	12	178	132	46	1529	444	42.4	57.6	0.0	100	853	1.92	8	0	4.52	74.16	2.90	5.58	191	19
16	1	16	15	4	136	70	.	.	.	100	153	2.19	2	0	7.44	93.75	5.15	11.26	68	7
17	8	154	127	75	1397	602	77.3	20.7	1.9	99	1219	2.03	7	0	4.78	82.47	4.31	8.73	200	20
18	12	325	276	141	2935	952	.	.	.	97	1818	1.91	15	0	4.91	84.92	3.24	6.19	196	20
19	11	141	113	65	1074	455	43.6	56.4	0.0	88	789	1.73	5	0	4.35	80.14	4.24	7.35	215	21
20	7	192	168	68	1536	565	52.1	47.9	0.0	96	1058	1.87	6	0	5.12	87.50	3.68	6.89	256	26
21	9	165	154	60	1485	541	38.6	61.4	0.0	96	1052	1.94	16	0	5.02	93.33	3.64	7.08	93	9
22	12	110	103	45	879	369	52.1	47.9	0.0	100	715	1.94	7	0	4.17	93.64	4.20	8.13	126	13
23	4	73	65	61	657	318	.	.	.	98	663	2.09	13	1	6.56	89.04	4.84	10.09	51	5
24	1	24	23	3	192	73	.	.	.	89	81	1.11	0	0	4.72	95.83	3.80	4.22	.	.
25	14	406	287	184	3656	1206	5.0	95.0	0.0	94	1932	1.60	5	0	4.32	70.69	3.30	5.28	731	73
26	4	12	11	6	99	44	5.0	95.0	0.0	100	82	1.86	1	0	2.99	91.67	4.44	8.25	99	10
27	10	110	94	14	1046	243	100.0	0.0	0.0	98	298	1.23	0	0	2.20	85.45	2.32	2.85	.	.
28	12	111	67	18	861	206	93.5	6.5	0.0	100	518	2.52	7	0	4.58	60.36	2.39	6.02	123	12
29	199	2679	2340	928	26109	8132	46.6	53.4	0.0	96	13361	1.64	80	.	4.03	85.89	3.11	5.12	326	33
30	48	2279	.	780	19372	4611	.	.	.	.	11450	2.48	69	.	5.49	.	2.38	5.91	281	28
Grand Total	478	8712	5435	3134	77949	23834	51.6	48.1	0.3	96	45110	1.89	288	4	4.28	84.46	3.06	5.79	271	27

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Table 4. Clubs supporting the 2008 B.A.I.T. annual report.

Club Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Representative	Phone
AL-TN BASS CLUB	11 EDWARDS DR.	LAWRENCEBURG	TN	38464	JONATHAN EDWARDS	931-762-5531
BALDWIN COUNTY BASSMASTERS	13411 CO. RD. 3	FAIRHOPE	AL	36532	LARRY YOUNG	251-928-1052
BF GOODRICH BASS ANGLERS	2463 LEE RD. 42	OPELIKA	AL	36804	ARTHUR HERNDON	334-749-1261
BIRMINGHAM BASSMASTERS	13784 DIANNE DR.	McCALLA	AL	35111	MIKE LINN	205-527-3067
BLACK WARRIOR BASS TRACKERS	5514 SUMMERFIELD DR E	TUSCALOOSA	AL	35404	CHARLIE TIDMORE	205-553-2919
BOEING BASS CLUB	26555 LAMBERT ROAD	ELKMONT	AL	36520	JOANTHAN MANTEUFF	256-423-8674
BREWTON BASSMASTERS	P.O. BOX 2222	E. BREWTON	AL	36427	ALLEN COUCH	251-867-9852
CLAY COUNTY BASS BUSTERS	24 FOREST DRIVE	HEFLIN	AL	36264	KEITH MORROW	256-463-2389
CULLMAN BASSMASTERS	8570 HERRING LANE	TRUSSVILLE	AL	35173	CHAD DURDEN	205-281-2030
DIXIE BASS	P. O. BOX 1214	WAYNESBORO	MS	39367	MARGUERITE PALMER	601-735-3058
FISHERS OF MEN - SOUTH ALA	P.O. BOX 2222	E. BREWTON	AL	36427	ALLEN COUCH	251-867-9852
GEORIGIA BASS FEDERATION	BIOLOGY DEPT., 1601 MAPLE ST.	CARROLLTON	GA	30118	CARL QUERTERMUS	678-839-4035
GILBERTOWN BASS CLUB	P.O. BOX 183	GILBERTOWN	AL	36908	MIKE THORN	251-843-2668
HILLCREST BASS CLUB	630 ROXIE AVE.	OXFORD	AL	36203	CLYDE ABERNATHY	256-835-9412
LAKE GUNTERSVILLE BASSMASTERS	3480 LITTLE DR SW	HARTSELLE	AL	35640	PHIL EKEMA	256-751-3656
LAY LAKE BASSMASTERS	128 WHEELER DR.	SYLACAUGA	AL	35150	ERNIE TEAFORD	256-249-0598
MISS. DIV. WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS	1505 EASTOVER DR.	JACKSON	MS	39215	LARRY PUGH	601-432-2208
MOBILE BASSMASTERS	4951 GOVERNMENT BLVD.	MOBILE	AL	36693	BOB STEELE	251-661-9600
MONROE COUNTY BASS ANGLERS	4 GOODWAY RD.	FRISCO CITY	AL	36445	GREG SHEHAN	251-862-2955
NATIONAL BASS TRAIL (GA/AL)	979 KENNON DR.	CATALULA	GA	31804	BLAINE SOUERWINE	706-494-0699
NORTH ALABAMA TOURNAMENT ANGLER	24963 LISA DR.	ATHENS	AL	35613	STAN SHERROD	256-230-0081
NORTHPORT BASS CLUB	11008 BUSTER TIERCE SPUR	NORTHPORT	AL	35475	ROBERT FINDLAY	205-339-5546
OUTCASTERS BASS CLUB	75 CO. RD. 68	SECTION	AL	35771	BIG STEVE TURNER	256-572-4509
PEP MILL BASSMASTERS	350 SPRING TRAIL	WARRIOR	AL	35180	BILLY J. LAWSON	205-647-2871
POWDER SPRINGS BASS CLUB	116 LINDA LN.	POWDER SPRINGSGA	AL	30127	JAMES LANKFORD	678-567-0933
RED BIRD BASS	4206 LAWNWOOD DR.	MONTGOMERY	AL	36108	LEE ZEIGLER	334-281-0940
TEAM TRAILS OF MISS. (WEST ALA.)	P.O. BOX 555	FAYETTE	AL	35555	TRISH SOWINS	205-932-3895
TEAM TRAILS OF MISS. (WEST MISS.)	2753 TVA RD.	WEST POINT	MS	39773	GENE BROWN	662-295-0284
TMT ANGLERS	220 LEACH DR.	BIRMINGHAM	AL	35213	LANCE GRANGER	205-956-9049
WEST ALABAMA BASS FISHERMANS ASSN	P.O. BOX 210	GORDO	AL	35466	JEFF GILLIAM	205-364-8530

Table 5. Statewide summary of bass tournaments by month for bass clubs participating in the 2008 B.A.I.T. Program.

Month	No. of tournaments	No. of anglers	No. of anglers w/ at least 1 fish	No. of anglers w/ a limit of fish	Total hrs. fished	Total bass caught	% largemouth	% spotted bass	% smallmouth	Percent of bass released alive	Total lbs. of bass	Avg. bass weight	Bass over 5lb.	Bass over 8lb.	Avg. big bass weight	% success (anglers w/ at least 1 fish)	Bass per day ¹	Pounds per day ¹	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.	Days ¹ to catch a bass over 5 lb.
JAN	17	247	204	68	1956	659	35.8	64.2	0.0	99	957	1.45	3	0	3.74	82.59	3.37	4.89	652	65
FEB	35	609	483	194	5166	1658	59.3	40.3	0.4	95	3055	1.84	24	0	4.58	84.89	3.21	5.91	215	22
MAR	59	1314	731	464	11695	3412	48.6	51.2	0.2	97	7016	2.06	66	1	5.00	84.61	2.92	6.00	177	18
APR	54	1347	656	562	12068	3855	43.2	56.6	0.2	98	7672	1.99	41	0	4.78	83.95	3.19	6.36	294	29
MAY	49	926	577	337	8401	2617	59.7	40.2	0.1	94	4781	1.83	34	1	4.32	85.61	3.12	5.69	247	25
JUN	45	880	550	340	7966	2539	62.2	37.8	0.0	91	5103	2.01	32	0	4.39	86.21	3.19	6.41	249	25
JUL	41	762	375	263	6483	1859	53.8	46.2	0.0	94	3710	2.00	23	1	4.12	83.33	2.87	5.72	282	28
AUG	37	655	343	158	5717	1323	48.3	51.7	0.0	96	2750	2.08	15	0	4.02	77.25	2.31	4.81	381	38
SEP	42	622	457	234	5682	1649	53.7	45.1	1.2	93	2886	1.75	13	0	3.77	86.55	2.90	5.08	437	44
OCT	43	552	468	225	5887	1995	49.5	49.7	0.8	97	3238	1.63	14	1	3.80	91.23	3.39	5.50	421	42
NOV	35	495	352	199	4314	1478	50.0	50.0	0.0	96	2517	1.70	13	0	3.88	83.02	3.43	5.83	332	33
DEC	21	303	239	90	2616	790	47.1	52.9	0.0	100	1426	1.80	10	0	4.20	78.88	3.02	5.45	262	26
Grand Total	478	8712	5435	3134	77949	23834	51.6	48.1	0.3	96	45110	1.89	288	4	4.28	84.46	3.06	5.79	271	27

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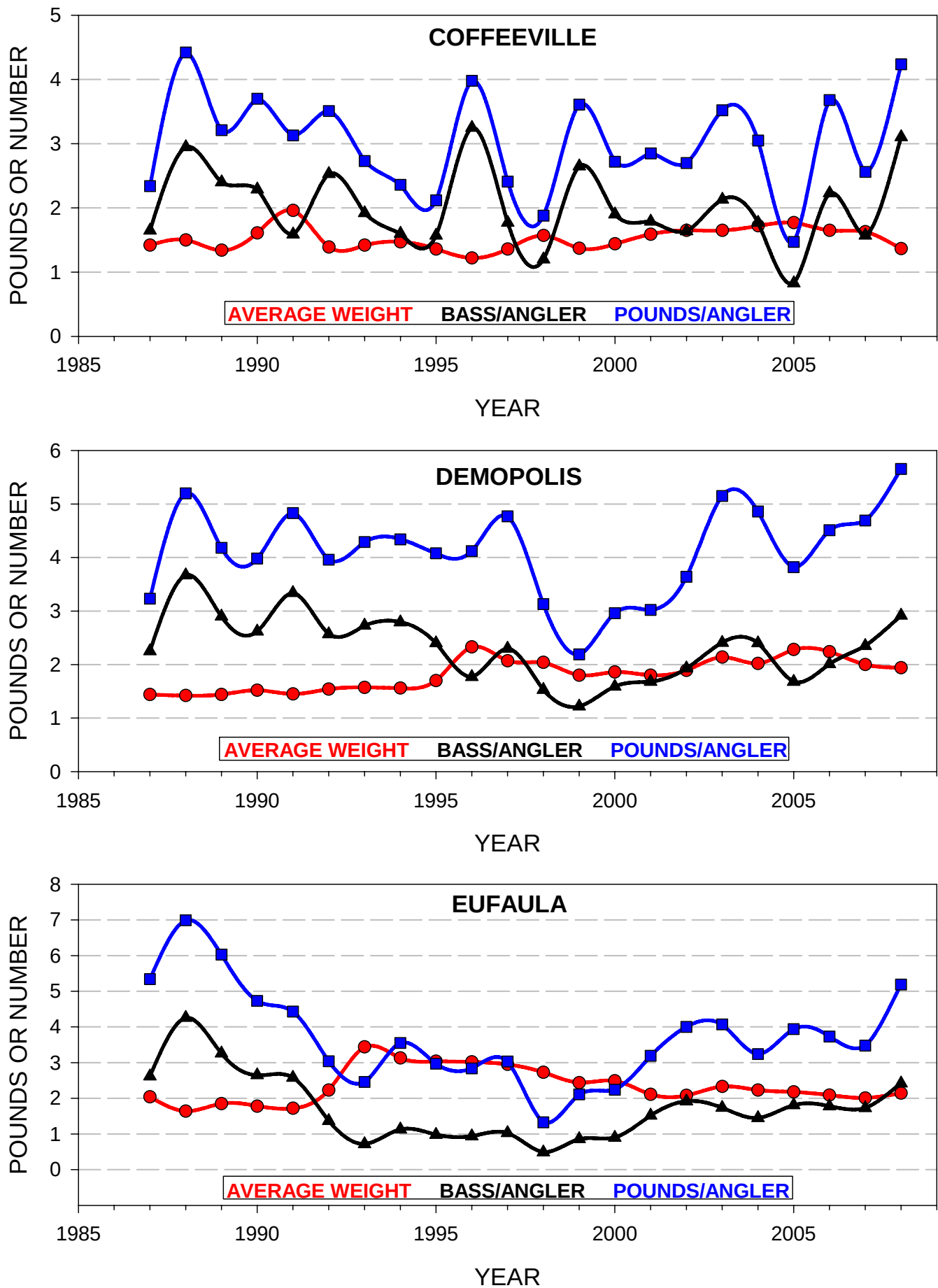


Figure 2. Annual quality indicators for Coffeetville, Demopolis, and Eufaula, through 2008.

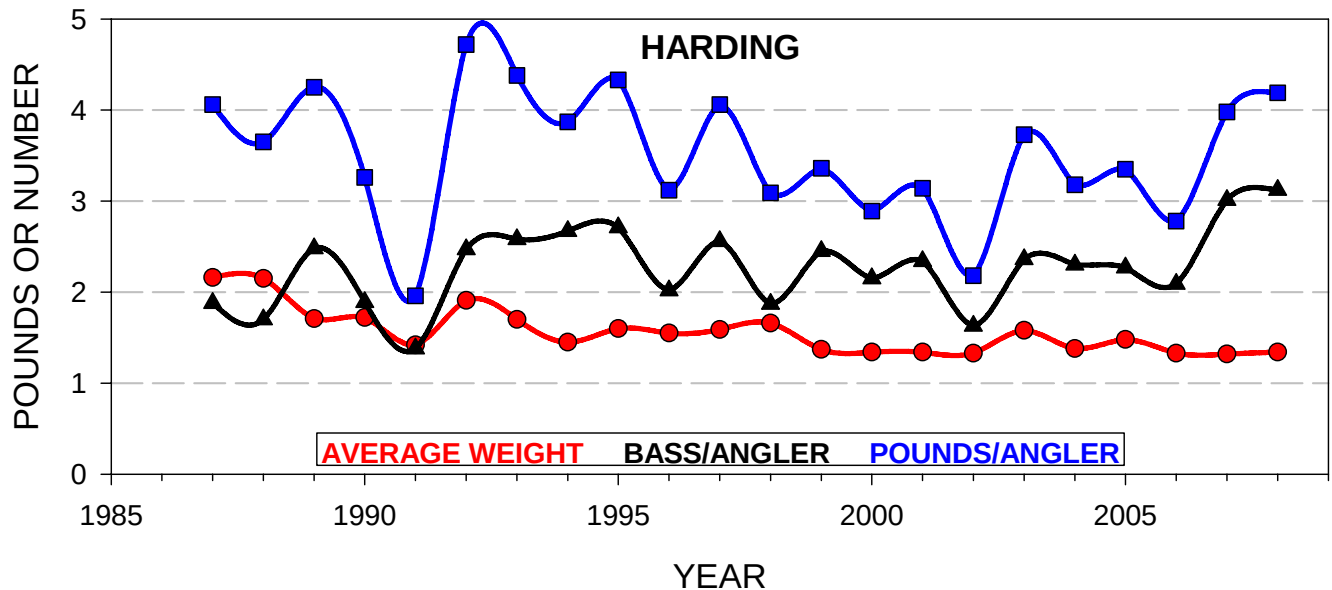
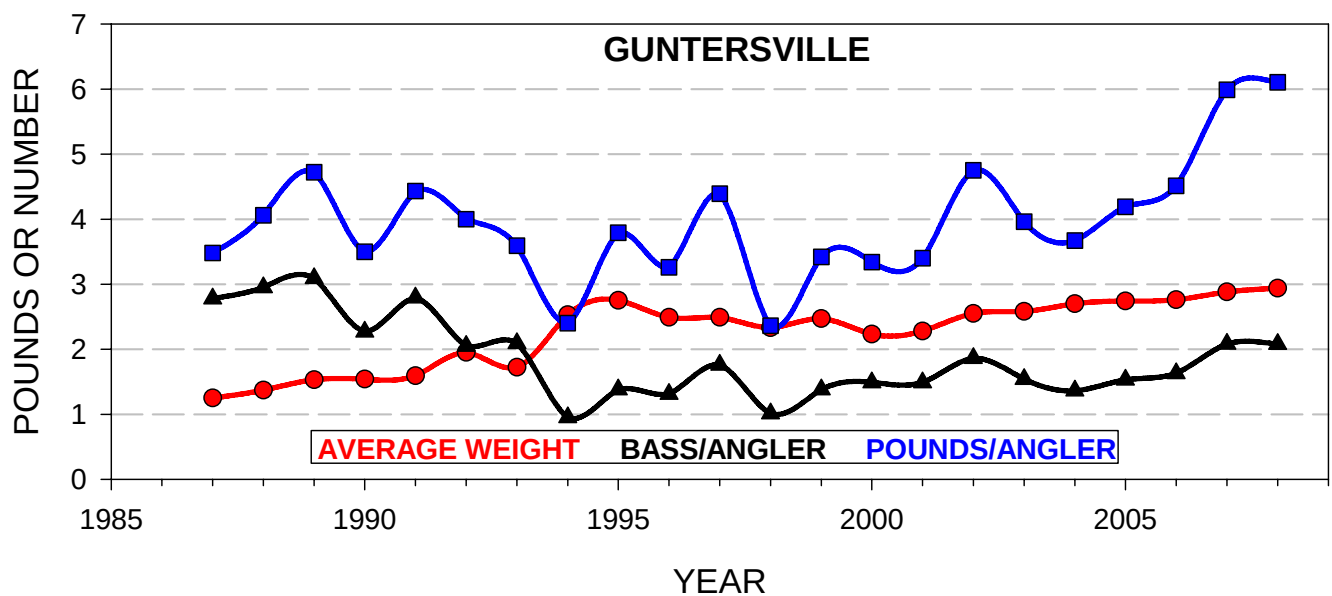
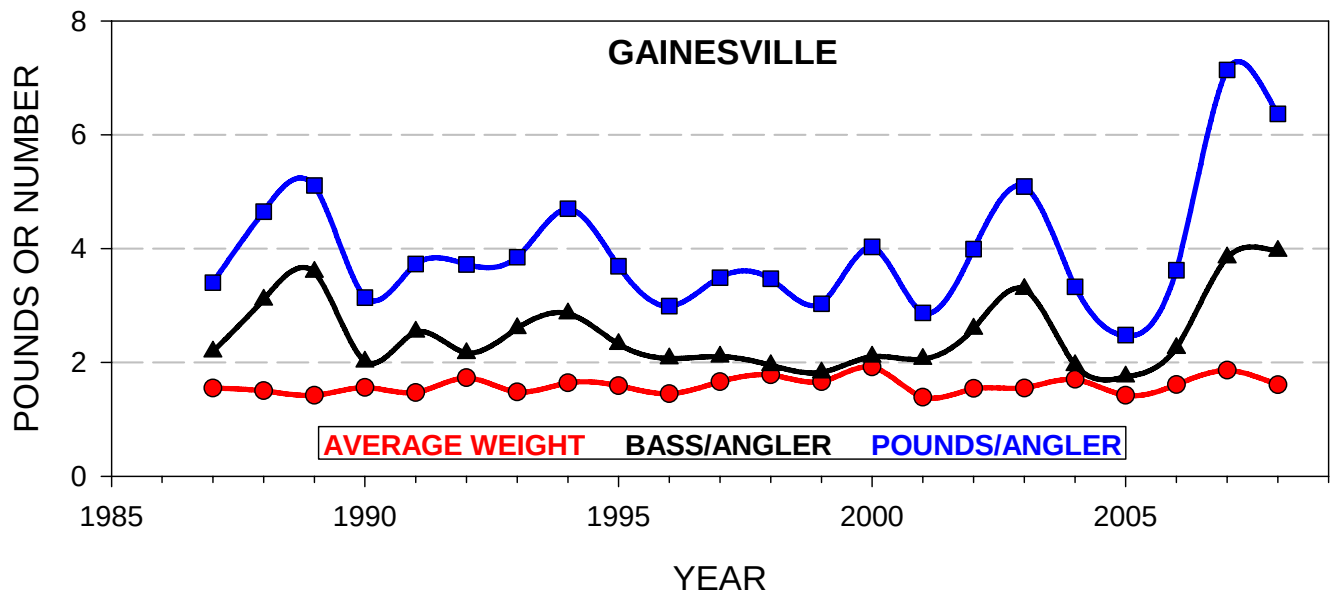


Figure 3. Annual quality indicators for Gainesville, Gunter'sville, and Harding, through 2008.

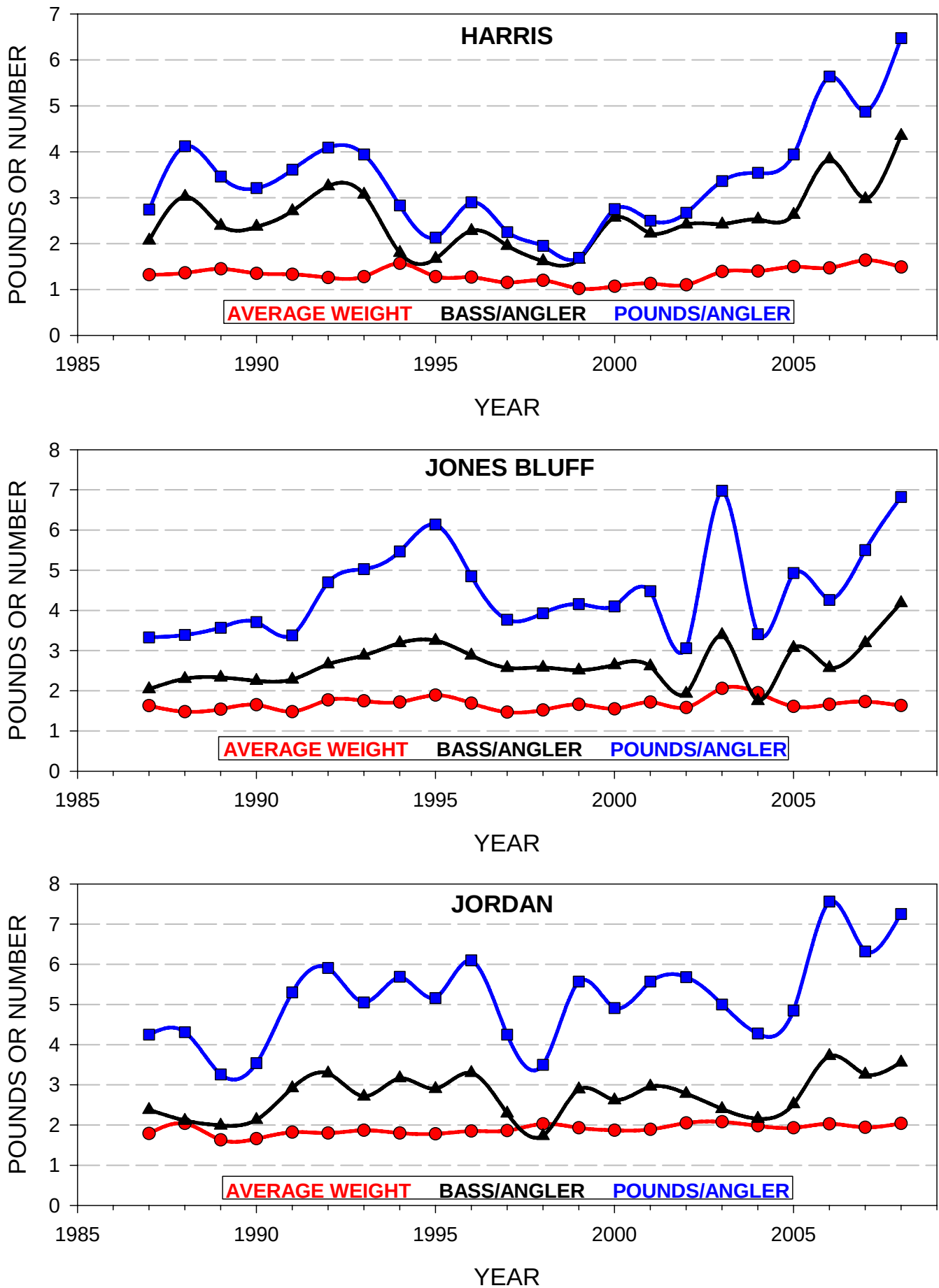


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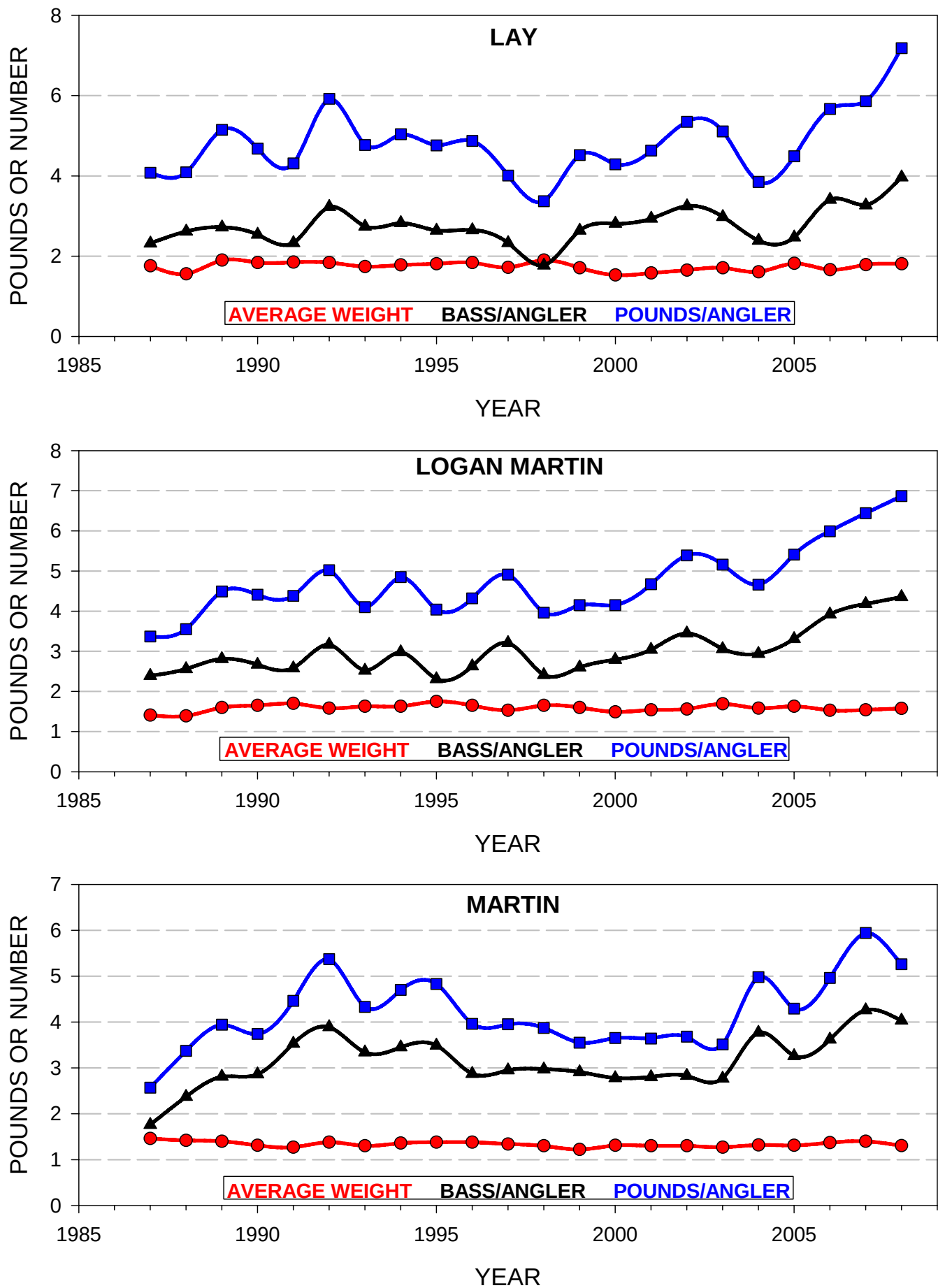


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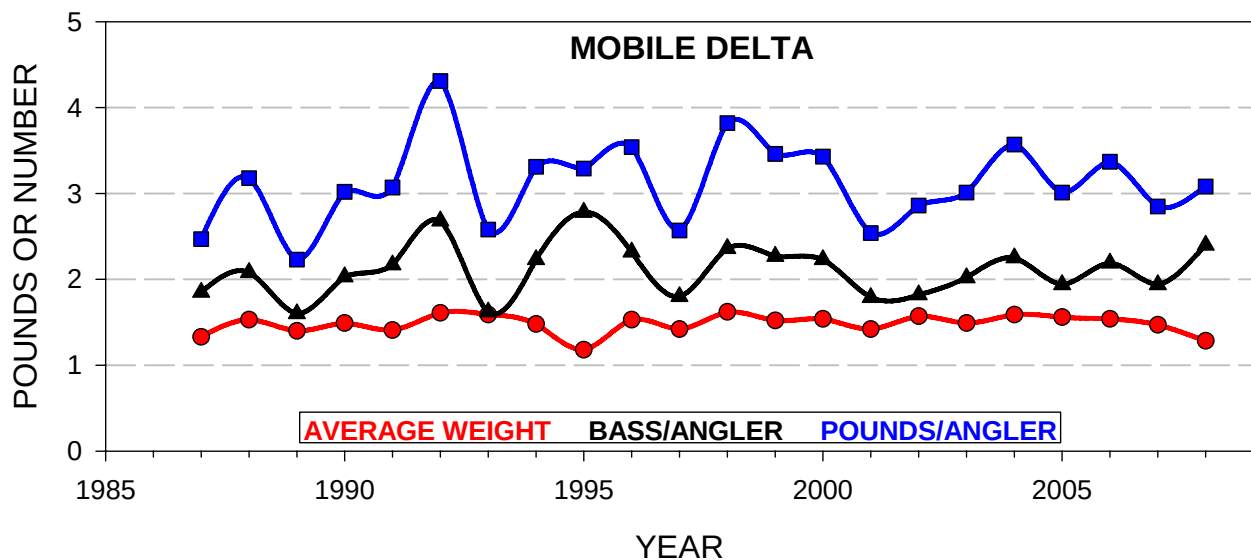
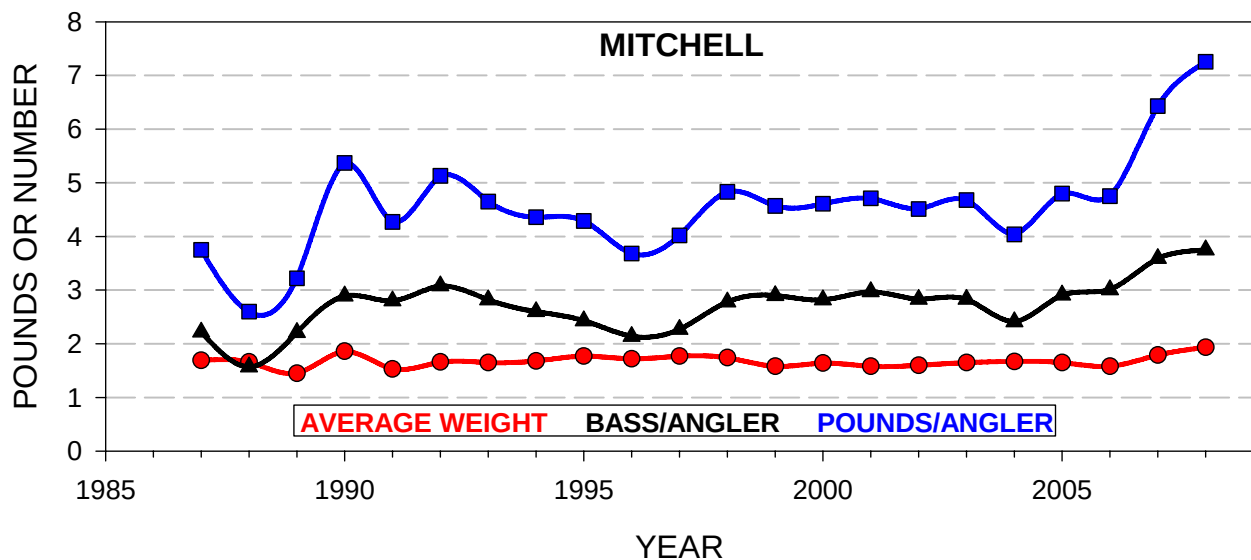
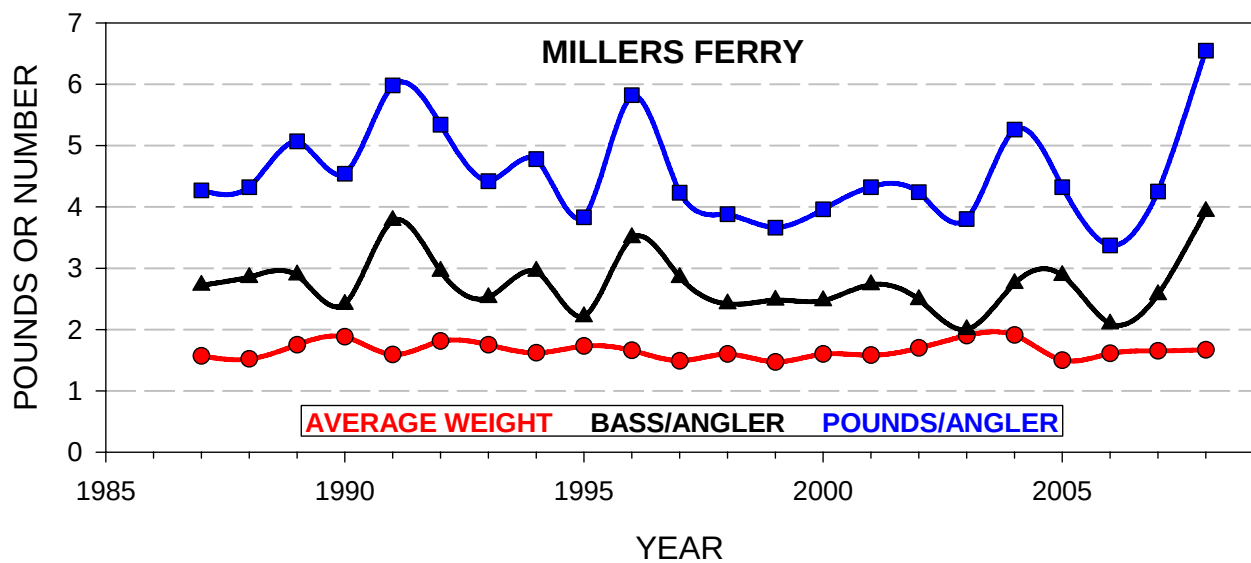


Figure 6. Annual quality indicators for Millers Ferry, Mitchell, and the Mobile Delta, through 2008.

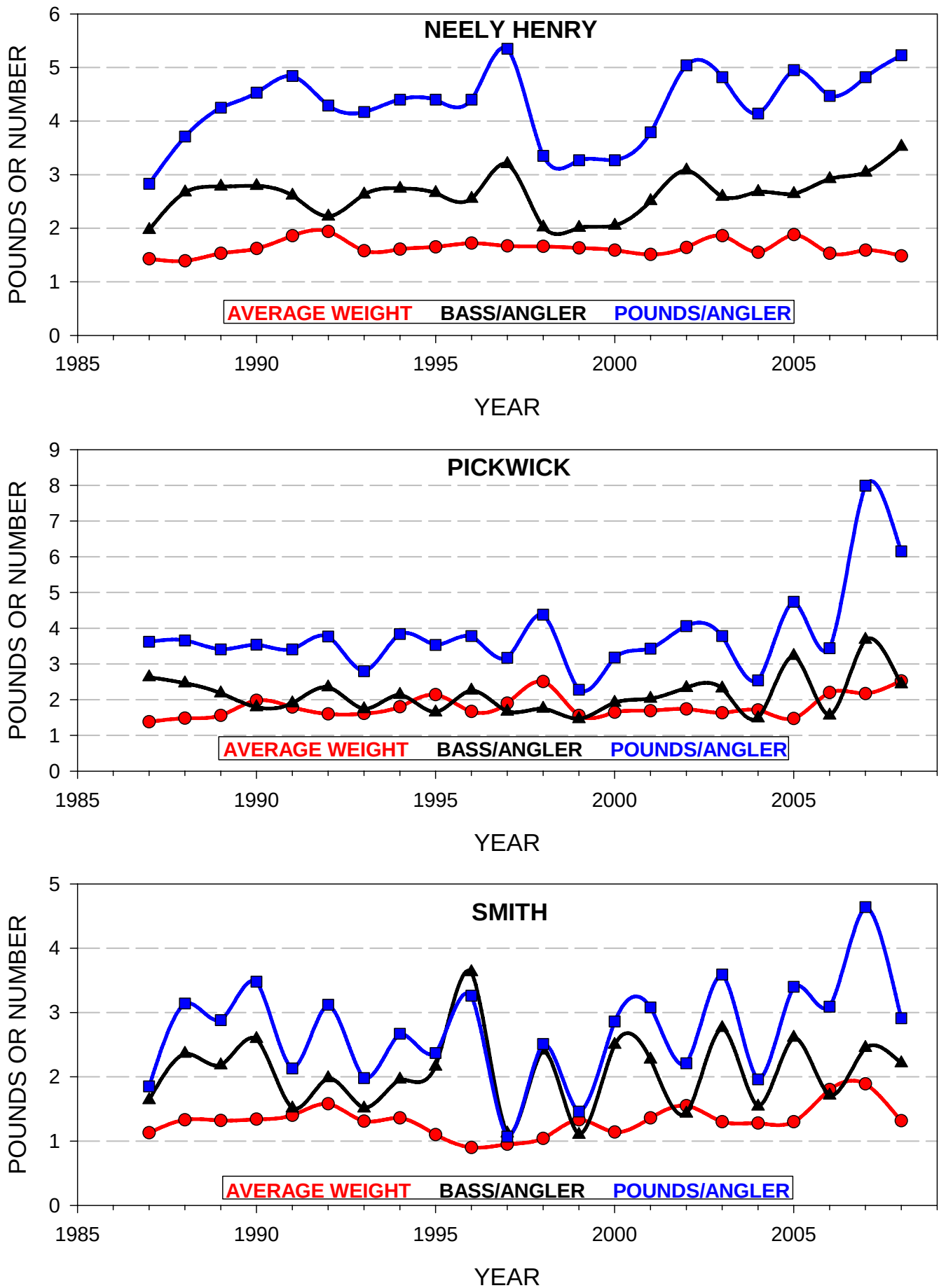


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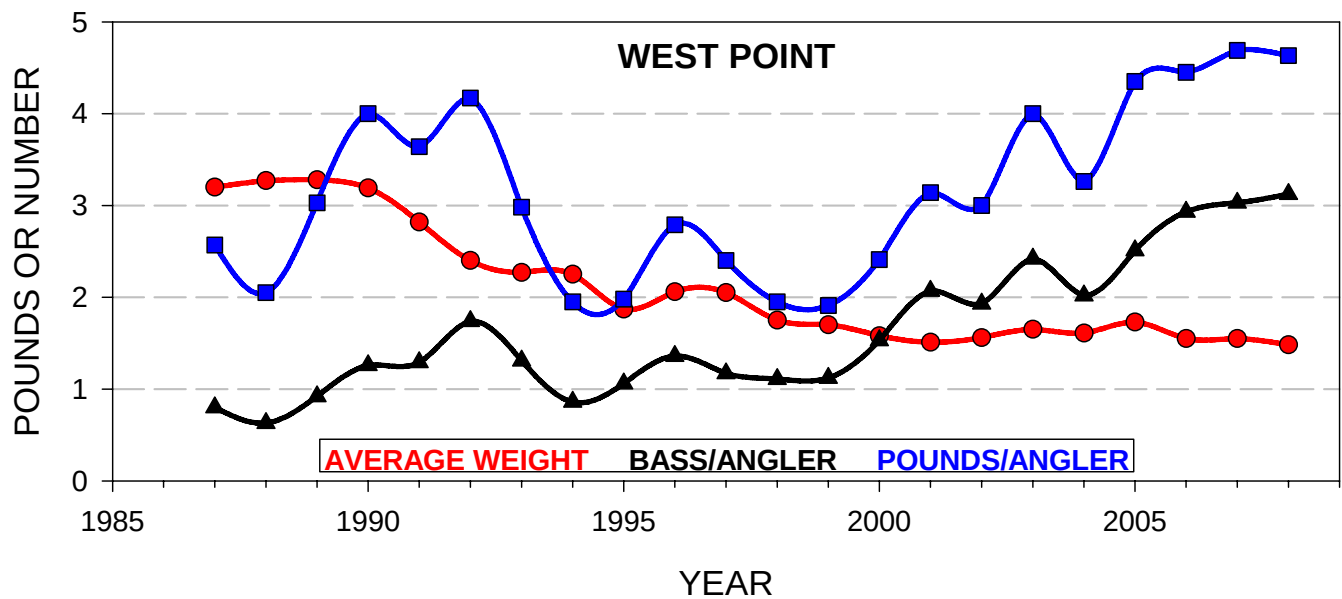
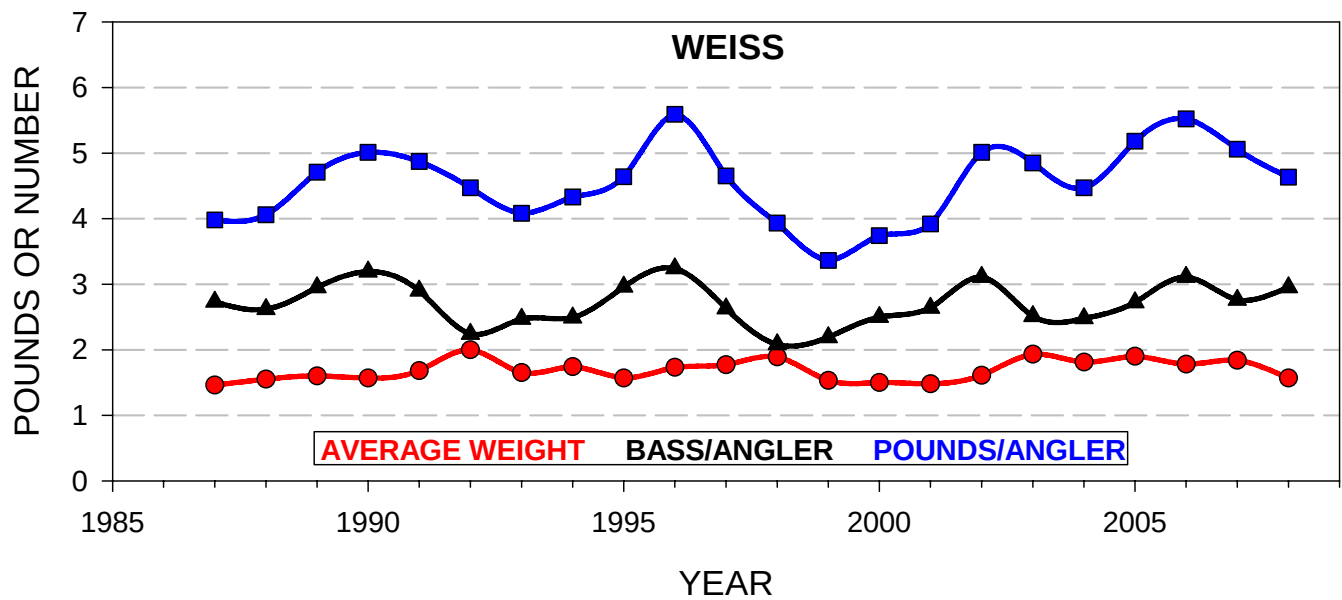
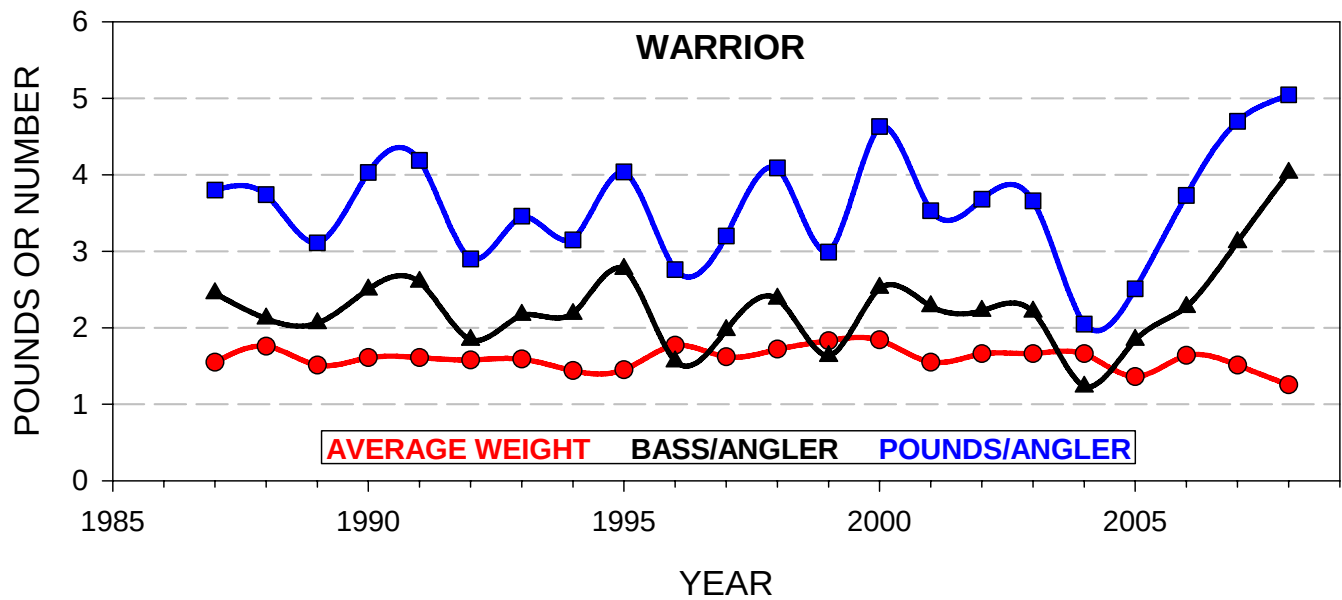


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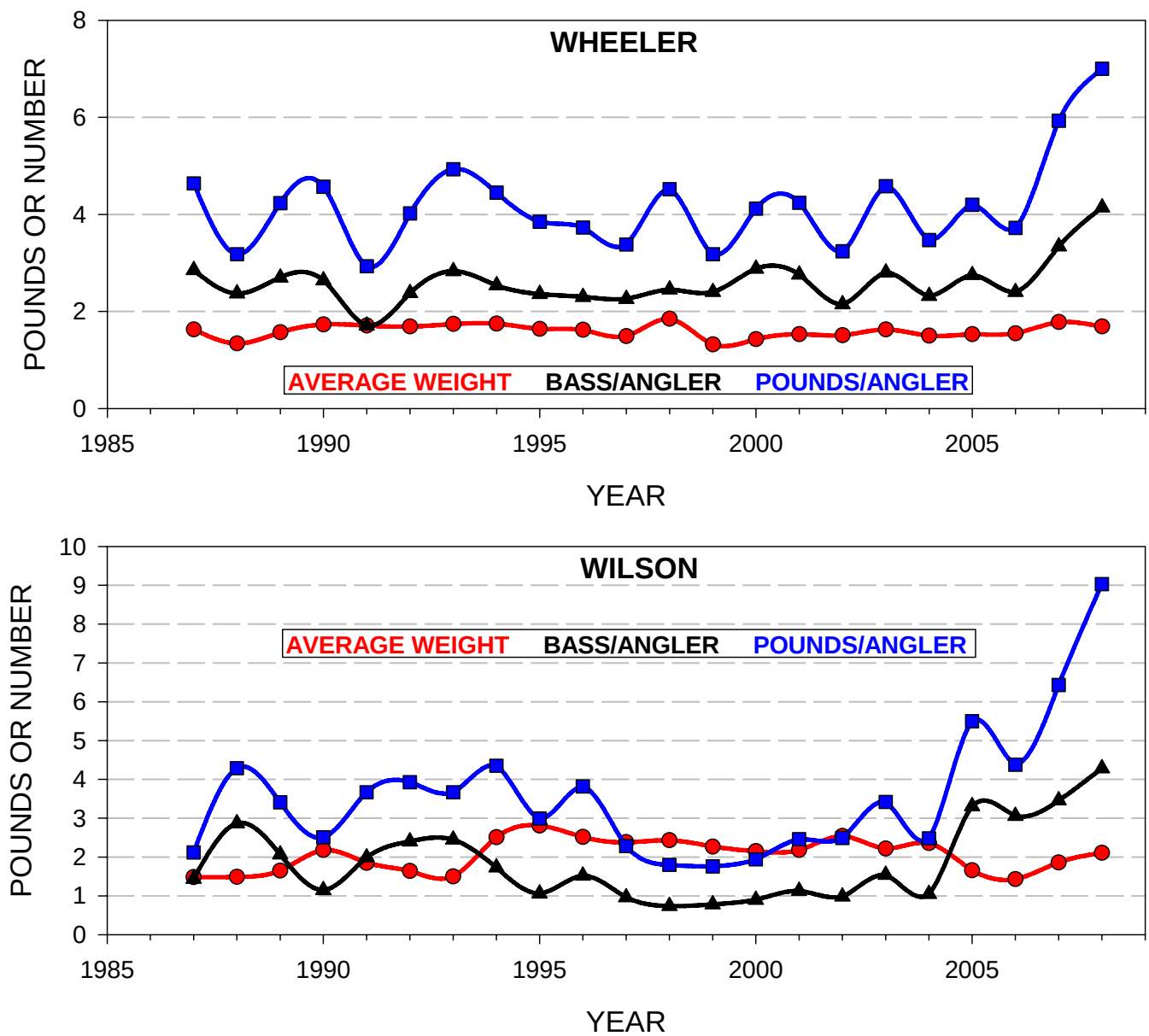


Figure 9. Annual quality indicators for Wheeler and Wilson, through 2008.

Table 6. Summary of bass tournaments by lake and month for bass clubs participating in the 2008 B.A.I.T. Program.

Lake	Month	No. of tournaments	No. of anglers	% success (anglers w/ at least 1 fish)	Total hrs. fished	Total bass caught	% largemouth	% spotted bass	% smallmouth	Percent of bass released alive	Total lbs. of bass	Avg. bass weight	Bass over 5lb.	Bass over 8lb.	Avg. big bass weight	Bass per day ¹	Pounds per day ¹	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.
Aliceville	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	FEB	1	18	.	153	33	.	.	.	.	52.9	1.60	.	.	.	2.16	3.45	.
	MAR	8	215	.	1856	469	100.0	0.0	0.0	99.3	1022.2	2.18	20	1	6.44	2.53	5.51	93
	APR	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	MAY	3	39	.	337	120	.	.	.	95.9	185.6	1.55	0	0	3.38	3.57	5.51	.
	JUN	2	78	.	676	250	.	.	.	96.8	477.1	1.91	8	0	7.26	3.70	7.06	85
	JUL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	AUG	1	9	.	77	21	.	.	.	.	40.7	1.94	.	.	.	2.75	5.32	.
	SEP	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	OCT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	NOV	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	DEC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Eufaula	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	FEB	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	MAR	9	143	85.3	1315	353	89.6	10.4	0.0	99.2	740.8	2.10	9	0	5.13	2.68	5.63	146
	APR	5	80	78.8	774	222	93.5	6.5	0.0	98.9	482.3	2.17	6	0	5.76	2.87	6.23	129
	MAY	3	45	75.6	402	83	89.2	10.8	0.0	91.9	164.0	1.98	2	0	4.88	2.06	4.08	201
	JUN	2	29	89.7	412	110	86.1	13.9	0.0	90.4	252.4	2.29	4	0	6.29	2.67	6.13	103
	JUL	4	56	83.9	559	127	72.4	27.6	0.0	95.1	305.9	2.41	4	0	5.20	2.27	5.47	140
	AUG	5	59	76.3	555	99	64.6	35.4	0.0	94.3	216.1	2.18	3	0	4.63	1.78	3.89	185
	SEP	6	75	84.0	900	204	70.2	29.8	0.0	95.4	379.3	1.86	4	0	5.08	2.27	4.21	225
	OCT	3	26	88.5	326	59	100.0	0.0	0.0	96.8	130.8	2.22	0	0	3.60	1.81	4.01	.
	NOV	3	31	67.7	267	59	76.3	23.7	0.0	100.0	123.5	2.09	0	0	3.99	2.21	4.62	.
	DEC	2	33	66.7	364	107	64.5	35.5	0.0	100.0	252.7	2.36	3	0	5.36	2.94	6.94	121
Guntersville	JAN	2	24	29.2	174	23	95.0	5.0	0.0	100.0	72.3	3.14	2	0	5.85	1.32	4.15	87
	FEB	6	86	59.3	705	83	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	262.4	3.16	5	0	5.29	1.18	3.72	141
	MAR	3	66	72.7	660	100	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	360.1	3.60	12	0	6.22	1.52	5.46	55
	APR	7	98	65.3	896	152	78.6	21.4	0.0	100.0	424.6	2.79	6	0	5.27	1.70	4.74	149
	MAY	8	141	78.7	1222	296	98.2	1.8	0.0	94.3	837.2	2.83	15	0	5.40	2.42	6.85	81
	JUN	8	103	80.6	997	320	99.6	0.4	0.0	90.7	927.8	2.90	14	0	5.20	3.21	9.31	71
	JUL	4	72	76.4	603	138	100.0	0.0	0.0	96.1	417.4	3.02	7	0	5.63	2.29	6.92	86
	AUG	3	39	66.7	312	68	98.4	1.6	0.0	96.8	181.8	2.67	6	0	5.21	2.18	5.83	52
	SEP	3	31	64.5	333	64	100.0	0.0	0.0	98.6	173.2	2.71	2	0	4.25	1.92	5.20	167
	OCT	5	69	76.8	841	147	99.5	0.5	0.0	99.4	427.1	2.91	7	1	6.28	1.75	5.08	120
	NOV	4	38	63.2	311	76	83.3	16.7	0.0	100.0	222.3	2.92	7	0	5.09	2.44	7.15	44
	DEC	1	6	66.7	48	9	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	28.8	3.19	0	0	4.50	1.88	5.99	.
Harding	JAN	3	60	93.3	458	188	22.7	77.3	0.0	100.0	256.7	1.37	0	0	3.54	4.11	5.61	.
	FEB	2	33	87.9	245	71	29.7	70.3	0.0	100.0	110.2	1.55	0	0	3.13	2.90	4.50	.
	MAR	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	APR	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	MAY	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	JUN	2	34	91.2	335	100	59.5	40.5	0.0	99.1	141.1	1.41	0	0	3.43	2.99	4.21	.
	JUL	2	18	83.3	164	41	80.8	19.2	0.0	100.0	47.0	1.15	0	0	1.95	2.51	2.88	.
	AUG	3	51	92.2	532	127	29.0	71.0	0.0	95.3	166.8	1.31	1	0	3.81	2.39	3.13	532
	SEP	1	8	100.0	64	31	12.9	87.1	0.0	93.5	33.3	1.07	0	0	1.88	4.84	5.20	.
	OCT	1	13	92.3	104	40	40.0	60.0	0.0	75.0	52.4	1.31	0	0	3.74	3.85	5.03	.
	NOV	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	DEC	2	30	80.0	261	77	23.6	76.4	0.0	100.0	98.4	1.28	0	0	2.28	2.95	3.77	.

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Table 6. Cont'd.

Lake	Month	No. of tournaments	No. of anglers	% success (anglers w/ at least 1 fish)	Total hrs. fished	Total bass caught	% largemouth	% spotted bass	% smallmouth	Percent of bass released alive	Total lbs. of bass	Avg. bass weight	Bass over 5lb.	Bass over 8lb.	Avg. big bass weight	Bass per day ¹	Pounds per day ¹	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.
Harris	JAN	5	61	98.4	477	208	9.7	90.3	0.0	95.7	287.3	1.38	1	0	3.60	4.36	6.02	477
	FEB	2	26	92.3	208	100	10.0	90.0	0.0	54.0	146.6	1.47	1	0	3.50	4.81	7.05	208
	MAR	1	20	100.0	170	86	5.8	94.2	0.0	100.0	114.3	1.33	0	0	4.20	5.06	6.72	.
	APR	2	30	96.7	260	120	12.2	87.8	0.0	96.7	192.4	1.60	4	0	6.63	4.62	7.40	65
	MAY	2	27	88.9	254	98	20.6	79.4	0.0	89.1	153.8	1.57	2	1	6.46	3.87	6.07	127
	JUN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	JUL	2	20	90.0	160	64	27.0	73.0	0.0	82.4	140.8	2.20	2	1	5.99	4.00	8.80	80
	AUG	1	8	100.0	64	20	5.0	95.0	0.0	100.0	22.8	1.14	0	0	2.50	3.13	3.57	.
	SEP	1	8	100.0	64	14	0.0	100.0	0.0	57.1	13.2	0.94	0	0	1.50	2.19	2.06	.
	OCT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	NOV	1	13	100.0	117	55	18.2	81.8	0.0	98.2	74.4	1.35	0	0	4.30	4.70	6.36	.
	DEC	3	39	97.4	333	151	5.4	94.6	0.0	100.0	218.0	1.44	2	0	4.37	4.53	6.55	167
Jordan	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	FEB	1	12	91.7	96	36	8.3	91.7	0.0	100.0	90.6	2.52	0	0	4.55	3.75	9.44	.
	MAR	6	85	92.9	831	319	13.1	86.9	0.0	85.4	668.0	2.09	1	0	4.38	3.84	8.04	831
	APR	1	15	86.7	150	52	11.5	88.5	0.0	57.7	111.0	2.13	0	0	3.74	3.47	7.40	.
	MAY	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	JUN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	JUL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	AUG	1	7	85.7	35	22	27.3	72.7	0.0	100.0	39.3	1.79	0	0	2.15	6.29	11.22	.
	SEP	2	24	83.3	192	27	21.4	78.6	0.0	96.4	44.7	1.65	0	0	2.99	1.41	2.33	.
	OCT	1	6	100.0	54	30	.	.	.	100.0	52.1	1.74	0	0	3.11	5.56	9.64	.
	NOV	1	23	73.9	207	54	3.7	96.3	0.0	100.0	89.0	1.65	0	0	4.10	2.61	4.30	.
	DEC	2	31	87.1	279	117	13.3	86.7	0.0	100.0	242.7	2.07	1	0	4.98	4.19	8.70	279
Lay	JAN	1	11	100.0	88	45	17.8	82.2	0.0	100.0	76.2	1.69	0	0	3.50	5.11	8.66	.
	FEB	4	68	88.2	575	205	28.8	71.2	0.0	100.0	388.4	1.89	0	0	3.74	3.57	6.75	.
	MAR	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	APR	2	37	97.3	326	155	59.7	40.3	0.0	100.0	309.9	2.00	5	0	6.13	4.76	9.52	65
	MAY	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	JUN	2	40	87.5	400	135	32.0	68.0	0.0	87.5	239.4	1.77	0	0	4.24	3.38	5.99	.
	JUL	1	11	90.9	55	29	41.4	58.6	0.0	100.0	38.9	1.34	0	0	3.75	5.27	7.07	.
	AUG	1	12	75.0	96	21	.	.	.	100.0	37.2	1.77	0	0	3.30	2.19	3.87	.
	SEP	2	25	84.0	200	62	66.6	33.4	0.0	95.6	116.6	1.88	1	0	4.88	3.10	5.83	200
	OCT	4	45	93.3	381	164	63.2	36.8	0.0	99.5	273.5	1.67	0	0	3.19	4.30	7.18	.
	NOV	3	36	86.1	311	137	48.6	51.4	0.0	96.7	241.4	1.76	0	0	3.42	4.41	7.77	.
	DEC	1	10	90.0	85	45	73.3	26.7	0.0	100.0	85.8	1.91	0	0	4.00	5.29	10.10	.
Logan Martin	JAN	1	11	90.9	88	30	6.7	93.3	0.0	100.0	40.9	1.362	0	0	2.75	3.41	4.64	.
	FEB	2	45	100.0	393.5	167	21.5	78.5	0.0	100.0	254.2	1.522	2	0	5.50	4.24	6.46	197
	MAR	5	73	94.5	603	256	31.0	69.0	0.0	100.0	429.5	1.678	0	0	3.52	4.25	7.12	.
	APR	5	96	86.5	726	372	21.4	78.6	0.0	97.9	609.2	1.638	1	0	3.58	5.12	8.39	726
	MAY	3	39	97.4	375.5	188	19.2	80.8	0.0	91.7	273.9	1.457	0	0	3.06	5.01	7.29	.
	JUN	4	45	97.8	393	158	19.6	80.4	0.0	90.9	243.5	1.541	0	0	3.58	4.02	6.20	.
	JUL	4	41	92.7	356	117	42.3	57.7	0.0	96.6	173.7	1.485	0	0	3.30	3.29	4.88	.
	AUG	3	41	90.2	345.5	134	30.1	69.9	0.0	94.2	208.5	1.556	1	0	3.68	3.88	6.03	346
	SEP	3	50	96.0	424.5	193	56.1	43.9	0.0	93.7	290.9	1.507	1	0	4.57	4.55	6.85	425
	OCT	3	45	93.3	360	185	30.2	69.8	0.0	97.6	263.5	1.425	0	0	3.09	5.14	7.32	.
	NOV	3	40	100.0	408.5	201	15.2	84.8	0.0	90.1	322.9	1.607	1	0	4.60	4.92	7.90	409
	DEC	4	54	87.0	425.5	137	21.8	78.2	0.0	100.0	252.9	1.846	2	0	4.68	3.22	5.94	213

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Mobile Delta	JAN	2	25	92.0	231	55	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	77.3	1.41	0	0	3.60	2.38	3.35	.
	FEB	3	47	91.5	426	104	100.0	0.0	0.0	93.0	143.3	1.38	0	0	3.42	2.44	3.37	.
	MAR	1	12	83.3	120	27	100.0	0.0	0.0	92.6	33.8	1.25	0	0	1.63	2.25	2.82	.
	APR	1	8	100.0	80	26	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	35.1	1.35	0	0	3.00	3.25	4.39	.
	MAY	2	22	90.9	220	55	98.4	1.6	0.0	91.5	74.1	1.35	0	0	2.64	2.50	3.37	.
	JUN	2	25	100.0	204	60	97.2	2.8	0.0	59.7	68.7	1.15	0	0	2.24	2.94	3.37	.
	JUL	1	11	81.8	83	9	100.0	0.0	0.0	88.9	9.8	1.09	0	0	1.70	1.09	1.19	.
	AUG	1	12	50.0	90	18	100.0	0.0	0.0	88.9	17.9	0.99	0	0	1.48	2.00	1.99	.
	SEP	2	22	86.4	220	45	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	56.2	1.25	0	0	2.06	2.05	2.56	.
	OCT	2	22	77.3	215	42	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	44.7	1.06	0	0	1.73	1.96	2.08	.
	NOV	2	21	90.5	198	56	100.0	0.0	0.0	96.3	76.3	1.36	0	0	2.65	2.83	3.85	.
	DEC	2	22	81.8	170	44	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	57.5	1.31	0	0	2.45	2.59	3.38	.
Mitchell	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	FEB	1	27	92.6	257	102	.	.	.	100.0	235.3	2.31	0	0	4.73	3.98	9.17	.
	MAR	2	51	90.2	446	182	23.4	76.6	0.0	100.0	414.8	2.28	1	0	4.59	4.09	9.31	446
	APR	3	43	95.3	534	188	18.3	81.7	0.0	99.7	332.7	1.77	0	0	3.84	3.52	6.24	.
	MAY	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	JUN	1	16	68.8	128	29	.	.	.	89.7	44.8	1.54	0	0	3.56	2.27	3.50	.
	JUL	4	42	73.8	328	105	25.2	74.8	0.0	94.9	198.5	1.89	1	0	3.96	3.20	6.05	328
	AUG	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	SEP	2	21	90.5	179	89	26.7	73.3	0.0	100.0	160.3	1.80	0	0	4.25	4.99	8.98	.
	OCT	3	26	84.6	231	93	0.0	100.0	0.0	99.6	138.4	1.49	0	0	2.83	4.03	5.99	.
	NOV	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	DEC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Neely Henry	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	FEB	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	MAR	1	10	90.0	80	24	50.0	50.0	0.0	100.0	42.3	1.76	1	0	5.50	3.00	5.28	80
	APR	2	28	85.7	228	55	12.5	87.5	0.0	100.0	101.7	1.85	0	0	3.70	2.41	4.46	.
	MAY	2	17	100.0	153	55	53.4	46.6	0.0	100.0	74.6	1.36	0	0	2.97	3.59	4.88	.
	JUN	1	10	100.0	80	33	43.3	56.7	0.0	90.9	46.8	1.42	0	0	3.98	4.13	5.85	.
	JUL	5	69	92.8	590	218	61.1	38.9	0.0	94.0	285.2	1.31	0	0	3.74	3.70	4.84	.
	AUG	2	40	80.0	320	95	37.9	62.1	0.0	99.0	171.3	1.80	0	0	3.90	2.97	5.35	.
	SEP	1	26	96.2	234	109	15.6	84.4	0.0	82.6	155.2	1.42	0	0	3.47	4.66	6.63	.
	OCT	1	12	100.0	96	38	63.2	36.8	0.0	100.0	53.6	1.41	0	0	2.83	3.96	5.59	.
	NOV	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	DEC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Pickwick	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	FEB	1	22	.	187	55	.	.	.	.	108.8	1.978	2	0	6.10	2.94	5.82	94
	MAR	5	285	.	2423	512	.	.	.	.	1355.5	2.647	12	0	5.85	2.11	5.60	202
	APR	9	604	.	5152	1460	93.5	0.0	6.5	94.8	3400.7	2.329	12	0	5.81	2.83	6.60	429
	MAY	4	223	.	1896	445	.	.	.	.	1070.5	2.406	8	0	5.58	2.35	5.65	237
	JUN	3	190	.	1615	439	.	.	.	.	1171.4	2.668	5	0	5.51	2.72	7.25	323
	JUL	7	312	.	2652	695	.	.	.	.	1647.0	2.37	9	0	4.83	2.62	6.21	295
	AUG	6	225	.	1901	345	.	.	.	93.3	1121.7	3.251	2	0	4.69	1.81	5.90	951
	SEP	3	104	.	869	135	80.0	0.0	20.0	100.0	498.2	3.691	3	0	4.61	1.55	5.73	290
	OCT	1	39	.	331.5	86	.	.	.	.	199.2	2.317	2	0	6.02	2.59	6.01	166
	NOV	2	71	.	603.5	130	.	.	.	.	296.2	2.278	2	0	5.12	2.15	4.91	302
	DEC	1	6	.	48	3	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	5.3	1.767	0	0	3.13	0.63	1.10	.

¹a day is defined as one angler fishing for 10 hours

Table 6. Cont'd.

Lake	Month	No. of tournaments	No. of anglers	% success (anglers w/ at least 1 fish)	Total hrs. fished	Total bass caught	% largemouth	% spotted bass	% smallmouth	Percent of bass released alive	Total lbs. of bass	Avg. bass weight	Bass over 5lb.	Bass over 8lb.	Avg. big bass weight	Bass per day ¹	Pounds per day ¹	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.
Weiss	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	FEB	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	MAR	3	52	78.8	428	73	49.6	50.4	0.0	100.0	126.5	1.73	1	0	4.68	1.71	2.96	428
	APR	5	92	83.7	783	161	10.7	89.3	0.0	100.0	246.7	1.53	2	0	4.11	2.06	3.15	392
	MAY	4	61	95.1	515	177	50.3	49.7	0.0	90.2	254.6	1.44	1	0	3.93	3.44	4.94	515
	JUN	9	137	89.8	1221	441	58.6	41.4	0.0	95.3	658.4	1.49	0	0	3.87	3.61	5.39	.
	JUL	1	24	100.0	192	56	64.3	35.7	0.0	98.2	99.2	1.77	0	0	3.13	2.92	5.17	.
	AUG	2	17	100.0	140	43	42.8	57.2	0.0	100.0	70.9	1.65	0	0	3.64	3.07	5.07	.
	SEP	5	76	93.4	644	216	49.6	50.4	0.0	88.0	337.0	1.56	2	0	4.24	3.35	5.23	322
	OCT	3	32	90.6	269	97	47.9	52.1	0.0	100.0	165.0	1.70	0	0	3.72	3.61	6.13	.
	NOV	2	20	100.0	222	87	67.9	32.1	0.0	100.0	143.5	1.65	0	0	3.75	3.92	6.46	.
	DEC	1	34	64.7	272	32	62.5	37.5	0.0	100.0	69.3	2.17	2	0	6.60	1.18	2.55	136
Wheeler	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	FEB	3	63	84.1	539	172	90.6	4.5	4.8	100.0	349.7	2.03	4	0	4.69	3.19	6.49	135
	MAR	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	APR	1	38	73.7	380	162	.	.	.	99.4	267.4	1.65	1	0	6.13	4.26	7.04	380
	MAY	4	81	93.8	848	430	98.6	0.0	1.4	95.5	751.7	1.75	4	0	4.95	5.07	8.86	212
	JUN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	JUL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	AUG	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	SEP	2	44	97.7	410	170	93.3	0.0	6.7	97.2	242.9	1.43	0	0	3.29	4.15	5.92	.
	OCT	2	24	91.7	192	77	84.5	0.0	15.5	95.0	114.1	1.48	0	0	2.83	4.01	5.94	.
	NOV	2	14	71.4	117	31	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	45.1	1.45	0	0	2.54	2.66	3.87	.
	DEC	1	12	83.3	96	28	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	36.6	1.31	0	0	4.19	2.92	3.81	.
West Point	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	FEB	1	8	87.5	64	28	10.7	89.3	0.0	96.4	47.8	1.71	1	0	5.67	4.38	7.47	64
	MAR	9	131	84.7	1259	450	22.6	77.4	0.0	96.7	679.7	1.51	5	0	4.56	3.58	5.40	252
	APR	5	71	88.7	844	344	42.8	57.2	0.0	99.0	542.6	1.58	2	0	4.16	4.08	6.43	422
	MAY	6	93	79.6	933	194	29.1	70.9	0.0	94.3	260.4	1.34	2	0	4.01	2.08	2.79	467
	JUN	3	36	66.7	310	65	16.8	83.2	0.0	95.6	91.8	1.41	0	0	3.55	2.10	2.96	.
	JUL	1	10	0.0	80	10	30.0	70.0	0.0	100.0	10.1	1.01	0	0	2.50	1.25	1.26	.
	AUG	4	56	69.6	551	135	17.2	82.8	0.0	96.5	188.7	1.40	2	0	4.50	2.45	3.43	275
	SEP	4	31	80.6	264	61	31.3	68.7	0.0	93.8	81.6	1.34	0	0	2.14	2.31	3.09	.
	OCT	10	133	97.0	1655	553	18.7	81.3	0.0	95.1	796.5	1.44	5	0	4.07	3.34	4.81	331
	NOV	5	37	91.9	290	123	19.8	80.2	0.0	88.6	195.7	1.59	1	0	3.65	4.25	6.76	290
	DEC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

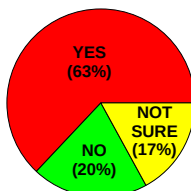
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B.A.I.T. Survey Results

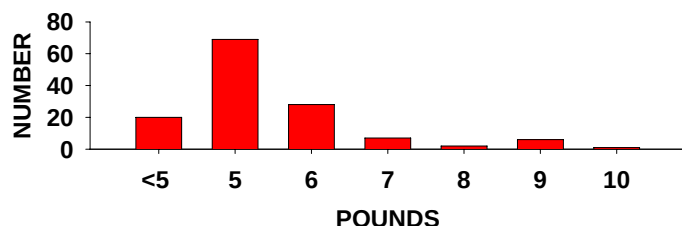
Each club participating in the 2008 B.A.I.T. Program was provided with copies of an angler survey for each of their members to complete and return for inclusion in this report. Their responses to this survey are detailed below.

Overall, do you think fishing has been better in 2008 than it was last year?

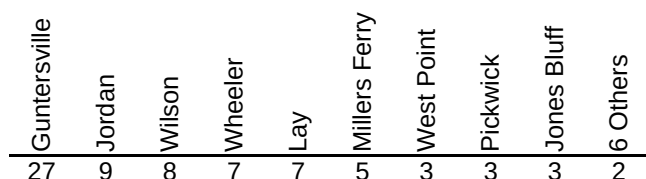
In contrast to 2007, anglers seemed to notice a perceivable improvement that correlated with a real improvement in the quality of the fishing statewide.



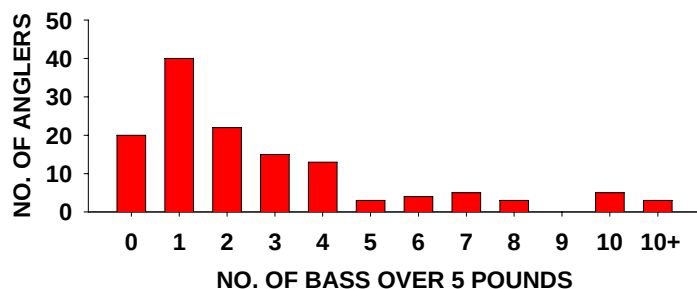
What is the weight of the largest bass you caught during 2008?



Where was your largest bass caught?

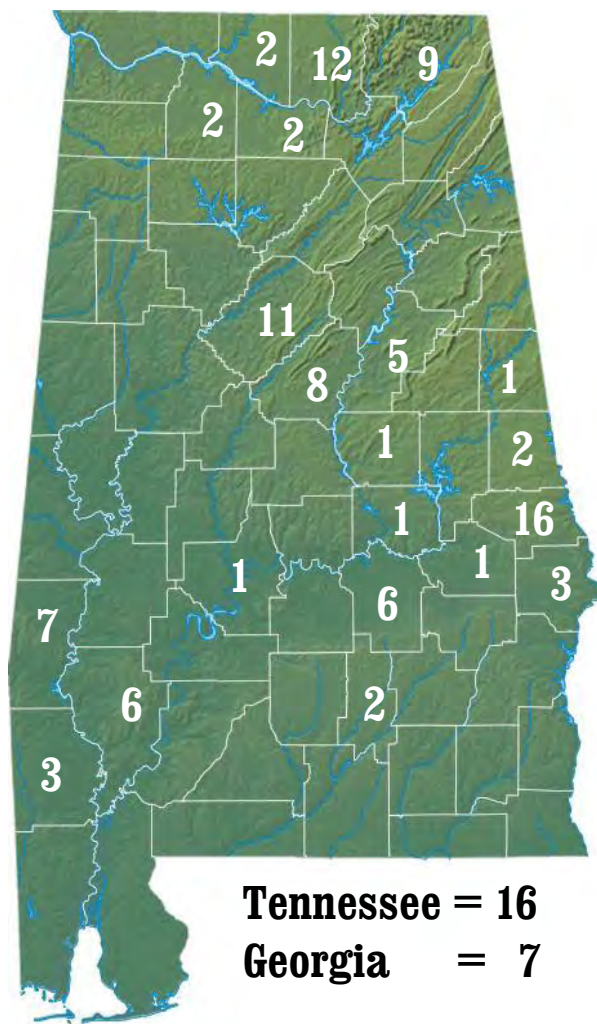
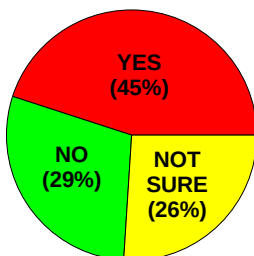


How many bass greater than 5 pounds have you caught during the past 12 months?



Do you feel that catching bass off the bed during tournaments without releasing them immediately back into the water can have short-term or long-term negative effects on the bass population in a lake?

Almost half of the anglers surveyed felt that "bed-fishing" could harm the bass population. Although removing a bass from it's bed can certainly result in the failure of that particular nest, it is environmental factors that determine the strength of a year-class in any given lake. Only a few successful spawns are necessary to produce an adequate year-class of bass. If each adult bass in a population produces only one offspring to replace itself, then the population is sustained.



One hundred thirty three anglers responded to the 2008 B.A.I.T. Survey. The number by county is indicated on the map above.

In your opinion, what are the most important factors that influence you to practice catch-and-release?

- 92%** To allow bass to attain larger sizes
- 10%** Fish consumption advisories
- 18%** Recommended by professional anglers
- 10%** No time to clean fish
- 6%** I do not enjoy eating fish
- 28%** I sometimes harvest bass for food

The widespread practice of catch-and-release among bass anglers has neutralized the only tool that fishery managers have to manipulate fish populations in public reservoirs. With harvest rates in Alabama averaging less than 5%, further restriction of catches through length and bag limits does little to improve the size structure of bass. Harvest helps to reduce competition for food and allows the remaining bass to grow faster and reach larger sizes. Furthermore, with annual mortality rates around 40%, only 3 of 5 released bass will survive the next 12 months.



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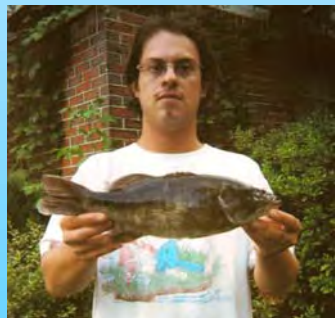
Danny Joe Betterton established a new Wheeler Lake Record with this 6 pound 2 ounce spotted bass. The fish measured 22 inches in length and was caught on February 24th, 2008.



Ben McGuire of Corinth, Ky., caught this 12 lb. 4 oz. largemouth bass while on a fishing trip to Lake Guntersville on December 31st.



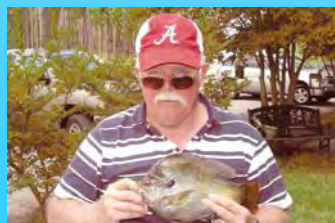
This 11 lb. 0 oz. largemouth bass was caught by Matthew Applebaum from a pond in Perry County.



Matthew Applebaum caught this 1 lb. 8 oz. redeye bass from Chocologoc Creek in July.



Thomas Steele caught this 20 inch spotted bass from Lake Jordan on December 6th.



Gary Waters of Samson caught this huge 2 lb. 9 oz. bluegill from Escambia County Lake in May.

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Alabama's current Lake Record black bass (through 4/20/09). No weight indicates a vacancy. To be considered for a lake record, fish must exceed the minimum Master (M) or Trophy (T) Angler weights indicated below, and must be examined and verified by an ADCNR Fisheries Biologist.

RESERVOIR	SPECIES				RESERVOIR	SPECIES			
	Largemouth Bass	Smallmouth Bass	Spotted Bass	Redeye Bass		Largemouth Bass	Smallmouth Bass	Spotted Bass	Redeye Bass
Aliceville	T	—	M	—	Lamar Co.	T	—	—	—
Bankhead	M	—	T	—	Lay	M	—	M	—
Barbour Co.	T	—	—	—	Lee Co.	T	—	—	—
Bibb Co.	T	—	—	—	Little Bear	T	M	M	—
Big Bear	T	M	M	—	Logan Martin	14-11	—	M	3-02
Big Creek	M	—	M	—	Madison Co.	T	—	—	—
Cedar Creek	T	M	M	—	Marion Co.	T	—	—	—
Chambers Co.	T	—	—	—	Martin	M	—	M	2-11
Claiborne	M	—	M	—	Miller's Ferry	M	—	T	—
Clay Co.	T	—	—	—	Mitchell	M	—	T	M
Coffee Co.	T	—	—	—	Mobile Delta	M	—	M	—
Coffeeville	M	—	M	—	Monroe Co.	T	—	—	—
Columbia	T	—	M	—	Neely Henry	M	—	M	M
Crenshaw Co.	T	—	—	—	Oliver-Chat.	M	—	M	—
Dale Co.	T	—	—	—	Oliver-Tusc.	11-10	—	M	—
Dallas Co.	T	—	—	—	Pickwick	M	T	M	—
DeKalb Co.	T	—	—	—	Pike Co.	T	—	—	—
Demopolis	M	—	M	—	Point A	M	—	M	—
Escambia Co.	T	—	—	—	Private Ponds	16-08	—	M	—
Eufaula	T	—	M	—	Purdy	M	—	4-14	—
Fayette Co.	T	—	—	—	Smith	11-00	M	8-15	—
Gainesville	T	—	M	—	Thurlow	M	M	M	M
Gantt	M	—	M	—	Tuscaloosa	M	—	M	—
Geneva Co.	T	—	—	—	Upper Bear	T	M	M	—
Goat Rock	M	—	M	—	Walker Co.	T	—	—	—
Guntersville	14-08	M	4-11	—	Warrior	M	—	M	—
Harding	M	—	M	—	Washington Co.	14-08	—	—	—
Harris	M	—	M	2-06	Weiss	M	—	M	M
Holt	M	—	M	—	West Point	M	—	M	—
Inland	M	—	M	—	Wheeler	M	M	6-02	—
Jones Bluff	M	—	T	—	Wilson	M	10-8	M	—
Jordan	M	—	T	M	Yates	M	M	M	M

Minimum Qualifying Sizes for Alabama's Angler Recognition Program.

SPECIES	MASTER ANGLER		TROPHY ANGLER	
	Weight (lbs.-oz.)	Length ^a (inches)	Weight (lbs.-oz.)	Length ^a (inches)
Black Crappie	3-00	16"	4-00	17"
Blue Catfish	50-00	44"	70-00	51"
Bluegill Sunfish	1-00	10"	2-00	13"
Channel Catfish	15-00	32"	25-00	37"
Flathead Catfish	30-00	37"	50-00	44"
Hybrid Striped Bass	12-00	27"	16-00	29"
Largemouth Bass	8-00	23"	10-00	25"
Redear Sunfish	1-00	11"	2-00	13"
Redeye Bass	0-12	11"	1-00	13"
Sauger	2-00	17"	3-00	19"
Smallmouth Bass	5-00	20"	7-00	22"
Spotted Bass	4-00	19"	6-00	21"
Striped Bass	25-00	38"	35-00	42"
Walleye	5-00	22"	8-00	26"
White Bass	3-00	17"	4-00	19"
White Crappie	3-00	16"	4-00	18"

^aQualifying sizes are derived from the standard weight (W_s) equation with a relative weight (W_r) of 110 %.



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Michael B. Brasher caught this 2 lb. 1 oz. black crappie while fishing at Lay Lake on March 29th, 2008.



Bo Crawford established the Lake Record for spotted bass at Lake Purdy with this 4 lb. 14 oz. fish caught on December 20th.



Andy Guy of Northport caught this 4 lb. 14 oz. spotted bass from Lake Oliver in July.



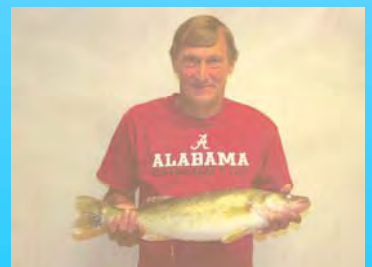
Brandi Cofield of Heflin caught this 20.75 inch spotted bass from Lake Harris in September.



Stephen McCord of Dothan caught this 26 lb. striped bass from Lake Eufaula on June 17th.



Frankie Roe caught this 12 lb. 2 oz. hybrid from Logan Martin in November.



This 6 lb. 12 oz. walleye was caught by Leonard Baldwin while fishing in the Mulberry Fork on July 23rd.



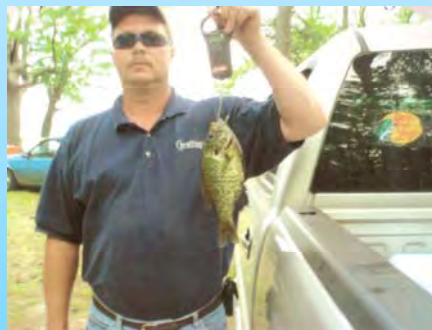
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Alex Davis (256-298-1178), owner of the Spinnerbait Kid Guide Service on Lake Guntersville, caught this 8 lb. 13 oz. largemouth in December.



Michael Brasher caught this 2 pound 11 ounce black crappie while fishing at Lay Lake on April 6th, 2008.



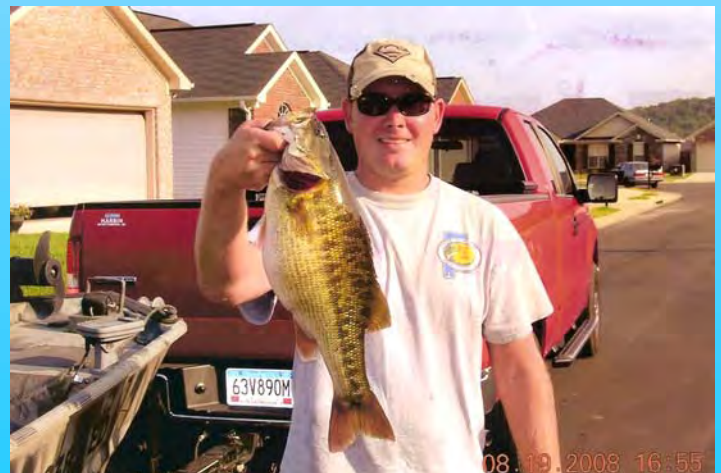
Jerry McIntyre of Waterloo caught this 1 lb. shellcracker from Pickwick on May 10th.



Bruce Ekstrom holds the new State Record skipjack caught from Wheeler Lake. The fish weighs 3 lbs. 1 oz. and was caught on December 31st.



David Smith of Troy caught this 3 lb. 4 oz. black crappie from a pond in Pike County in December.



Another nice spotted bass from Lake Oliver caught by Andy Guy, this one 30 weighed in at 5 lbs. 4 oz.

Other Topics

TOURNAMENT PERMITS

The Alabama Division of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries does not require tournament organizations to secure tournament permits for any of their events. However, the Alabama Marine Police requires a Marine Event Permit for any event (including bass tournaments) with more than 100 boats participating. Applications can be obtained from the Alabama Marine Police free of charge by calling (334) 242-3677, and must be completed and submitted to them at least 15 days prior to the event.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also requires a Special Use Permit for bass tournaments with more than 10 boats which are held on any of their reservoirs. Corps permits must be submitted 30 days prior to the event, and can be obtained from your local project office or from their website at: <http://bwt.sam.usace.army.mil/specialevent.htm>.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS ANNUAL DAY USE PERMITS

Annual passes can be obtained from the guard shack at all park entrances, or by contacting your local Corp of Engineers Resources Management office. These passes allow you to use any boat ramp operated and maintained by the Corps of Engineers, nationwide. The charge for these permits is \$30 and is good for one year from the date of purchase. Local and regional offices are listed below.

Alabama River Lakes Site Office (Hayneville)	334-872-9554
Millers Ferry Resource Office (Camden)	334-682-4244
Holt Resource Office (Peterson)	205-553-9373
Black Warrior/Tombigbee Project Mgmt. Office (Tuscaloosa)	205-752-3571
Demopolis Site Office (Demopolis)	334-289-3540
Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Office (Carrollton)	205-373-8705

TRAILER TOURNAMENTS

Any tournaments where rules permit anglers to fish in various water bodies and then bring their catch to a particular lake for a weigh-in where fish are then released alive into that body of water are in direct violation of Alabama's Public Water Stocking (220-2-.129) regulation. Moving live fish from one lake to another can have a number of detrimental consequences; examples include 1) moving fish caught from lakes with consumption advisories into lakes without advisories, 2) introducing genetically inferior strains of spotted bass into our world-class spotted bass fisheries on the Coosa River, 3) introducing diseases such as the Largemouth Bass Virus which decimated many of our bass fisheries in Alabama beginning in the late 1990's, 4) diluting the genetic benefits of our Florida bass stocking program, and 5) introducing non-native, potentially harmful species into lakes where they do not currently exist.

However, it is important for anglers to know that only the act of releasing fish into a body of water other than where they were caught is

illegal. If tournament organizations want to continue to offer these types of tournaments to their competitors, they are certainly free to do so as long as the fish brought in from other reservoirs are not released. If you participate in one of these tournaments, **do not release your fish into that lake if you did not catch them there.** Your fish can be eaten, donated to a charitable organization such as an orphanage, or returned to the reservoir from which they were caught. Fish can only be moved legally from one reservoir to another if they are transported by boat through a navigable lock.

Tournament Website

The Fisheries Section of the Alabama Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division has created a website to offer tournament fishermen an easy way to determine when and where tournaments are being held in their area. This also allows tournament directors to advertise their events to a large numbers of potential competitors. To view this website go to:

www.OutdoorAlabama.com/tournaments/

Because this is a pilot program, its future will depend upon angler interest and use. To determine initial success, the following six lakes were chosen for evaluation: 1) [Lake Jordan](#), 2) [Lay Lake](#), 3) [Lake Martin](#), 4) [Lake Mitchell](#), 5) [Smith Lake](#), and 6) [Weiss Lake](#). More lakes will be added in 2010 if the pilot program is a success.

LAKE	2009											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
JORDAN		3	1	4	1	1		2	1			
LAY	1	2	1	2		6	2		1			
MARTIN	1	1	2									
MITCHELL		2	1	1	1			1	1			
SMITH	2		1	1								
WEISS				1								

The table above is an example of what you'll find on the website. The numbers indicate how many tournaments are currently posted. To view each tournament, simply use your mouse to click on the number which corresponds to the lake and month of interest and a table like the one below will display details for each tournament.

Fishing Tournaments at Smith Lake



This list of tournaments at Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division boat ramps is posted for information only. This listing is not an endorsement of the tournament nor any recognition given to the priority of a tournament's use of the boat ramp. The only tournaments listed are ones which notified the Fisheries Section. Checking the accuracy of the information is the responsibility of the tournament contact.

Date	Ramp	Organization	Start (Central Time)	End (Central Time)	Entry Fee	Contact	Phone	Form
1/10/09	Smith Lake Dam	Bass Anglers Invitational Trail	Safe Light	3:00 PM	\$100	Rex Chambers	256-736-3763	
1/31/09	Smith Lake Dam	Bass Anglers Invitational Trail	Safe Light	3:00 PM	\$100	Rex Chambers	256-736-3763	
3/7/09	Smith Lake Dam	Bass Anglers Invitational Trail	Safe Light	3:00 PM	\$100	Rex Chambers	256-736-3763	
4/4/09	Smith Lake Dam	Bass Anglers Invitational Trail	Safe Light	3:00 PM	\$100	Rex Chambers	256-736-3763	



Advertise Your Tournaments on the Web at:

www.OutdoorAlabama.com/tournaments

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These signs have been posted at each ADCNR boat ramp on the lake; meaning that **EVERY** angler who uses a public boat ramp will know where to go look for information on upcoming tournaments.

Please let other tournament fishermen know about this website, and if you have questions or comments call 334-242-3471. This website exists for your convenience and we welcome any suggestions you might have that would improve this valuable tool.

Boating Access



At Smith Lake, the abandoned Lion's Park Boat Ramp in Lick Creek was renovated to include a brand new single-lane ramp, paved parking for more than 20 trailers, and security lighting. This project was completed in cooperation with the Cullman County Commission.



The parking area at Beeswax Creek on Lay Lake was expanded to include parking for more than 70 trailers and striping plans were engineered to improve traffic flow and accommodate larger rigs. This project was completed in cooperation with Alabama Power Company.



At Lake Guntersville, an new wharf-style pier was added at Waterfront to replace an aging courtesy pier. This site is also scheduled for a ramp replacement during February, 2009.



On Lake Jordan, a wharf-style pier was added at Rotary Landing, with plans to expand parking during 2009.



At Lake Eufaula, parking was expanded at the public ramp at Thomas Mill Creek. This project was completed in cooperation with the Henry County Commission.

Boating Access



The parking area at Smith Lake Park was renovated in cooperation with Alabama Power Company. The new facility includes bathrooms, a fishing pier, and two tier parking lot with space for more than 100 rigs.



The parking lot at Bonner's Landing on Lake Jordan was enlarged by Alabama Power Company. Multiple ramps and new courtesy piers will be added by the ADCNR Fisheries Section during fall 2009.



On Lake Guntersville, a new courtesy pier was constructed at Town Creek Boat Ramp.



At Claiborne Landing off Hwy. 84 in Monroe Co., a new boat ramp was constructed to replace an old, inadequate ramp.



In the Mobile Delta, parking was expanded to make room for 36 rigs at the Mt. Vernon Boat Ramp. A gravel overflow parking area will be added during summer 2009.

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