

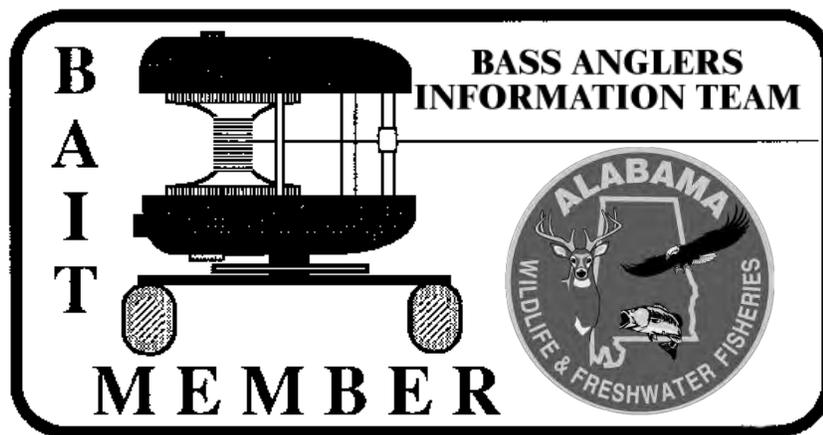
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## 2010 B.A.I.T. Summary

Bass fishing in the State of Alabama has shown an overall trend of improvement during the past several years, and particularly during the last four. For the fourth consecutive year, Alabama's bass fishermen have caught more fish, larger fish, and weighed in heavier limits than during any of the previous 25 years of B.A.I.T. reporting.

The number of hours required to catch a five-pound bass has continued to improve since the impact of the Largemouth Bass Virus reached its peak in 1999. Prior to LMBV, the average angler fished for 251 hours to catch a bass weighing over five pounds. In 2010, it took only 148 hours, which is the lowest total in the 25 year history of this monitoring program. This figure has dropped below 200 hours only once before (1990).

The fishing quality on Guntersville and Pickwick has shown drastic improvements since 2006 and both were phenomenal in 2010. Although Guntersville is generally regarded as the better of the two lakes, it is Pickwick that has shown the most improvement during the past several years. The following summary outlines the most important points from the 2010 B.A.I.T. Report.

- *Pickwick* was the top lake in the overall quality indicator rankings
- *Pickwick, Guntersville, Lay, Aliceville, Eufaula, Mitchell, Warrior, Martin, Holt*, and the *Mobile Delta* all improved in the overall quality indicator rankings
- *Pickwick, Warrior, Guntersville, Aliceville*, and *Eufaula* were the top five lakes in the overall quality indicator rankings
- *Guntersville, Eufaula, Aliceville, Holt*, and *Warrior* were the top five big bass lakes in Alabama

### 2010 Statewide B.A.I.T. Statistics

3.70 – Number of bass caught per angler-day  
7.64 – Pounds of bass caught per angler-day  
2.07 – Average weight of bass caught  
148 – Hours required to catch a 5 pound bass  
11.58 – Weight of the largest bass caught  
13 – Number of bass 8 pounds and larger  
473 – Number of bass 5 pounds and larger

# ***Introduction & Methods***

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The printing of the 2010 B.A.I.T. Annual Report marks the twenty-fifth 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 2010, we have summarized 12,137 tournament reports. Anglers have spent 2,666,546 hours collecting data for this program. They have contributed data from 642,718 bass that weighed 1,117,424 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 2010 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 10 or more 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.



A pair of Guntersville anglers with some nice bass caught on Rat-L-Traps during April.

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# Statewide Tournament Results

Bass clubs submitted 387 tournament reports during 2010, down from 450 in 2009 (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-one Alabama clubs provided data in 2010. One hundred

fifty six 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 56 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 2010, tournament reports were received from 31 bodies of water that were fished 70,003 hours. B.A.I.T. anglers caught 25,869 bass that weighed 53,407 pounds (Table 1). A total of 473 bass five pounds and larger were reported

for an overall catch rate of one bass five pounds or larger for every 148 hours of fishing. Tournament anglers weighed in 13 bass eight pounds and larger in 2010. The largest bass caught in 2010 came from Lake Guntersville and weighed 11.58 pounds. With 195 bass weighing five pounds or larger, Guntersville led this category. Other top lakes for big bass included Eufaula, Aliceville, Holt, and Warrior.

Of the 23 organizations that submitted data during 2010, over 90% submitted five or more tournament reports, and 57% submitted 10 or more reports. Three contributors submitted only one report. A list of contributing clubs for the 2010 B.A.I.T. Report is presented in Table 4.

Average catch rates in 2010 for both number (3.70) and pounds (7.64) of bass per angler-day were the highest since the B.A.I.T. Program began in 1986. Compared to 2009, ten lakes improved in overall fishing success in 2010. The most notable improvements were on Warrior, Aliceville, and Eufaula, which all moved into the top 5 in the overall rankings (Table 2). The number of bass caught per angler-day on these three lakes increased by

14–22% compared to 2009. Consequently, the number of pounds weighed-in per angler-day increased by 16-28%. The time required to catch a bass over five pounds on Aliceville has improved by a whopping 76% since 2009!

CLUB	LAKE	DATE	No. >5lbs.
Bass Angler Invitational Trail	Guntersville	Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup>	46
Morgan County Bass Club	Guntersville	Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	15
Bass Angler Invitational Trail	Guntersville	Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>	15
Kowaliga Bassmasters	Guntersville	Mar. 26 <sup>th</sup>	15
Tifton (Ga.) Bass Busters	Eufaula	Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup>	12
East Cobb (Ga.) Bass Pros	Guntersville	Mar. 20 <sup>th</sup>	12
Boeing Bass Club	Eufaula	Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9
Northport Bass Club	Wilson	Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	8
West Alabama Bass Fishermen	Guntersville	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	8
Mobile Bassmasters	Guntersville	Jun. 12 <sup>th</sup>	6

Most tournament reports in 2010 were received from Eufaula (56), Guntersville (52), and Pickwick (52). These three reservoirs accounted for 41% of the statewide tournament reports. Logan Martin, Weiss, and West Point each had more than 20 reports (Table 1), which means that the other 39 reservoirs contributed only 40% of the annual total for 2010. A good

CLUB	LAKE	DATE	WEIGHT
North Jackson Bass Club	Guntersville	Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>	18.84 lbs.
Morgan County Bass Club	Guntersville	Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	18.52 lbs.
Gordon County (Ga.) Bassmasters	Guntersville	Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	18.38 lbs.
North Jackson Bass Club	Guntersville	Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	18.24 lbs.
Team Trails of Mississippi	Pickwick	Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	18.23 lbs.
National Bass Trail	Eufaula	Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	17.72 lbs.
Conasauga (Ga.) Bassmasters	Guntersville	Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	17.64 lbs.
Bass Angler Invitational Trail	Guntersville	Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup>	17.54 lbs.
Boeing Bass Club	Guntersville	Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>	17.50 lbs.
North Jackson Bass Club	Guntersville	Mar. 20 <sup>th</sup>	17.25 lbs.

distribution of reports provides more representative catch statistics from which meaningful summaries can be prepared. All club representatives should understand that every report is important to the continued success of the B.A.I.T. Program.

Of the 31 reservoirs from which reports were received, 21 had five or more tournament reports (Table 1). The following comments deal with these 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 Wheeler to 97% at Lay. The average weight of bass caught ranged from 1.29 pounds at Martin to 2.91 pounds at Guntersville (Table 1). Catch rates expressed as bass per angler-day ranged from 2.51 at Harris to 4.95 at Pickwick. Catch rates as pounds per angler-day ranged from 3.65 at Harris to 11.20 at Pickwick. The statewide average weight for bass caught on all 30 reservoirs was 2.07 pounds.

# Statewide Tournament Results

Overall, Pickwick accumulated more quality indicator points (89) than any other reservoir in Alabama, replacing Millers Ferry from 2009. Warrior (81), Guntersville (80), Aliceville (80), and Eufaula (73) rounded out the top five.

**Readers should note that the primary intent of Table 2 is 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 Eufaula and Aliceville. Clubs interested in having all its members catch good quality stringers would look at the pounds per angler-day rankings to find that Pickwick, Guntersville, and Warrior offer the best opportunity. If catching lots of bass is important, then Pickwick, Holt, and Millers Ferry would be the best destination based upon their bass per angler-day rankings.

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 self-imposed by 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 3.70 statewide in 2010; but for Guntersville and Eufaula, it was 3.04 and 3.22, respectively. Statewide average weight was 2.07 pounds for all reservoirs combined; but 2.39 pounds at Eufaula and 2.91 pounds at Guntersville. 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 2010 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 2010 generally 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 25 years of B.A.I.T. reporting. This is the fourth consecutive year this trend of improvement has been evident in the B.A.I.T. reporting. Even the number of hours required to catch a five pound bass was the lowest since we began keeping records in 1986.

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 2010, the amount of effort required to catch a bass over five pounds has decreased from 837 hours to 148 hours (Figure 1).

Although there have been no recent outbreaks of LMBV, 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. 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](http://www.outdooralabama.com).

## Bass Over Eight Pounds from 2010 B.A.I.T. Reports

Date	Organization	Lake	Weight
Feb. 10	Conasauga Bassmasters	Guntersville	8.42 lbs.
Feb. 27	Black Warrior Bass Trackers	Holt	9.56 lbs.
Feb. 27	North Jackson Bass Club	Guntersville	11.58 lbs.
Mar. 26	Kowaliga Bassmasters	Guntersville	8.19 lbs.
Mar. 27	Bass Angler Invitational Trail	Guntersville	8.56 lbs.
Apr. 17	Birmingham Bassmasters	Weiss	8.48 lbs.
Jun. 6	Fishers of Men	Pickwick	8.99 lbs.
Jun. 19	Fishers of Men	Pickwick	8.80 lbs.

# ***Monthly Tournament Stats***

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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 56 tournament reports from this reservoir that were held during every month, with the majority (17) occurring in April. A total of 901 tournament anglers fished for 9,246 hours to catch 2,974 bass that averaged 2.39 pounds (Table 6). This was the second consecutive year since 1993 that the average size of bass caught during tournaments did not decrease. From 1993 to 2008, the average size dropped from 3.44 to 2.13 pounds. It should be noted that the minimum length limit was lowered from 16-in. to 14-in. during the same period, which resulted in anglers bringing a higher proportion of smaller fish to the scales. A reduction in fertility levels and the increase in abundance of smaller spotted bass in the Chattahoochee River watershed has also been attributed to this decline in average fish size.

The number of spotted bass weighed in during Eufaula tournaments had been hovering at or below 20% for the past several years, but in 2010, that percentage dropped to 10%. As usual, the majority of those fish were caught during cooler weather in fall and winter.

The data from Eufaula suggested that the best fishing occurred from February through July, but catch rates were poor during the fall and winter. It appeared that the early pre-spawn and post-spawn/shad spawn offered anglers the best opportunity to catch a bass over five pounds. It took the average angler about 9 days of fishing to catch a bass over five pounds, which was a 40% improvement over 2009 figures.

## ***Guntersville***

Fifty-two tournament reports were received from this reservoir that were held during every month except December. The majority of tournaments occurred in March (11) and May (11). A total of 1,063 tournament anglers fished for 10,993 hours, catching 3,343 bass that averaged 2.91 pounds (Table 6). The average number of fish weighed-in by each angler was 3.04, with an average bag weight of 8.84 pounds. Nearly 83% of Guntersville's bass fishermen weighed-in at least one fish in 2010, which is similar to the previous year. Anglers' creels were comprised of largemouth bass (99%) and spotted bass only.

Compared to tournament data collected since 1986, this year was very impressive with all quality indicators being well above the 25-yr. average, with the length of time required to catch a bass over five pounds being only 56 hours! The abundance of aquatic vegetation on Guntersville was fairly stable for a number of years, which likely has contributed to recent angler success. However, changing weather patterns may cause a decline in the abundance of aquatic vegetation in the coming years.

March offered anglers the best opportunity to catch bass over five pounds, but numerous big bass were caught from February through June. Anglers fished for an average of only two and a half days to catch a bass over five pounds in March. Catch rates for big bass were lowest during the late summer and fall, with the average angler fishing for close to a month to catch one bass over five pounds. Few spotted bass were caught from Guntersville, but the majority were taken during the late summer and fall. March through June were probably the best months overall for bass fishing at Guntersville, but fishing got progressively worse from July on. During the prime fishing season, anglers had excellent catch rates and weighed-in an average of 10.6 pounds per angler. Only 2-4 days of fishing was required to catch a bass over five pounds from March through May.

## ***Logan Martin***

During 2010, we received 21 tournament reports from this reservoir that were held during every month except January and February. The majority (4) occurred in May. A total of 363 anglers fished for 3,382 hours, catching 1,486 bass that averaged 1.61 pounds (Table 6). Catch rates (4.39 bass per angler-day) and average bass weight were similar to those of 2009. Average bass weight was just shy of the 25-yr high.

Logan Martin was a popular tournament destination throughout the year, and the ratio of spots to largemouths was a little greater than 3:1, but varied considerably from month to month. Months with colder water temperatures tended to produce the highest percentage of spotted bass.

Catch rates were good throughout the year, but average weight of bass was lowest during the warmer months.

## ***Pickwick***

Fifty-two tournament reports were received, representing every month except December. The majority of tournaments were held in June(8) and October (8). 1,510 anglers fished for 12,845 hours catching 6,294 bass that weighed 14,383 pounds. Almost 27% of the bass weighed in were smallmouth bass, which is a 40% increase over 2009.

During 2010, the average size of bass caught declined by 17%, but still far exceeded the 25-year average for this reservoir. The number of bass weighed in per angler-day was 4.95 in 2010, which was more than double the 25-year average for the lake. Likewise, the number of pounds weighed in per angler-day was exceptional at over 11 pounds, which made Pickwick the only reservoir in Alabama to break the double digit mark in 2010. Bass over 5 pounds were common on Pickwick, but not plentiful enough to be considered a premiere big bass lake. However, it did produce two of the State's thirteen bass over 8 pounds, so the potential to catch a trophy fish certainly exists.

The recent expansion of hydrilla in the mid-lake area has offered a popular pattern for bass anglers, and the area from Wilson Dam down to the lower end of Seven Mile Island is popular with smallmouth anglers.

# ***Monthly Tournament Stats***

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## ***Weiss***

Twenty-two tournaments were reported during each month from March through October, but most tournaments occurred in May (7). Four hundred twenty anglers fished for 3,756 hours to catch 1,369 bass that weighed 2,455 pounds, with an average size of 1 lb. 14 oz.

Catch-rates fell slightly, but remained well above the 25-yr. average for this reservoir. The fishery at Weiss was split equally between largemouth and spotted bass, which remained fairly consistent throughout the year.

The frequency of bass over five pounds was very similar to the 25-yr. average, and the time required to catch them was 235 hours. The number of bass caught per angler-day (3.64) and the number of pounds per angler-day (6.74 pounds) were both down from 2009, but that year produced all-time highs for these values.

## ***West Point***

During 2010, we received 26 tournament reports with the majority (6) occurring in September. A total of 338 anglers fished for 3,027 hours, catching 873 bass that averaged 1.63 pounds each (Table 6). Over 70% of the bass weighed-in on West Point were spotted bass.

The number of bass caught per angler-day (2.88) was down almost 20%, but was still more than one fish higher than the historical average. The number of pounds weighed-in per angler-day (4.69) was down more than a pound from the previous year, which was the highest on record.

The number of hours required to catch a bass over five pounds (202) equaled 2009, which was a significant improvement over previous years; however, this value does not approach those experienced during the glory days of the late 1980's.

Table 1. Stawead summary of tournaments for bass clubs participating in the 2010 B.A.I.T. Program.

Lake	No. of tournaments	No. of anglers	% of anglers w/ at least 1 fish	% 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 <sup>a</sup>	Pounds per day <sup>a</sup>	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.	Days <sup>a</sup> to catch a bass over 5 lb.
Aliceville	7	144	90.5°	47.9	1213	523	95.1°	4.9°	0.0°	100°	1007	1.92	9°	0°	5.04°	90.48°	4.31	8.30	123°	12°
Bankhead	3	48	85.4	52.1	408	149	57.5°	42.5°	0.0°	68	290	1.94	2	0	4.80	85.42	3.65	7.10	204	20
Big Creek	1	16	93.8	25.0	160	42	100.0	0.0	0.0	24	49	1.17	0	0	3.88	93.75	2.63	3.08	.	.
Claiborne	1	19	89.5	63.2	143	75	53.3	46.7	0.0	92	133	1.77	1	0	5.00	89.47	5.26	9.32	143	14
Demopolis	3	52	90.4	51.9	483	184	75.0	25.0	0.0	93	347	1.88	0	0	3.36	90.38	3.81	7.18	.	.
Eufaula	56	901	81.8	31.3	9246	2974	89.6°	10.4°	0.0°	95	7122	2.39	109	0	5.51	81.80	3.22	7.70	85	9
Gainesville	3	62	90.3	58.1	533	235	89.5°	10.5°	0.0°	100	305	1.30	0	0	3.27	90.32	4.41	5.72	.	.
Goat Rock	1	27	40.7	3.7	189	20	20.0	80.0	0.0	100	54	2.69	1	0	5.68	40.74	1.06	2.85	189	19
Guntersville	52	1063	82.9	37.1	10993	3343	98.8°	1.2°	0.0°	95	9718	2.91	195	9°	5.87	82.85	3.04°	8.84°	56°	6°
Harding	12	201	72.1	26.9	1749	540	68.1°	31.9°	0.0°	94	782	1.45	2	0	4.16	72.14	3.09	4.47	875	88
Harris	13	198 <sup>b</sup>	80.3°	23.7°	1779 <sup>b</sup>	476	19.5	80.5	0.0	97	684	1.44	5	0	4.51	80.30°	2.51°	3.65°	356	36
Holt	5	100	92.0	76.0	775	382	26.5°	73.5°	0.0°	100	499	1.31	6	1	6.00	92.00	4.93	6.44	129	13
Jones Bluff	4	65	80.0	30.8	569	173	43.4	56.6	0.0	92	288	1.66	0°	0°	3.62°	80.00	3.04	5.06	.	.
Jordan	12	200	77.0	35.5	1976	577	19.8°	80.2°	0.0°	92	1182	2.05	1	0	4.03	77.00	2.92	5.98	1976	198
Lay	11	177	96.6	43.5	1533	573	50.2°	49.8°	0.0°	99	1067	1.86	6	0	4.52	96.61	3.74	6.96	256	26
Logan Martin	21	363	93.4	61.4	3382	1486	30.1°	69.9°	0.0°	96	2387	1.61	4	0	3.91	93.39	4.39	7.06	845	85
Madison Co. Lake	1	13	61.5	0.0	98	19	100.0	0.0	0.0	89	38	2.01	0	0	3.19	61.54	1.95	3.92	.	.
Martin	12	201	95.0	58.7	2599	1213	22.3°	77.7°	0.0°	94	1561	1.29	1	0	3.74	95.01	4.67	6.01	2599	260
Mobile Delta	9	132	79.5°	23.5	1062	321	96.7°	3.3°	0.0°	93°	505	1.57	5	0°	3.87	79.46°	3.02	4.76	212°	21°
Millers Ferry	6	108	92.6	63.9	915	432	68.9°	31.1°	0.0°	94	665	1.54	2	0	4.37	92.59	4.72	7.27	458	46
Mitchell	9	177	93.2	55.9	1546	619	17.8°	82.2°	0.0°	99	1218	1.97	4°	0°	4.23°	93.22	4.01	7.88	339°	34°
Neely Henry	12	197	82.7	38.1	1653	546	49.1°	50.9°	0.0°	95	876	1.60	2	0	3.92	82.74	3.30	5.30	826	83
Point A	1	10	70.0	40.0	50	36	.	.	.	100	.	.	1	0	5.88	70.00	7.20	.	50	5
Pickwick	52	1510	84.1°	67.3°	12845	6294 <sup>b</sup>	70.0°	3.3°	26.7°	97°	14383	2.26°	61°	2°	5.52°	84.09°	4.95°	11.20	165°	17°
Smith	5	74	82.4	17.6	794	233	28.4	71.6	0.0	100	303	1.30	1	0	4.15	82.43	2.93	3.81	794	79
Tuscaloosa	3	86	75.6	20.9	745	241	79.3°	20.7°	0.0°	98	315	1.31	0	0	3.65	75.58	3.23	4.22	.	.
Warrior	5	97	91.8	46.4	868	373	91.3°	8.7°	0.0°	98	738	1.98	6	0	5.71	91.75	4.30	8.50	145	15
Weiss	22	420	93.3	48.8	3756	1369	50.9°	49.1°	0.0°	97	2455 <sup>b</sup>	1.86°	16	1	4.99	93.33	3.64	6.74°	235	24
Wheeler	10	300	68.0	39.7	3011	905	95.4°	0.6°	4.0°	96	1707	1.89	10	0	4.61	68.00	3.01	5.67	301	30
Wilson	9	226	81.0	36.3	1909	643	91.8°	0.0°	8.2°	97	1313	2.04	8	0	4.48	80.97	3.37	6.88	239	24
West Point	26	338	74.0	26.9	3027	873	28.6	71.4	0.0	94°	1420	1.63	15	0	4.37	73.96	2.88	4.69	202	20
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>7525<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>83.5°</b>	<b>45.1°</b>	<b>70003<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>25869<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>64.5°</b>	<b>35.0°</b>	<b>0.5°</b>	<b>95°</b>	<b>53407<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>2.07°</b>	<b>473°</b>	<b>13°</b>	<b>4.85°</b>	<b>83.53°</b>	<b>3.70°</b>	<b>7.64°</b>	<b>148°</b>	<b>15°</b>

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Table 2. Ranking by quality indicators for all reservoirs with five or more tournament reports in the 2010 B.A.I.T. Program.

Rank	Percent Success	Average Bass		Bass per Angler-Day		Pounds per Angler-Day		Hours per Bass > 5 lbs.		Overall	Value
		Weight	Weight	Angler-Day	Angler-Day	Angler-Day	Angler-Day	Bass > 5 lbs.	Bass > 5 lbs.		
1	Lay	Guntersville	Pickwick	Pickwick	Pickwick	Guntersville	Pickwick	Guntersville	Guntersville	Pickwick	89
2	Martin	Eufaula	Holt	Holt	Guntersville	Eufaula	Warrior	Eufaula	Warrior	Warrior	81
3	Logan Martin	Pickwick	Millers Ferry	Millers Ferry	Warrior	Aliceville	Warrior	Aliceville	Guntersville	Guntersville	80
4	Weiss	Jordan	Martin	Martin	Aliceville	Holt	Aliceville	Holt	Aliceville	Aliceville	80
5	Mitchell	Wilson	Logan Martin	Logan Martin	Mitchell	Warrior	Mitchell	Warrior	Eufaula	Eufaula	73
6	Millers Ferry	Warrior	Aliceville	Eufaula	Eufaula	Pickwick	Eufaula	Pickwick	Mitchell	Mitchell	72
7	Holt	Mitchell	Warrior	Millers Ferry	Millers Ferry	West Point	Millers Ferry	West Point	Lay	Lay	70
8	Warrior	Aliceville	Mitchell	Logan Martin	Logan Martin	Mobile Delta	Logan Martin	Mobile Delta	Holt	Holt	66
9	Aliceville	Wheeler	Lay	Lay	Lay	Weiss	Lay	Weiss	Weiss	Weiss	65
10	Pickwick	Lay	Weiss	Wilson	Wilson	Wilson	Wilson	Wilson	Millers Ferry	Millers Ferry	63
11	Guntersville	Weiss	Wilson	Weiss	Weiss	Lay	Weiss	Lay	Logan Martin	Logan Martin	63
12	Neely Henry	West Point	Neely Henry	Neely Henry	Holt	Wheeler	Holt	Wheeler	Wilson	Wilson	59
13	Smith	Logan Martin	Logan Martin	Martin	Martin	Mitchell	Martin	Mitchell	Martin	Martin	49
14	Eufaula	Neely Henry	Harding	Harding	Jordan	Harris	Jordan	Harris	Neely Henry	Neely Henry	39
15	Wilson	Mobile Delta	Guntersville	Guntersville	Wheeler	Millers Ferry	Wheeler	Millers Ferry	Mobile Delta	Mobile Delta	37
16	Harris	Millers Ferry	Mobile Delta	Mobile Delta	Neely Henry	Smith	Neely Henry	Smith	Wheeler	Wheeler	36
17	Mobile Delta	Harding	Wheeler	Wheeler	Mobile Delta	Neely Henry	Mobile Delta	Neely Henry	Jordan	Jordan	35
18	Jordan	Harris	Smith	Smith	West Point	West Point	West Point	West Point	West Point	West Point	34
19	West Point	Holt	Jordan	Jordan	Harding	Harding	Harding	Harding	Smith	Smith	23
20	Harding	Smith	West Point	West Point	Smith	Jordan	Smith	Jordan	Harding	Harding	21
21	Wheeler	Martin	Harris	Harris	Harris	Martin	Harris	Martin	Harris	Harris	20

Table 3. Tournament summary for bass clubs participating in the 2010 B.A.I.T. Program.

Club No.	No. of tournaments	No. of anglers	% of anglers w/ at least 1 fish	% 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 <sup>a</sup>	Pounds per day <sup>a</sup>	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.	Days <sup>a</sup> to catch a bass over 5 lb.
1	22	437	75.5	24.5	3881	1068	79.8	20.2	0.0	98	2634	2.47	58	0	5.89	75.51	2.75	6.79	67	7
2	9	125	84.8	20.8	1044	308	77.6	22.4	0.0	62 <sup>c</sup>	488	1.58	3	0	3.92	84.80	2.95	4.68	348	35
3	11	129	72.1	15.5	1154	290	74.8	23.8	1.4	97	504	1.74	3	0	3.94	72.09	2.51	4.37	385	39
4	10	152	91.5	58.6	1341	543	70.3	29.7	0.0	88	907	1.67	2	0	3.89	91.45	4.05	6.77	671	67
5	10	286	86.4	38.1	2592	826	26.8	73.2	0.0	97	1460	1.77	6	1	5.04	86.36	3.19	5.63	432	43
6	11	332	90.5	31.5	1991	701	50.9	49.1	0.0	96	1258	1.79	4 <sup>c</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	4.53 <sup>c</sup>	90.52	3.52	6.32	450 <sup>c</sup>	45 <sup>c</sup>
7	1	32	87.5	46.9	256	119	.	.	.	100	264	2.22	4	0	7.25	87.50	4.65	10.32	64	6
8	5	101	81.2	42.6	929	267	87.6	12.0	0.4	96	642	2.40	23	0	5.89	81.19	2.88	6.91	40	4
9	1	7	57.1	0.0	56	14	92.9	7.1	0.0	100	48	3.43	4	0	7.88	57.14	2.50	8.58	14	1
10	5	359	75.5	58.2	3231	1181	97.0	0.0	3.0	97	3397	2.88	76	6	6.95	75.49	3.66	10.52	43	4
11	2	78	79.5	38.5	663	223	.	.	.	100	287	1.29	0	0	3.94	79.49	3.36	4.34	.	.
12	8	130	64.5 <sup>c</sup>	46.9	975	356	100.0	0.0	0.0	100	1197	3.36	24	2	7.27	64.47 <sup>c</sup>	3.65	12.27	41	4
13	7	165	90.9	63.6	1401	639	67.0	33.0	0.0	95	1320	2.07	10	0	5.39	90.91	4.56	9.42	140	14
14	1	10	70.0	40.0	50	36	.	.	.	100	.	.	1	0	5.88	70.00	7.20	.	50	5
15	11	122	72.1	18.0	1020	304	86.2	4.0	9.8	95	625	2.05	6	0	4.25	72.13	2.98	6.13	170	17
16	7	157	96.2	68.2	1242	605	16.9	83.1	0.0	100	929	1.53	8	0	5.11	96.18	4.87	7.48	155	16
17	12	352	81.3	38.9	3143	1002	53.0 <sup>c</sup>	47.0 <sup>c</sup>	0.0 <sup>c</sup>	97	1882	1.88	12	0	5.06	81.25	3.19	5.99	157	16
18	11	159	96.2	57.2	1376	606	61.3	37.9	0.8	100	1269	2.09	10	1	5.14	96.23	4.41	9.22	138	14
19	8	220	88.6	52.7	2439	969	.	.	.	97	1941	2.00	13	0	5.07	88.64	3.97	7.96	188	19
20	13	137	89.1	48.9	1580	552	61.3	37.9	0.8	99	1072	1.94	16	1	4.15	89.05	3.49	6.78	94	9
21	10	177	92.7	65.5	1672	870	.	.	.	97	1716	1.97	6	0	4.98	92.66	5.20	10.26	279	28
22	56	1588	.	67.4	13498	6622	.	.	.	.	14974	2.24	66	2	5.41	.	4.96	11.09	160	16
23	156	2370	83.4	33.2	24471	7768	56.4	43.5	0.1	94	14593	1.89	118	0	4.51	83.42	3.16	5.98	207	21
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>7525<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>83.5<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>45.1<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>70003<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>25869<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>64.5<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>35.0<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>0.5<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>95<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>53407<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>2.07<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>473<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>13<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>4.85<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>83.53<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>3.70<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>7.64<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>148<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>15<sup>c</sup></b>

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Table 4. Clubs supporting the 2010 B.A.I.T. annual report.

Club Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Representative	Phone
NATIONAL BASS TRAIL (GA/AL)	979 KENNON DR.	CATALULA	GA	31804	BLAINE SOUERWINE	706-494-0699
AUBURN BASSMASTERS	609 MORRIS AVE.	OPELIKA	AL	36801	WILLIAM FLORENCE	334-524-1864
BAIT Div. III	5582 CO. RD. 26	ROGERSVILLE	AL	35652	BARRY BEDINGFIELD	256-762-4939
BIRMINGHAM BASSMASTERS	13784 DIANNE DR.	McCALLA	AL	35111	MIKE LINN	205-477-7643
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 MANTEUFFEL	256-423-8674
EAST ALABAMA BASS CLUB	2463 LEE RD. 42	OPELIKA	AL	36804	ARTHUR HERNDON	334-749-1261
FAYETTE BASS CLUB	10991 HWY 13 N.	BANKSTON	AL	35442	TODD TUCKER	205-689-4707
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	DR. CARL QUERTERMUS	678-839-4035
KOWALIGA	474 N. ANN AVE.	TALLASSEE	AL	36078	HANK GOLDEN	334-283-6117
LAKE GUNTERSVILLE BASSMASTERS	3480 LITTLE DR SW	HARTSELLE	AL	35640	PHIL EKEMA	256-751-3656
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
MORGAN COUNTY BASS CLUB	171 ROSECLIFF DR.	HARVEST	AL	35749	KEVIN MAYES	256-837-5711
NORTH ALABAMA TOURNAMENT ANGLERS	24963 LISA DR.	ATHENS	AL	35613	STAN SHERROD	256-230-0081
NORTH BIBB BASS CLUB	1177 MT. CARMEL DR.	WEST BLOCKTON	AL	35184	DOUG HAYNES	205-938-2455
NORTH JACKSON BASS CLUB	P. O. BOX 430	BRIDGEPORT	AL	35740	LONNIE MOODY	256-599-6031
NORTHPORT BASS CLUB	11008 BUSTER TIERCE SPUR	NORTHPORT	AL	35475	ROBERT FINDLAY	205-339-5546
PICKENSVILLE MARINE TRAIL	P. O. BOX 555	FAYETTE	AL	35555	RALEIGH RYAN	205-442-1009
POWDER SPRINGS BASS CLUB	116 LINDA LN.	POWDER SPRINGS	GA	30127	JAMES LANKFORD	770-560-8013
SUNDAY AFTERNOON REDNECKS	675 FIR ST.	FLORALA	AL	36442	TOM DENNIS	
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 2010 B.A.I.T. Program.

Month	No. of tournaments	No. of anglers	% of anglers w/ at least 1 fish	% 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 <sup>a</sup>	Pounds per day <sup>a</sup>	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.	Days <sup>a</sup> to catch a bass over 5 lb.
JAN	12	197	29.2	10.7	1642	195	62.7	31.4	5.9	100	373	1.92	2	0	3.63	29.21	1.19	2.27	783	78
FEB	35	706	66.8	24.8	5995	1521	73.7	24.3	2.0	100	3566	2.34	54	3	5.70	66.83	2.54	5.95	105	11
MAR	45	944	82.5	39.9	8988	3053	73.7	26.3	0.0	98	7511	2.46	150	7	5.59	82.48	3.40	8.36	56	6
APR	44	885	93.9	66.9	8119	3804	74.4	25.6	0.0	96	8542	2.27	75	1	5.34	93.86	4.69	10.59	107	11
MAY	45	953	94.6	62.7	9222	3997	79.1	20.7	0.2	93	8556	2.14	49	0	5.17	94.55	4.33	9.28	179	18
JUN	44	878	87.4	47.8	8134	3064	77.9	21.3	0.8	90	7120	2.32	54	2	5.04	87.43	3.77	8.75	143	14
JUL	27	495	82.5	41.8	4451	1468	66.3	31.0	2.8	92	3267	2.23	18	0	4.97	82.54	3.30	7.34	218	22
AUG	24	406	76.2	25.6	3679	987	66.5	31.3	2.2	90	2057	1.95	18	0	4.61	76.22	2.79	5.59	193	19
SEP	33	562	85.3	40.7	4832	1835	56.3	43.7	0.0	97	3168	1.77	15	0	4.07	85.27	3.62	6.40	311	31
OCT	43	975	85.9	40.8	9490	3842	33.0	66.8	0.2	95	5727	1.49	27	0	4.22	85.93	4.05	6.03	348	35
NOV	21	328	90.3	54.3	3222	1296	27.0	73.0	0.0	99	2093	1.61	3	0	3.74	90.31	4.02	6.50	1011	101
DEC	14	196	89.3	50.0	2231	807	34.6	65.2	0.1	99	1426	1.77	8	0	3.97	89.29	3.48	6.24	279	28
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>7525<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>83.5<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>45.1<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>70003<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>25869<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>64.5<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>35.0<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>0.5<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>95<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>53407<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>2.07<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>473<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>13<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>4.85<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>83.53<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>3.70<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>7.64<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>148<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>15<sup>c</sup></b>

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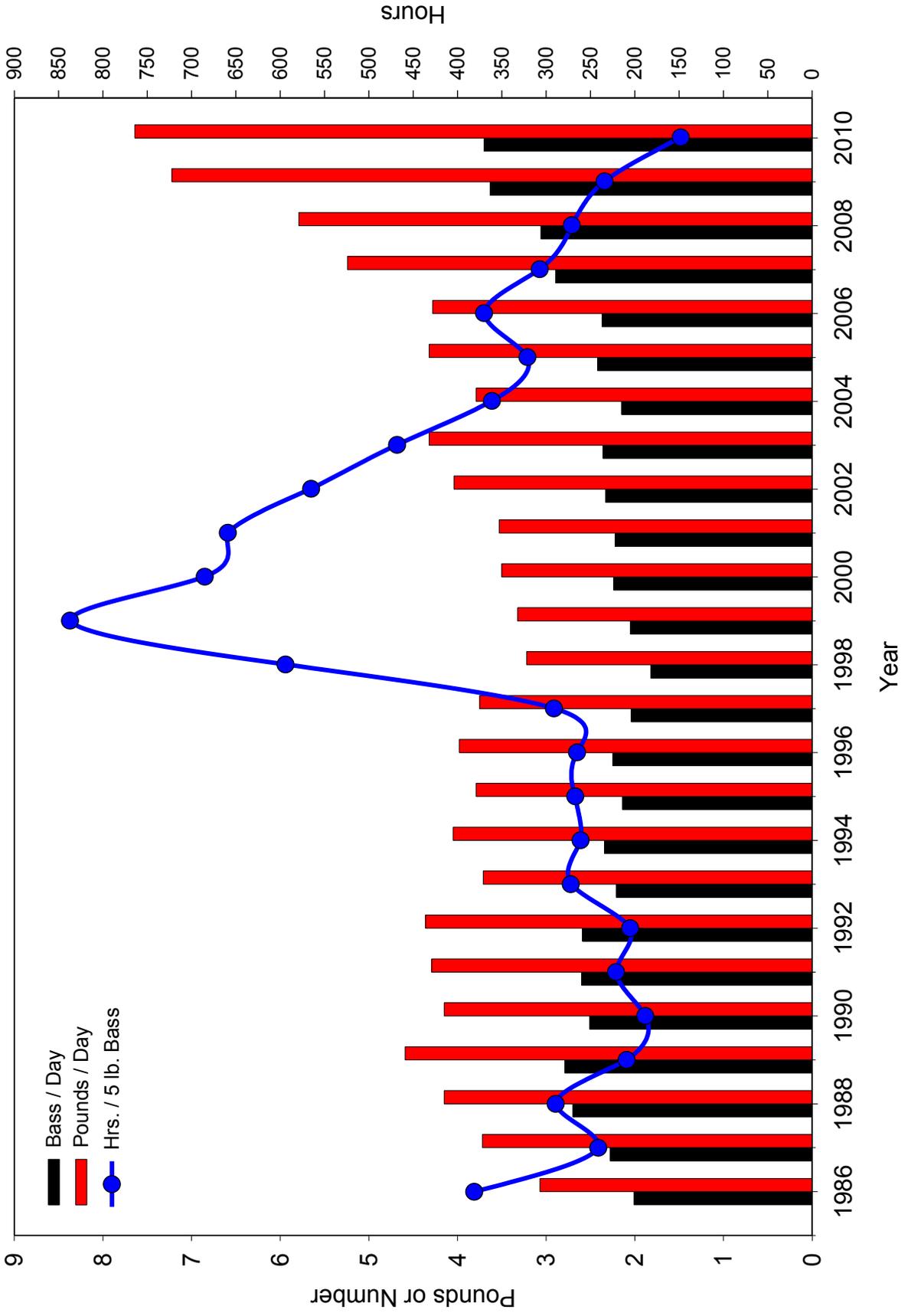


Figure 1. Annual catch for B.A.I.T. tournaments, 1986 - 2010.

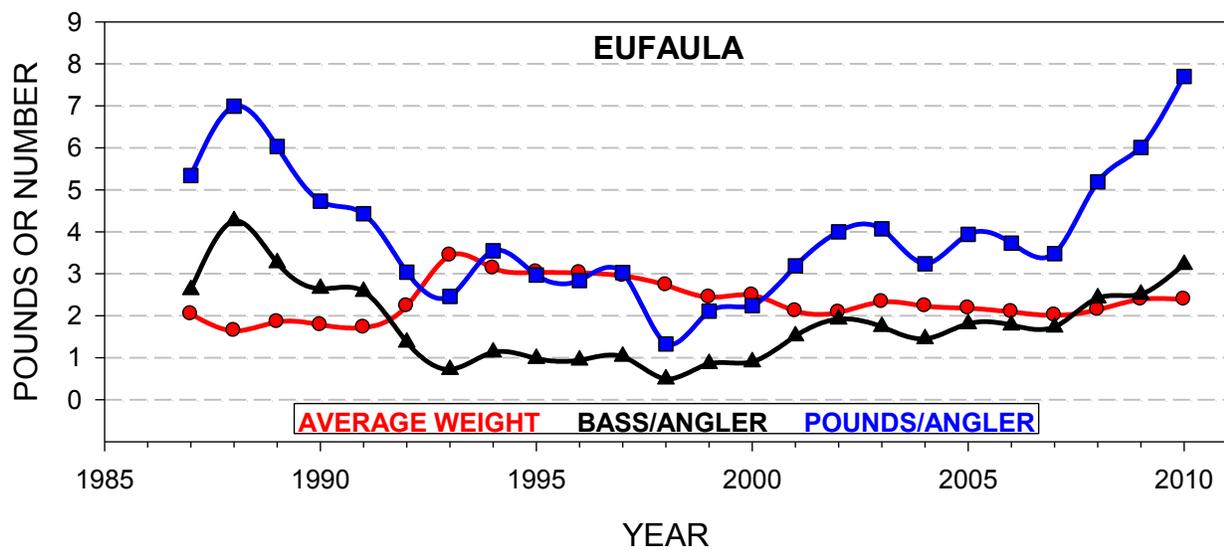
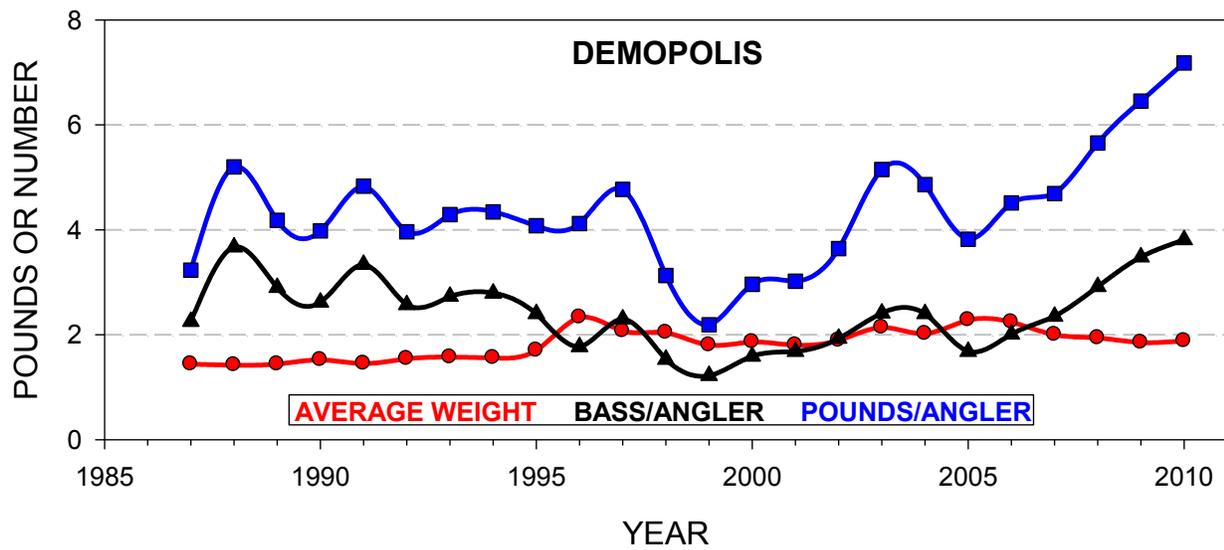
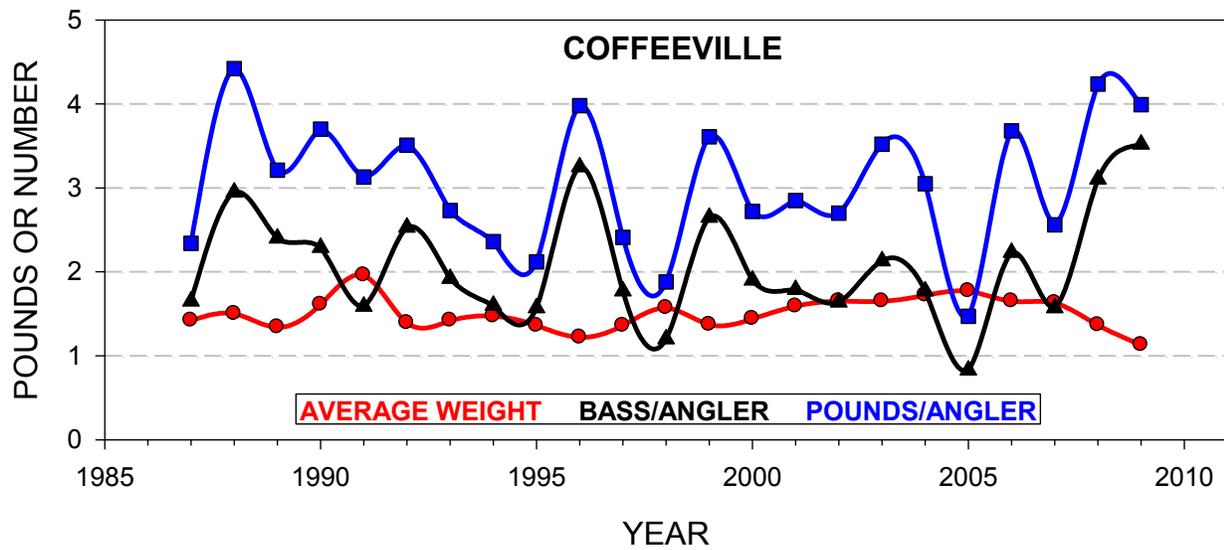


Figure 2. Annual quality indicators for Coffeerville, Demopolis, and Eufaula, through 2010.

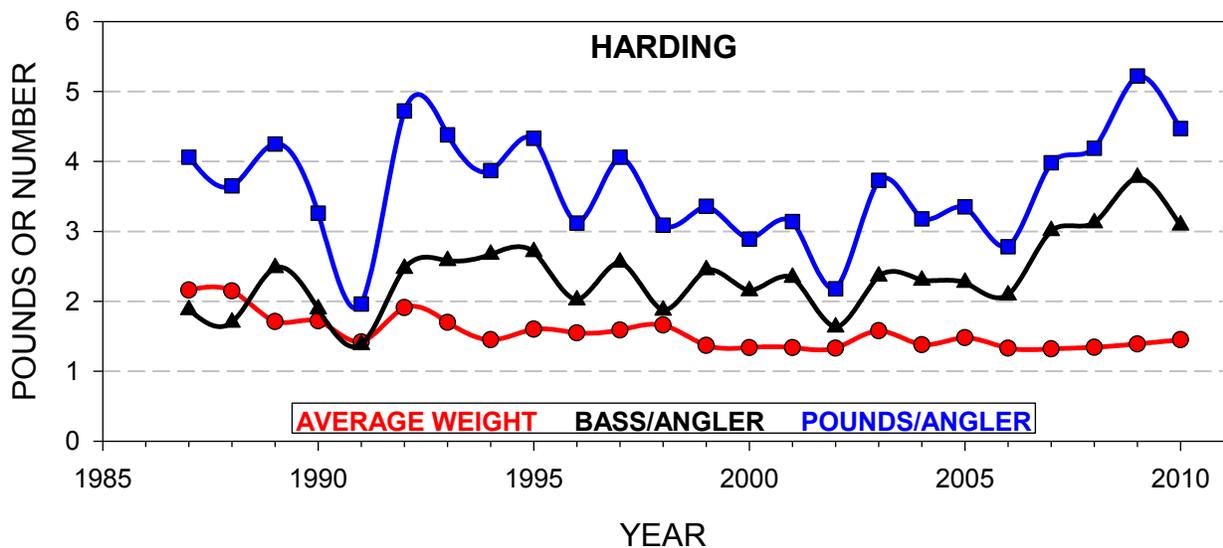
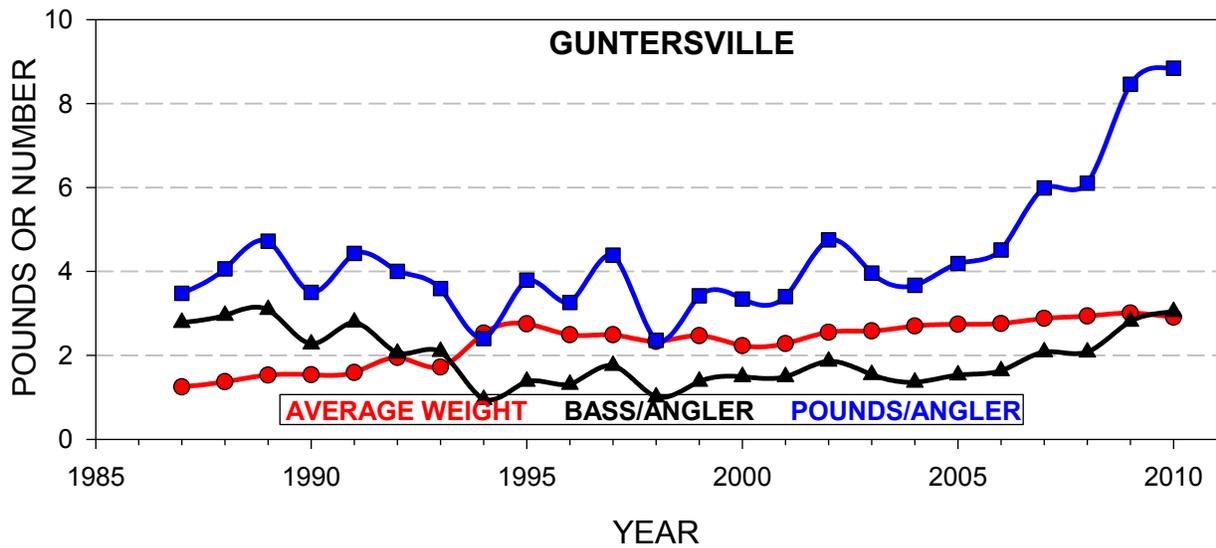
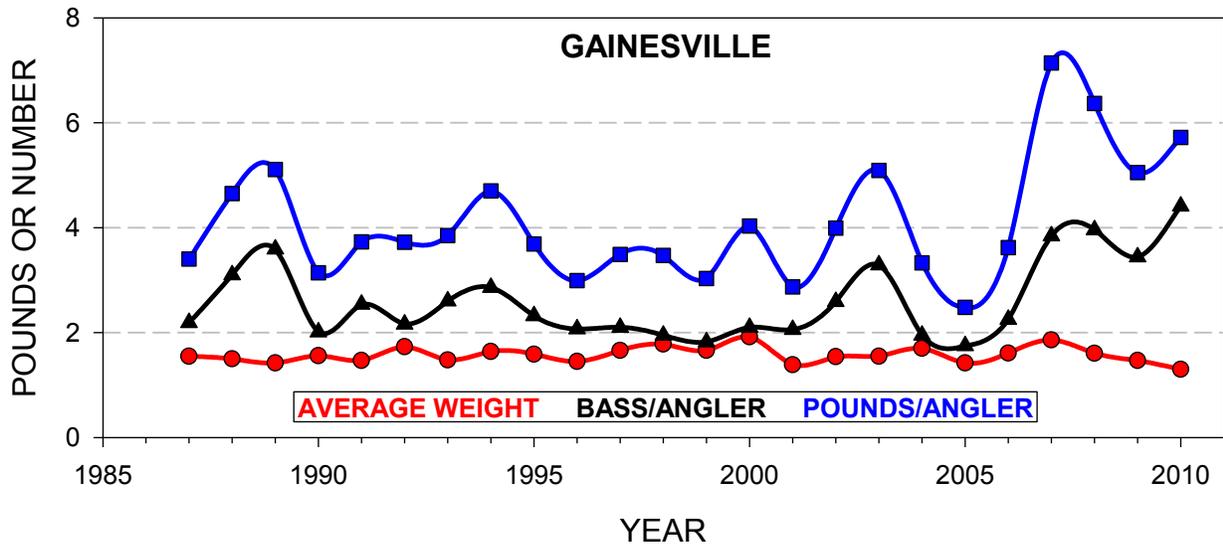


Figure 3. Annual quality indicators for Gainesville, Guntersville, and Harding, through 2010.

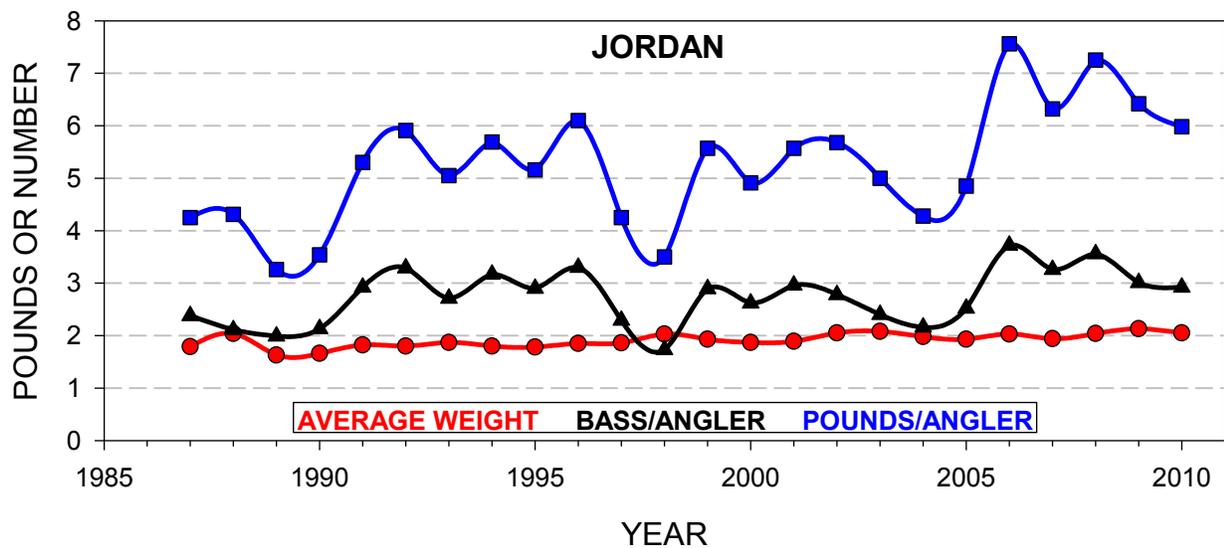
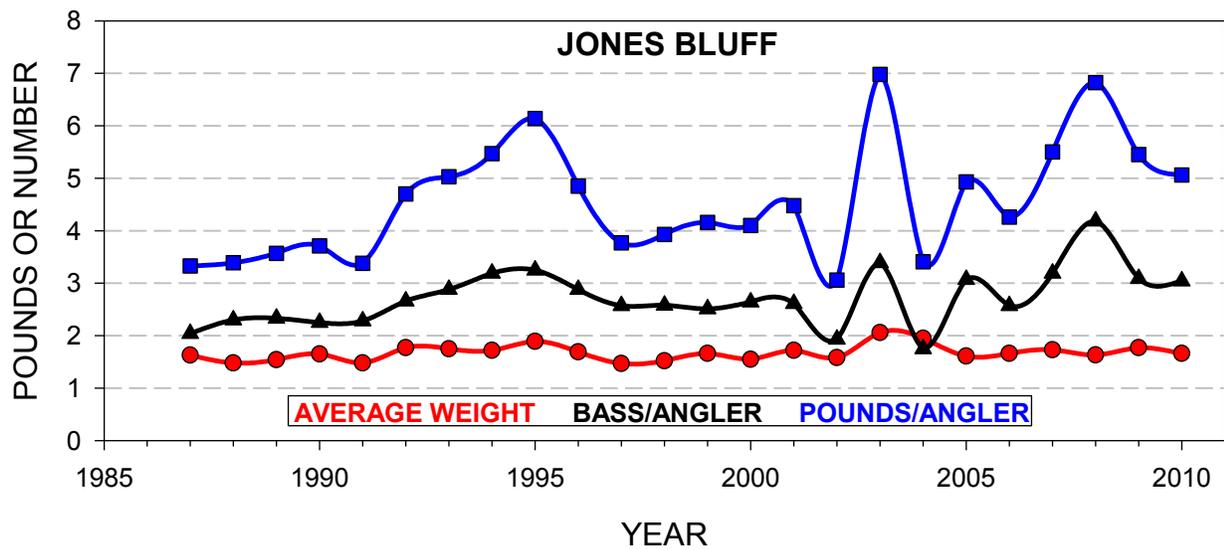
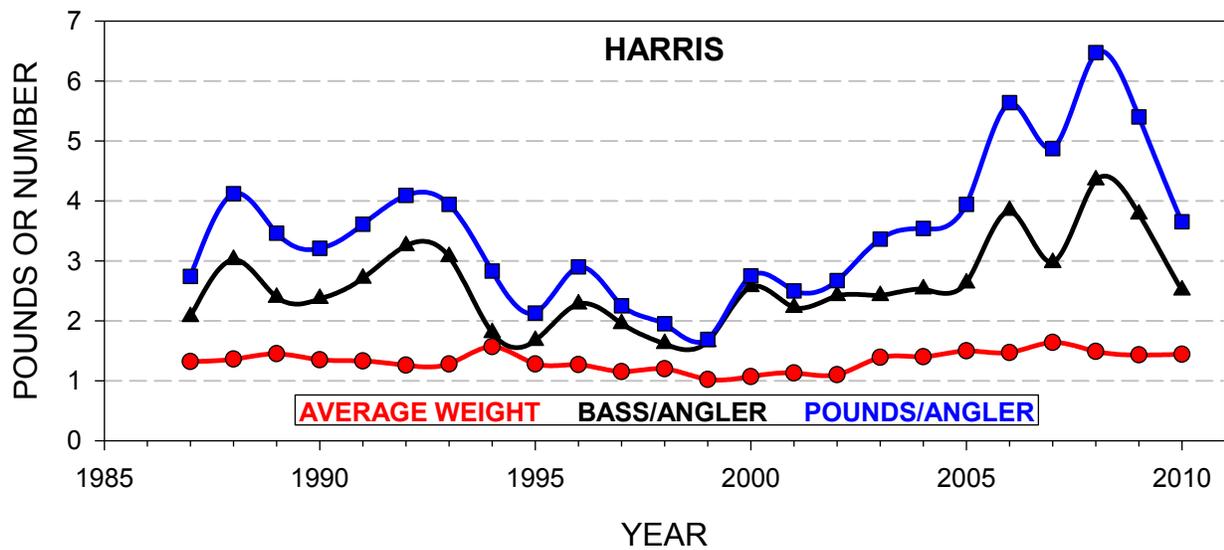


Figure 4. Annual quality indicators for Harris, Jones Bluff, and Jordan, through 2010.

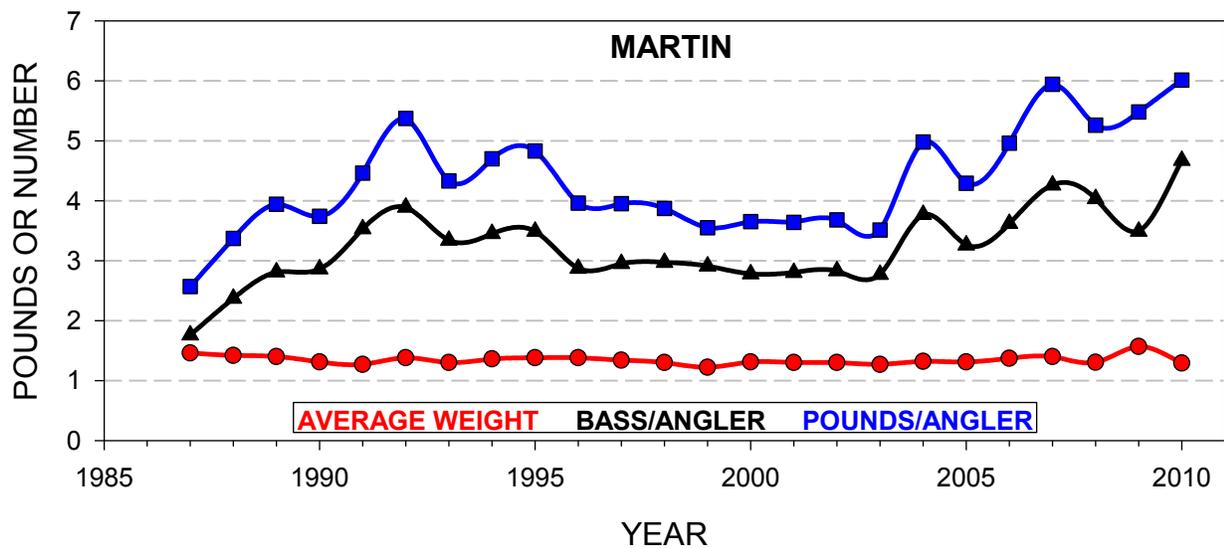
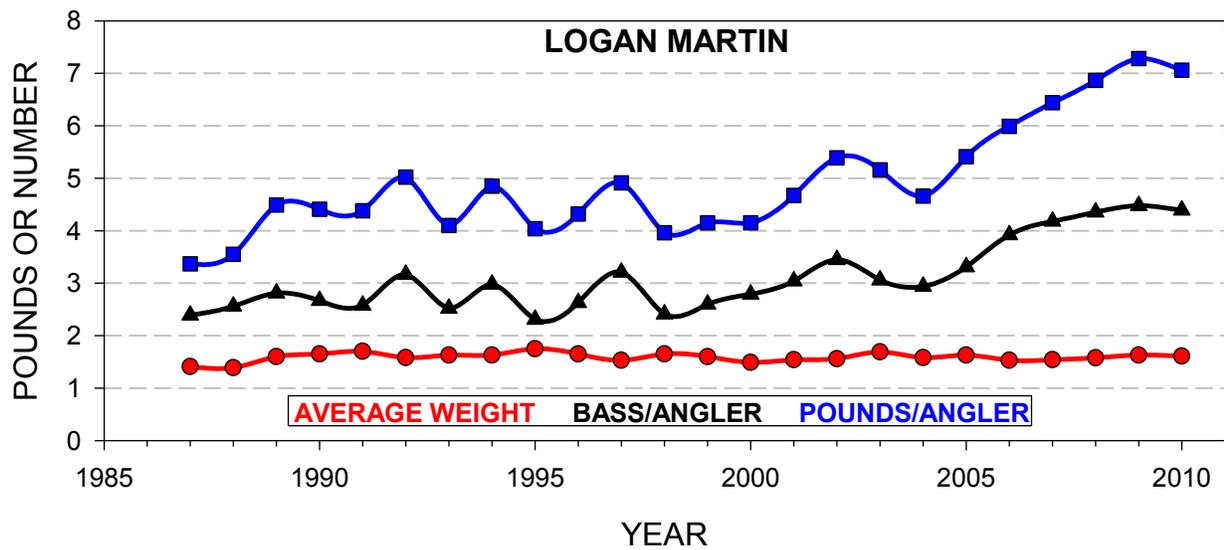
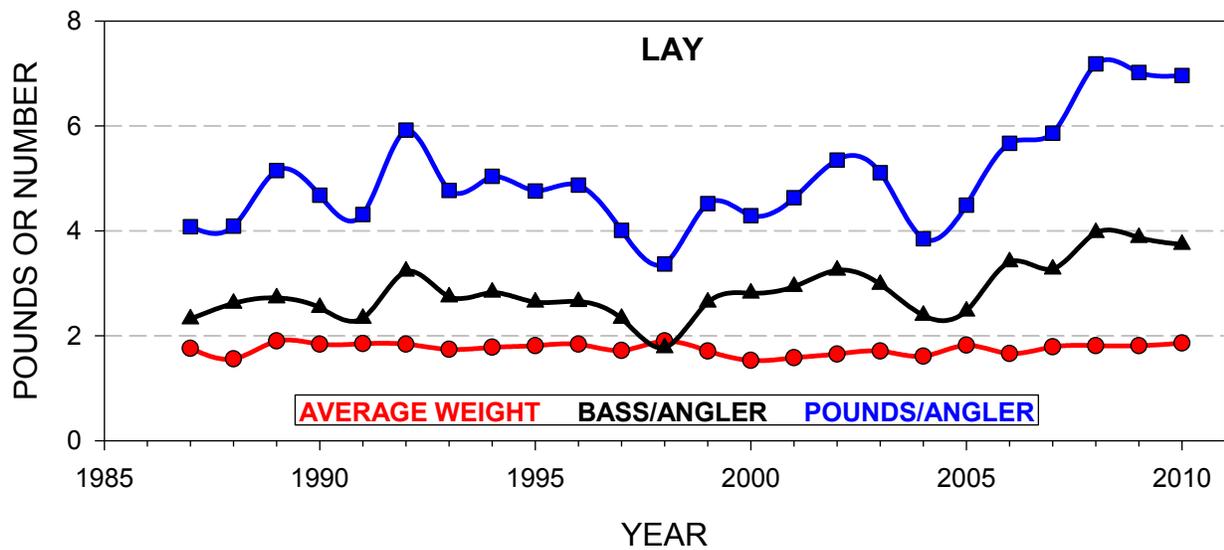


Figure 5. Annual quality indicators for Lay, Logan Martin, and Martin, through 2010.

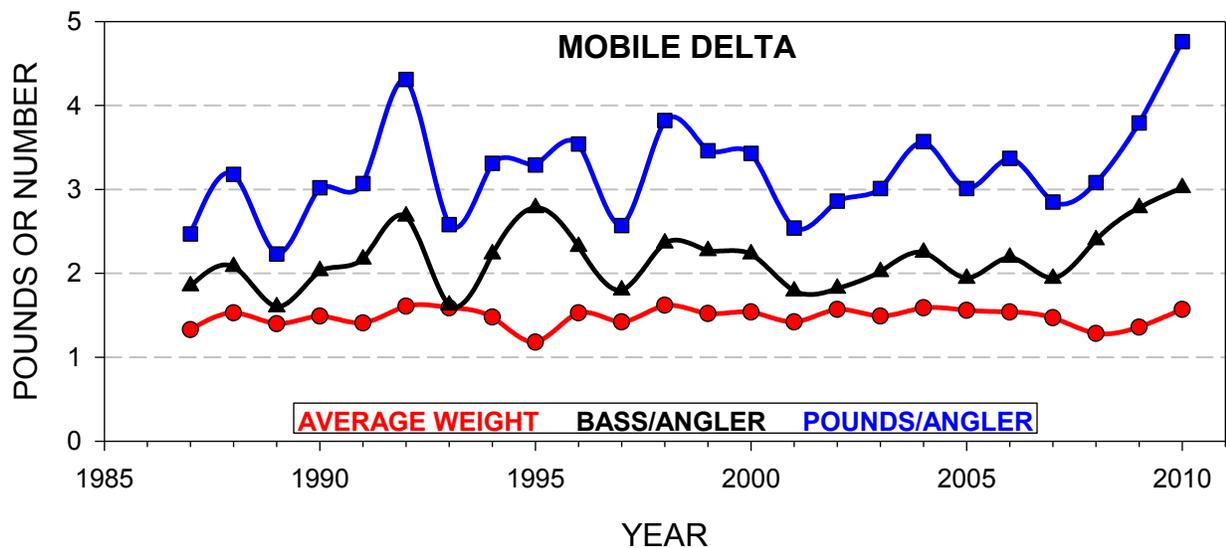
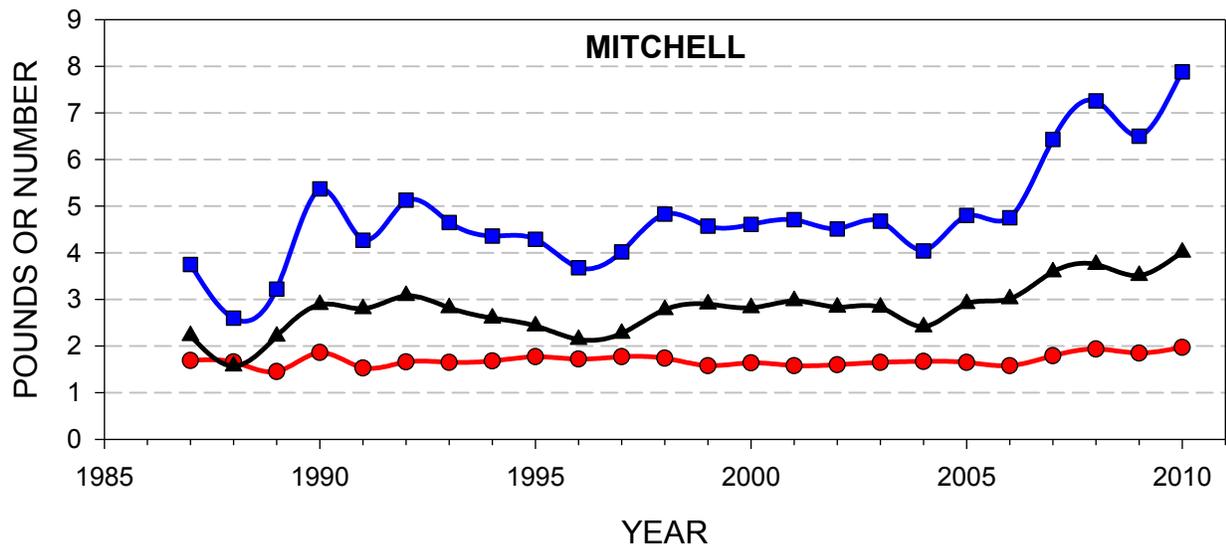
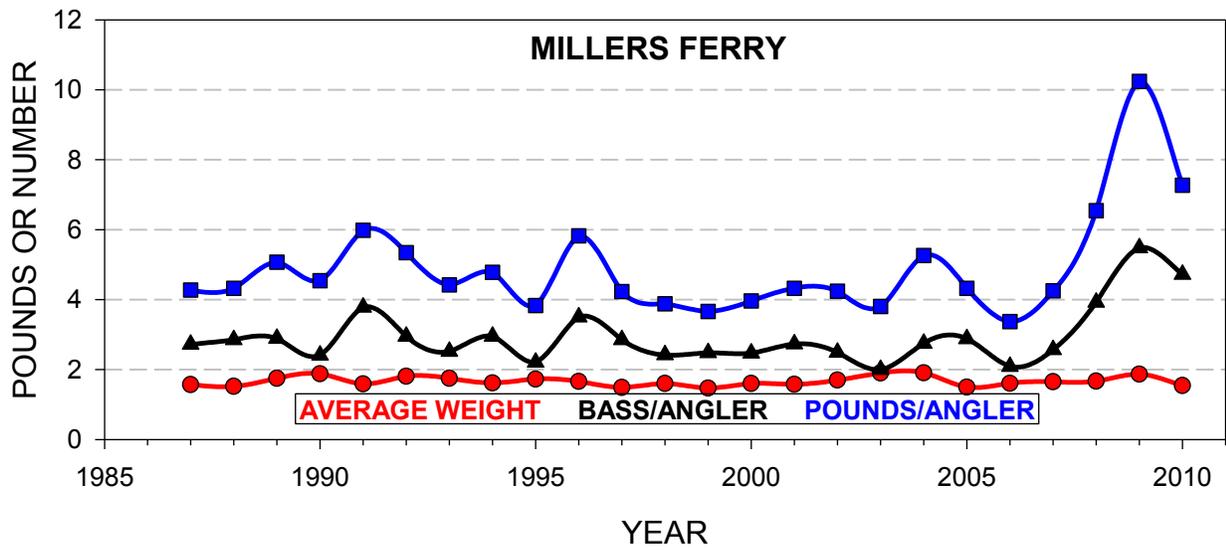


Figure 6. Annual quality indicators for Millers Ferry, Mitchell, and the Mobile Delta, through 2010.

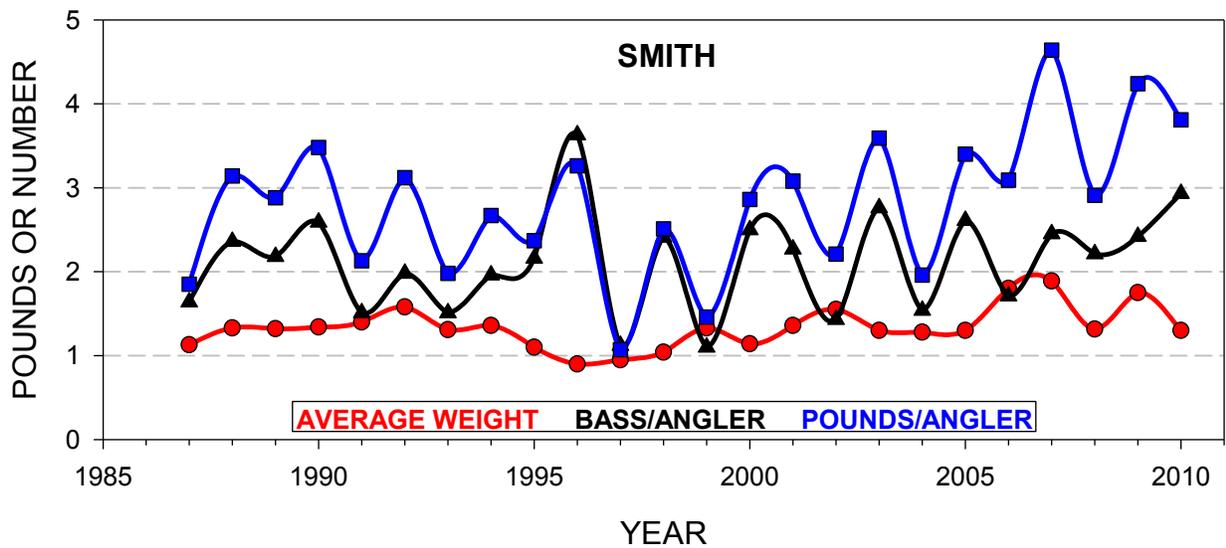
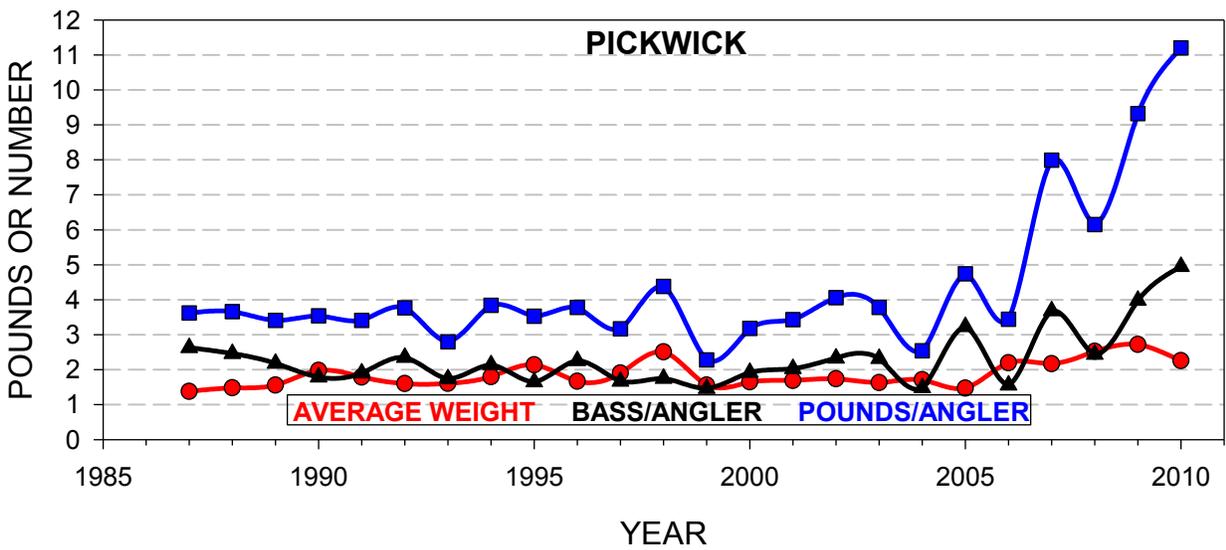
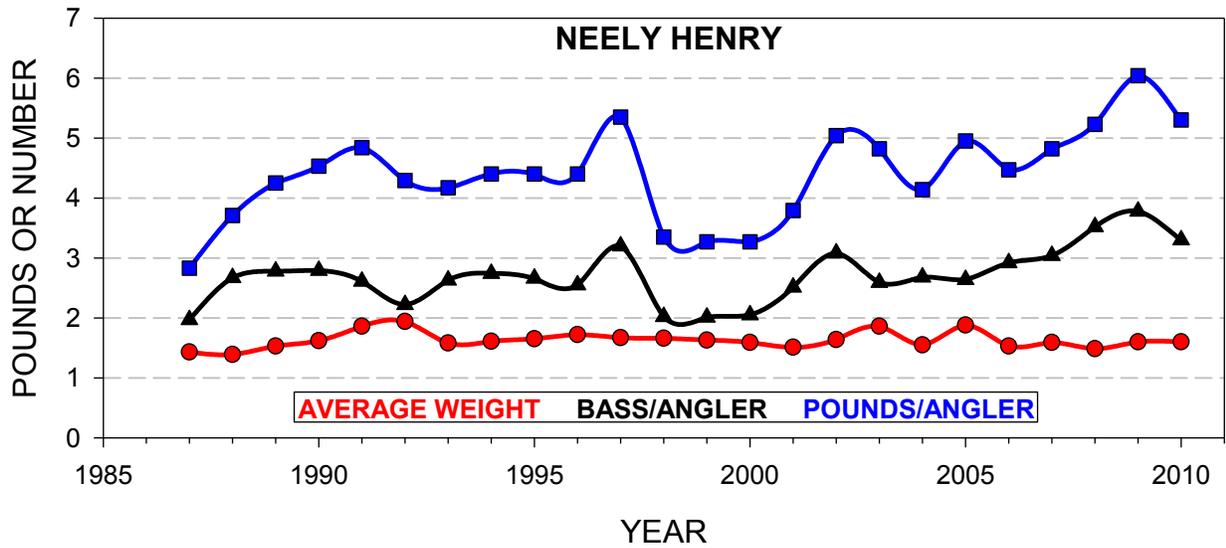


Figure 7. Annual quality indicators for Neely Henry, Pickwick, and Smith, through 2010.

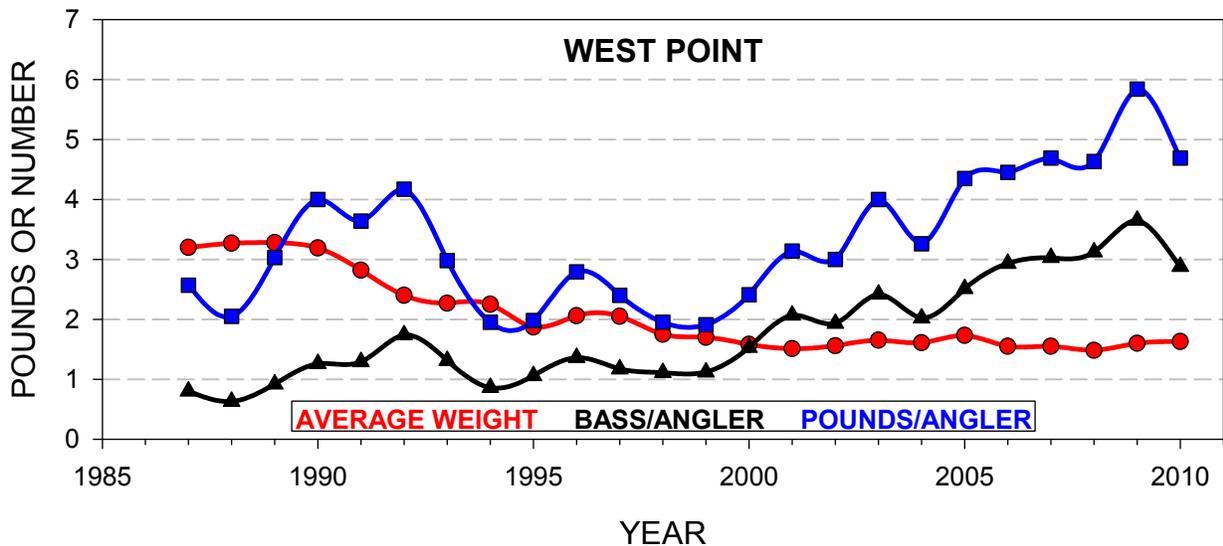
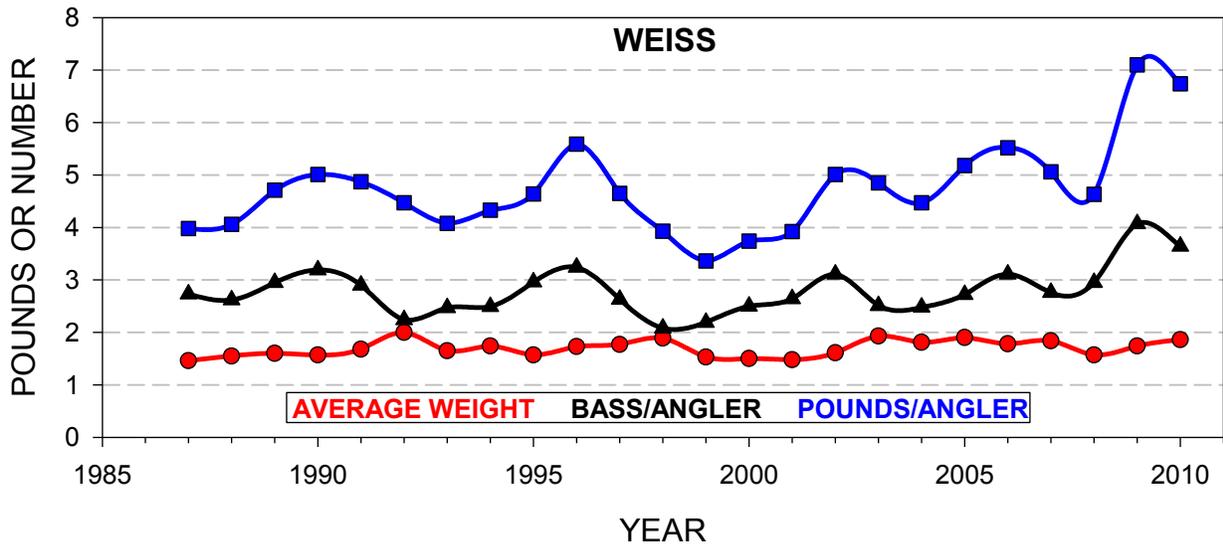
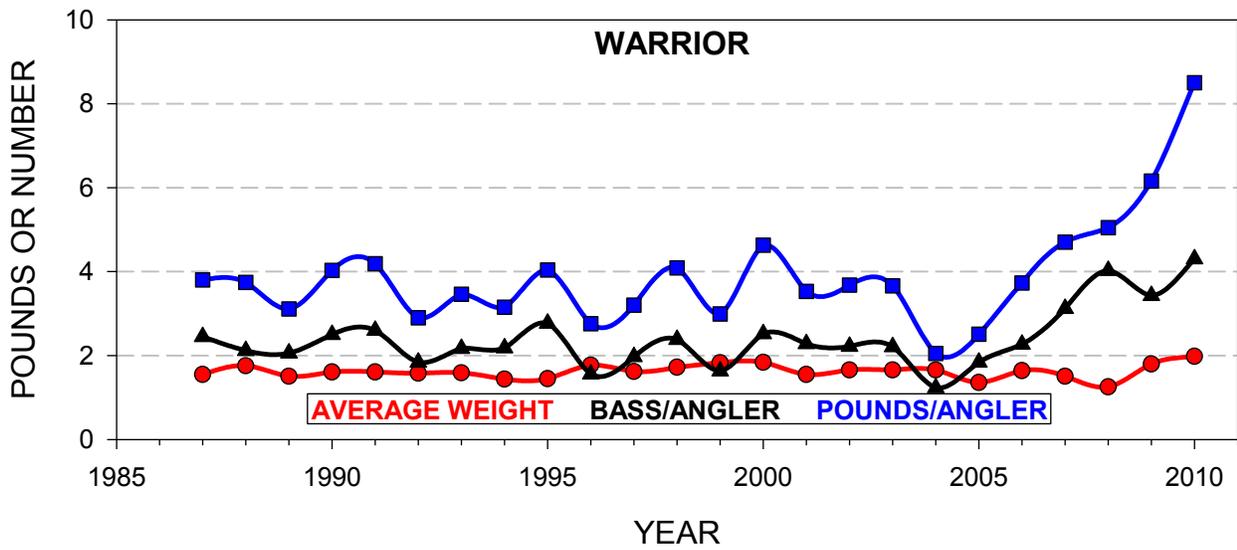


Figure 8. Annual quality indicators for Warrior, Weiss, and West Point, through 2010.

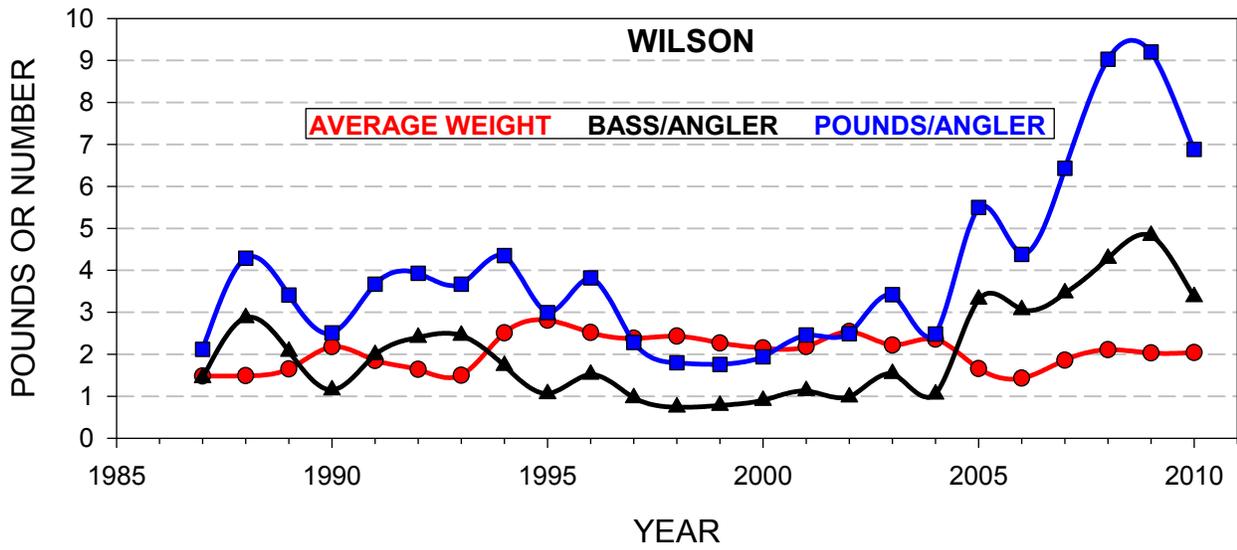
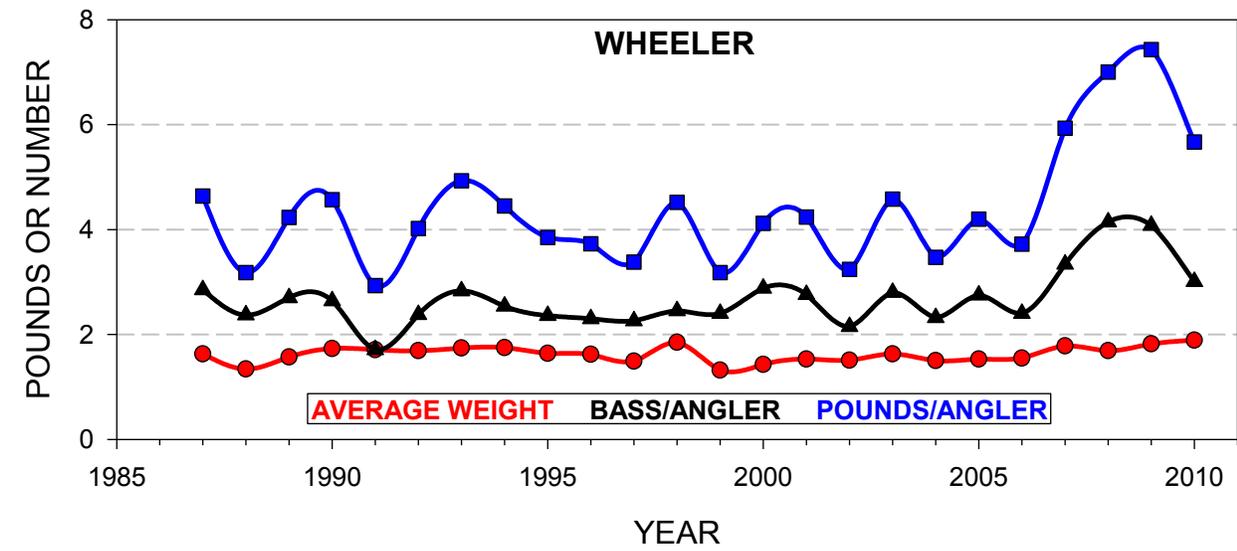


Figure 9. Annual quality indicators for Wheeler and Wilson, through 2010.

Table 6. Summary of bass tournaments by lake and month for bass clubs participating in the 2010 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 <sup>1</sup>	Pounds per day <sup>1</sup>	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.	
Eufaula	JAN	1	11	27.3	77	9	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	11.4	1.27	0	0	2.25	1.17	1.49	.	
	FEB	2	21	81.0	188	44	88.6	11.4	0.0	100.0	149.9	3.41	4	0	6.27	2.34	7.97	47	
	MAR	7	144	88.2	1572	534	89.5	10.5	0.0	96.4	1334.6	2.50	27	0	6.18	3.40	8.49	58	
	APR	17	224	92.0	2384	1036	92.9	7.1	0.0	96.3	2441.6	2.36	30	0	5.36	4.35	10.24	79	
	MAY	4	95	89.5	969	365	94.0	6.0	0.0	94.0	881.5	2.41	6	0	5.86	3.77	9.10	161	
	JUN	6	102	85.3	941	334	89.2	10.8	0.0	93.7	770.2	2.31	11	0	5.27	3.55	8.18	86	
	JUL	2	34	88.2	272	100	95.0	5.0	0.0	95.0	240.3	2.40	5	0	7.03	3.68	8.83	54	
	AUG	4	80	72.5	961	219	89.5	10.5	0.0	85.4	528.5	2.41	9	0	6.29	2.28	5.50	107	
	SEP	3	44	65.9	369	76	81.6	18.4	0.0	93.4	178.5	2.35	4	0	5.26	2.06	4.84	92	
	OCT	5	56	50.0	462	69	75.4	24.6	0.0	98.6	151.7	2.20	4	0	4.59	1.49	3.28	116	
	NOV	2	25	76.0	225	39	82.1	17.9	0.0	97.4	73.7	1.89	1	0	4.64	1.73	3.28	225	
	DEC	3	65	73.8	827	149	75.8	24.2	0.0	100.0	359.8	2.41	8	0	5.62	1.80	4.35	103	
Guntersville	JAN	1	10	70.0	150	24	.	.	.	100.0	62.2	2.59	1	0	5.13	1.60	4.14	150	
	FEB	7	91	57.1	774	141	99.3	0.7	0.0	100.0	474.7	3.37	14	2	6.65	1.82	6.14	55	
	MAR	11	269	81.0	2706	806	99.6	0.4	0.0	99.8	2667.1	3.31	103	7	6.54	2.98	9.86	26	
	APR	6	157	93.2	1389	618	99.8	0.2	0.0	98.1	1881.5	3.04	33	0	6.64	4.45	13.55	42	
	MAY	11	233	92.2	2589	960	96.4	3.6	0.0	90.6	2522.8	2.63	23	0	5.71	3.71	9.75	113	
	JUN	5	119	89.9	1233	408	98.6	1.4	0.0	91.2	1124.9	2.76	17	0	6.11	3.31	9.12	73	
	JUL	2	52	82.7	594	128	.	.	.	93.8	358.6	2.80	2	0	5.31	2.15	6.04	297	
	AUG	2	30	76.7	240	51	96.1	3.9	0.0	98.0	121.9	2.39	0	0	4.39	2.13	5.08	.	
	SEP	3	41	75.6	538	117	92.9	7.1	0.0	99.1	268.8	2.30	0	0	4.01	2.17	5.00	.	
	OCT	3	45	84.4	653	82	98.2	1.8	0.0	98.8	217.5	2.65	2	0	4.81	1.26	3.33	327	
	NOV	1	16	37.5	128	8	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	18.2	2.27	0	0	2.81	0.63	1.42	.	
	DEC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Harding	JAN	2	48	20.8	364	19	57.9	42.1	0.0	100.0	29.8	1.57	0	0	3.64	0.52	0.82	.	
	FEB	1	16	62.5	144	18	66.7	33.3	0.0	100.0	32.5	1.81	1	0	5.50	1.25	2.26	144	
	MAR	1	23	95.7	184	91	.	.	.	100.0	164.6	1.81	1	0	6.59	4.95	8.94	184	
	APR	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	MAY	2	31	96.8	263	113	54.9	45.1	0.0	93.8	151.6	1.34	0	0	4.00	4.30	5.77	.	
	JUN	2	26	92.3	378	120	83.3	16.7	0.0	90.0	167.4	1.40	0	0	3.02	3.17	4.43	.	
	JUL	1	17	76.5	204	40	70.0	30.0	0.0	90.0	65.4	1.63	0	0	4.19	1.96	3.21	.	
	AUG	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	SEP	2	32	87.5	84	99	55.6	44.4	0.0	93.9	116.4	1.18	0	0	4.16	3.09	3.64	.	
	OCT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	NOV	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	DEC	1	8	100.0	128	40	95.0	5.0	0.0	97.5	54.2	1.35	0	0	3.95	3.13	4.23	.	
Harris	JAN	1	11	18.2	110	5	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	11.6	2.31	0	0	2.94	0.45	1.05	.	
	FEB	1	28	46.4	252	24	4.2	95.8	0.0	100.0	64.0	2.67	1	0	5.28	0.95	2.54	252	
	MAR	3	38	63.2	475	116	13.8	86.2	0.0	100.0	251.0	2.16	0	0	4.21	2.44	5.28	.	
	APR	1	15	100.0	150	58	10.3	89.7	0.0	43.1	119.7	2.06	0	0	4.02	3.87	7.98	.	
	MAY	1	23	95.7	207	92	13.0	87.0	0.0	94.6	202.9	2.21	0	0	4.09	4.44	9.80	.	
	JUN	1	24	87.5	240	61	55.7	44.3	0.0	83.6	128.8	2.11	0	0	4.97	2.54	5.37	.	
	JUL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	AUG	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	SEP	1	14	100.0	126	37	29.7	70.3	0.0	97.3	55.5	1.50	0	0	2.88	2.94	4.40	.	
	OCT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	NOV	2	30	90.0	272	118	14.9	85.1	0.0	100.0	218.5	1.85	0	0	3.51	4.35	8.05	.	
	DEC	1	17	94.1	145	66	21.2	78.8	0.0	100.0	129.6	1.96	0	0	4.50	4.57	8.97	.	

<sup>1</sup>a 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 <sup>1</sup>	Pounds per day <sup>1</sup>	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.	
Jordan	JAN	1	11	18.2	110	5	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	11.6	2.31	0	0	2.94	0.45	1.05	.	
	FEB	1	28	46.4	252	24	4.2	95.8	0.0	100.0	64.0	2.67	1	0	5.28	0.95	2.54	252	
	MAR	3	38	63.2	475	116	13.8	86.2	0.0	100.0	251.0	2.16	0	0	4.21	2.44	5.28	.	
	APR	1	15	100.0	150	58	10.3	89.7	0.0	43.1	119.7	2.06	0	0	4.02	3.87	7.98	.	
	MAY	1	23	95.7	207	92	13.0	87.0	0.0	94.6	202.9	2.21	0	0	4.09	4.44	9.80	.	
	JUN	1	24	87.5	240	61	55.7	44.3	0.0	83.6	128.8	2.11	0	0	4.97	2.54	5.37	.	
	JUL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	AUG	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	SEP	1	14	100.0	126	37	29.7	70.3	0.0	97.3	55.5	1.50	0	0	2.88	2.94	4.40	.	
	OCT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	NOV	2	30	90.0	272	118	14.9	85.1	0.0	100.0	218.5	1.85	0	0	3.51	4.35	8.05	.	
	DEC	1	17	94.1	145	66	21.2	78.8	0.0	100.0	129.6	1.96	0	0	4.50	4.57	8.97	.	
Lay	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	FEB	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	MAR	2	35	82.9	296	66	16.7	83.3	0.0	100.0	128.5	1.95	1	0	5.00	2.23	4.34	296	
	APR	3	76	90.8	683	333	15.0	85.0	0.0	97.9	571.1	1.72	1	0	4.55	4.88	8.36	683	
	MAY	4	77	98.7	665	354	63.3	36.7	0.0	92.9	663.8	1.88	1	0	4.23	5.32	9.98	665	
	JUN	1	10	90.0	90	30	33.3	66.7	0.0	83.3	54.0	1.80	0	0	3.75	3.33	6.00	.	
	JUL	1	4	50.0	64	7	14.3	85.7	0.0	100.0	13.9	1.99	0	0	4.10	1.09	2.17	.	
	AUG	2	48	89.6	447	138	32.0	68.0	0.0	91.3	189.1	1.37	0	0	3.61	3.09	4.23	.	
	SEP	2	37	94.6	309	151	58.9	41.1	0.0	95.4	220.3	1.46	0	0	3.51	4.89	7.14	.	
	OCT	3	41	100.0	418	224	26.3	73.7	0.0	98.2	284.5	1.27	1	0	3.88	5.36	6.81	418	
	NOV	2	20	100.0	170	91	4.4	95.6	0.0	100.0	131.1	1.44	0	0	2.57	5.35	7.71	.	
	DEC	1	15	100.0	240	92	13.0	87.0	0.0	100.0	130.4	1.42	0	0	2.75	3.83	5.43	.	
Logan Martin	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	FEB	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	MAR	2	35	82.9	296	66	16.7	83.3	0.0	100.0	128.5	1.95	1	0	5.00	2.23	4.34	296	
	APR	3	76	90.8	683	333	15.0	85.0	0.0	97.9	571.1	1.72	1	0	4.55	4.88	8.36	683	
	MAY	4	77	98.7	665	354	63.3	36.7	0.0	92.9	663.8	1.88	1	0	4.23	5.32	9.98	665	
	JUN	1	10	90.0	90	30	33.3	66.7	0.0	83.3	54.0	1.80	0	0	3.75	3.33	6.00	.	
	JUL	1	4	50.0	64	7	14.3	85.7	0.0	100.0	13.9	1.99	0	0	4.10	1.09	2.17	.	
	AUG	2	48	89.6	447	138	32.0	68.0	0.0	91.3	189.1	1.37	0	0	3.61	3.09	4.23	.	
	SEP	2	37	94.6	309	151	58.9	41.1	0.0	95.4	220.3	1.46	0	0	3.51	4.89	7.14	.	
	OCT	3	41	100.0	418	224	26.3	73.7	0.0	98.2	284.5	1.27	1	0	3.88	5.36	6.81	418	
	NOV	2	20	100.0	170	91	4.4	95.6	0.0	100.0	131.1	1.44	0	0	2.57	5.35	7.71	.	
	DEC	1	15	100.0	240	92	13.0	87.0	0.0	100.0	130.4	1.42	0	0	2.75	3.83	5.43	.	
Martin	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	FEB	2	29	79.3	283	64	37.5	62.5	0.0	100.0	107.9	1.69	0	0	3.37	2.26	3.81	.	
	MAR	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	APR	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	MAY	1	14	92.9	140	63	36.5	63.5	0.0	100.0	101.0	1.60	0	0	3.10	4.50	7.21	.	
	JUN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	JUL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	AUG	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	SEP	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	OCT	4	56	100.0	929	482	14.2	85.8	0.0	84.2	532.7	1.11	0	0	3.84	5.19	5.74	.	
	NOV	3	77	96.1	906	414	23.9	76.1	0.0	99.5	544.2	1.31	1	0	4.15	4.57	6.01	906	
	DEC	2	25	100.0	341	190	24.6	75.4	0.0	100.0	275.2	1.45	0	0	3.62	5.57	8.07	.	

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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 <sup>1</sup>	Pounds per day <sup>1</sup>	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.	
Neely Henry	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	FEB	1	20	25.0	160	6	83.3	16.7	0.0	100.0	10.3	1.72	0	0	2.81	0.38	0.64	.	
	MAR	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	APR	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	MAY	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	JUN	5	73	93.2	636	242	78.9	21.1	0.0	91.7	440.2	1.82	2	0	4.80	3.81	6.93	318	
	JUL	1	18	72.2	144	38	23.7	76.3	0.0	89.5	53.8	1.41	0	0	3.62	2.64	3.73	.	
	AUG	1	15	100.0	120	59	.	.	.	93.2	91.8	1.56	0	0	3.45	4.92	7.65	.	
	SEP	1	11	90.9	88	33	51.5	48.5	0.0	100.0	39.9	1.21	0	0	2.56	3.75	4.54	.	
	OCT	3	60	86.7	505	168	26.2	73.8	0.0	100.0	239.6	1.43	0	0	3.53	3.33	4.74	.	
	NOV	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	DEC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Pickwick	JAN	3	19	.	162	69	.	.	.	.	141.5	2.05	0	0	4.47	4.27	8.76	.	
	FEB	5	70	.	595	209	.	.	.	.	597.6	2.86	5	0	5.50	3.51	10.04	119	
	MAR	4	120	.	1020	545	.	.	.	.	1504.5	2.76	7	0	7.17	5.34	14.75	146	
	APR	4	196	.	1666	915	.	.	.	.	2116.9	2.31	7	0	6.42	5.49	12.71	238	
	MAY	4	112	.	952	550	.	.	.	.	1477.9	2.69	2	0	5.02	5.78	15.52	476	
	JUN	8	194	83.3	1649	816	.	.	.	.	2365.6	2.90	14	2	6.43	4.95	14.35	118	
	JUL	6	128	.	1082	542	51.4	5.4	43.2	91.9	1481.7	2.73	4	0	5.62	5.01	13.69	271	
	AUG	4	57	.	485	163	.	.	.	.	563.4	2.66	5	0	5.43	4.68	11.63	97	
	SEP	4	141	.	1199	583	.	.	.	.	1303.3	2.24	7	0	5.06	4.86	10.87	171	
	OCT	8	454	.	3870	1851	.	.	.	100.0	2723.5	1.47	9	0	4.65	4.78	7.04	430	
	NOV	2	19	90.9	167	51	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	106.7	2.09	1	0	4.66	3.05	6.39	167	
	DEC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Weiss	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	FEB	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	MAR	1	9	66.7	81	13	30.8	69.2	0.0	100.0	30.3	2.33	1	0	5.38	1.60	3.74	81	
	APR	4	76	97.4	628	260	16.9	83.1	0.0	97.3	453.8	1.75	2	1	5.55	4.14	7.22	314	
	MAY	7	134	97.8	1194	493	70.7	29.3	0.0	98.4	982.5	1.99	7	0	5.11	4.13	8.23	171	
	JUN	2	43	93.0	416	150	60.0	40.0	0.0	91.3	250.7	1.67	1	0	4.44	3.61	6.03	416	
	JUL	3	66	86.4	596	178	61.5	38.5	0.0	94.4	354.6	1.99	3	0	5.65	2.99	5.95	199	
	AUG	1	14	100.0	112	29	55.2	44.8	0.0	96.6	39.7	1.37	0	0	3.49	2.59	3.54	.	
	SEP	3	44	93.2	458	191	40.2	59.8	0.0	95.8	210.6	1.47	2	0	4.36	4.17	6.16	229	
	OCT	1	34	85.3	272	55	53.3	46.7	0.0	100.0	132.7	2.41	0	0	4.12	2.02	4.88	.	
	NOV	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Wheeler	JAN	2	69	26.1	569	44	86.4	0.0	13.6	100.0	78.0	1.77	1	0	3.63	0.77	1.37	569	
	FEB	2	45	73.3	393	85	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	139.3	1.64	0	0	3.63	2.16	3.54	.	
	MAR	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	APR	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	MAY	3	74	93.2	861	360	97.9	0.0	2.1	96.7	588.4	1.63	3	0	5.68	4.18	6.83	287	
	JUN	1	74	77.0	740	274	95.6	0.0	4.4	91.2	675.9	2.47	6	0	6.88	3.70	9.13	123	
	JUL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	AUG	1	26	57.7	208	50	.	.	.	90.0	70.6	1.41	0	0	4.06	2.40	3.39	.	
	SEP	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
	OCT	1	12	100.0	240	92	91.3	4.3	4.3	100.0	155.3	1.69	0	0	3.64	3.83	6.47	.	
	NOV	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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<sup>1</sup>a 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 <sup>1</sup>	Pounds per day <sup>1</sup>	Hrs. to catch a bass over 5 lb.	
West Point	JAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	FEB	2	32	34.4	256	26	76.9	23.1	0.0	100.0	81.5	3.13	5	0	6.51	1.02	3.18	51	
	MAR	3	55	69.1	457	84	35.7	64.3	0.0	88.1	169.8	2.02	3	0	5.03	1.84	3.72	152	
	APR	1	13	100.0	104	45	26.7	73.3	0.0	100.0	67.3	1.49	1	0	6.06	4.33	6.47	104	
	MAY	2	28	92.9	243	86	54.5	45.5	0.0	87.2	149.7	1.74	1	0	4.88	3.54	6.16	243	
	JUN	4	42	59.5	343	55	43.6	56.4	0.0	78.2	97.9	1.78	0	0	3.67	1.60	2.85	.	
	JUL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	AUG	1	28	67.9	224	54	13.0	87.0	0.0	75.9	82.6	1.53	3	0	6.28	2.41	3.69	75	
	SEP	6	71	80.3	602	200	34.0	66.0	0.0	98.9	299.8	1.50	1	0	3.83	3.32	4.98	602	
	OCT	4	38	78.9	426	148	17.6	82.4	0.0	100.0	203.7	1.38	1	0	3.84	3.47	4.78	426	
	NOV	3	31	100.0	372	175	8.6	91.4	0.0	100.0	268.4	1.53	0	0	3.43	4.70	7.22	.	
	DEC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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# Other Topics

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## **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) 242-3630, 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 of 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 there. 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.

## **CATCH-AND-RELEASE**

Access area creel surveys conducted by Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries biologists have revealed a significant decline in bass harvest rates, statewide. In 2009, nearly 100% of all bass caught from public waters were released.

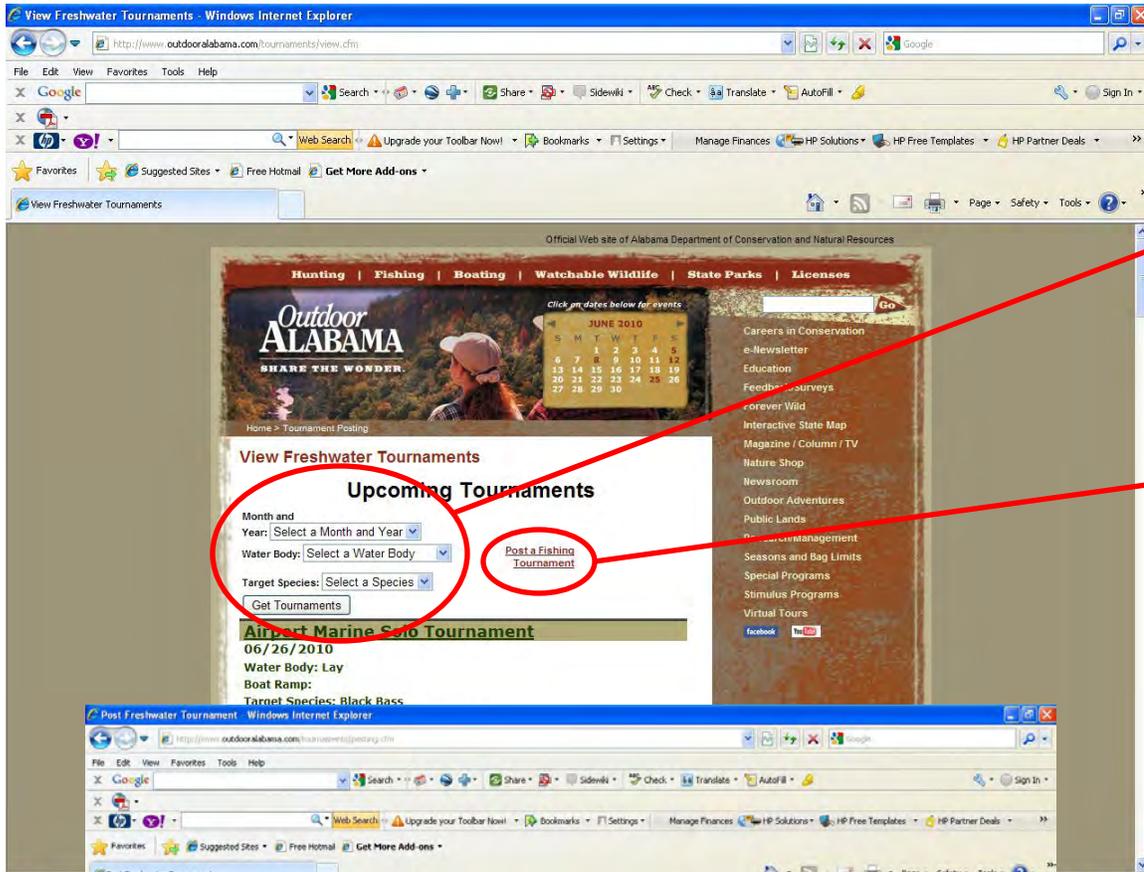
As the catch-and-release ethic has evolved during the last 20 years due to intense promotion by tournament organizations and participants, many well-intentioned anglers have become so passionate about this angling ethic that they feel a moral obligation to release every bass they catch, which often leads them to make some poor choices with regard to the handling of their fish.

An unfortunate consequence of catch-and-release is that tournament anglers are often so focused on releasing their fish alive, that they sometimes fail to recognize when a fish is too far gone to survive the stress. Making this mistake can result in numerous dead fish floating in the water around the boat ramp on the following day. The number of complaints received by ADCNR accusing tournament anglers of killing and wasting fish during organized bass tournaments is on the rise, so please encourage your anglers to be aware of this growing problem, and consider adopting tournament rules that discourage the release of fish in poor condition following bass tournaments.

# Tournament Website

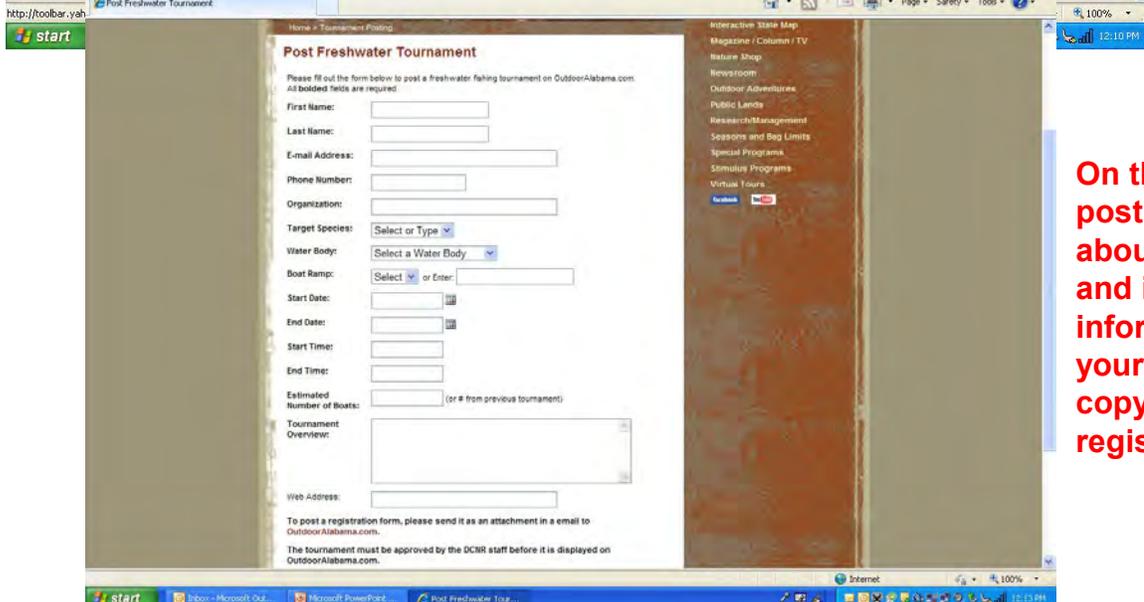
<http://www.outdooralabama.com/tournaments/>

Type the above link into your web browser to access the page below and post your tournaments or view those posted by other organizations. This feature is available for all 45 of Alabama's public reservoirs and signs are being placed at each ADCNR public access area to inform anglers of the new interactive website.



Select from these options to see when and where tournaments are being held, or . . .

Click here to bring up the page below and post your own tournament.



On this page, you can post specific information about your tournament and include contact information, a link to your website, or even a copy of your tournament registration form.

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

The Alabama Division of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries maintains over 120 public boating access areas statewide. Several of these facilities received upgrades during 2010.

## *Higgins Ferry (Lake Mitchell)*

With this facility being the only major public boat ramp on Lake Mitchell, it gets a tremendous amount of use throughout the year. For ages, anglers have complained about the difficulty associated with backing their boats down this ramp, particularly at night. The problems resulted from the fact that anglers temporarily lose sight of their trailers as they drop off the slope leading down to the water. This of course resulted in anglers taking more time to launch and retrieve their boats, which ultimately led to long launch lines during periods of heavy use.

In order to remedy this problem, the crown of the ramp was lowered 2.5 feet and the contour of the launching slab was flattened to create a gentle curve with a grade transitioning from 2 – 15 %. Bollards were also added, which flank both sides of the ramp making it much easier for boaters to sense the orientation of the trailer to the launching slab. The lower parking lot was also repaved and widened by up to 8 feet to create more room in areas where space was limited.

## *B. B. Comer & Browns Creek (Lake Guntersville)*

Both of the facilities were repaved during 2010. The old chip-and-seal surface was replaced with four inches of modern asphalt with a durable wearing surface. Parking was reconfigured and new striping was applied.

## *Lay Dam (Lay Lake)*

The parking surface at this facility was in disrepair prior to the winter of 2009-10. Water that had seeped under the parking lot through potholes froze and expanded during the extremely cold temperatures and broke the surface into many small pieces. The worst damage was directly in front of the ramp where bilge water mixed with oil and gas is often emptied onto the parking lot creating the first signs of potholes. To prevent this from happening in the future, concrete was placed in the area immediately in front of the ramp because of its increased durability. The remainder of the parking area was also repaved and new striping laid down.

## *Halawakee Creek (Lake Harding)*

Freezing water also did severe damage to parts of this facility



during the winter of 2009-10. These damages were addressed in similar fashion to those at Lay Dam. A large concrete area was poured in front of the ramp and the parking area was repaved with a durable asphalt surface. Repairs were also made to the courtesy docks.

## *Bonner's Point (Lake Jordan)*

This access area underwent major renovations, which were completed during 2010. The swimming area was replaced with a modern, four-lane launching slab and two, one hundred foot floating courtesy piers (pictured above). A walkway connects the tournament pavilion to a floating courtesy pier so that weigh-ins can be conducted with ease. The old boat ramp and associated piers were left in place and are now dedicated for handicapped access. Access to and from the new launching slab was achieved by adding new access roads to improve traffic flow.

## *Other Projects (Statewide)*

Parking lots were repaired at four access areas, and parking spots were re-striped at nine locations. Wooden courtesy piers were repaired and treated with sealant at twenty-four facilities. Leases for the Jackson City Boat Ramp on the Tombigbee River in Clarke Co., and the Selma City Access on the Alabama River in Dallas Co., both expired and were not renewed. These facilities are now managed and maintained by the respective city governments.

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