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BASS Federation Adds Sixth Division For 2005 [January 27, 2005]

BASS announced today that the BASS Federation program is restructuring its division system to include six division rather than five. The reorganization will culminate in an expansion of the BASS Federation Divisional Tournament series to six events and will mean that six Federation anglers will qualify for the CITGO Bassmaster Classic beginning in 2006. [See complete article...]

More News...

River Level Impacting Aquatic Life [January 27, 2005]



Biologist from the West Virginia DNR are fearful that the historically low water levels on the Bellville Pool of the Ohio River could have a major adverse impact on aquatic life. [See complete article...]

Ohio River Fisheries Management Plan and Public Comment Schedule [January 22, 2005]



Anglers who wish to provide input on the future direction of fisheries management on the Ohio River are encouraged to comment on the Ohio River Fisheries Management Plan, according to Bret Preston, Assistant Chief of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Resources Section. The goal of the plan is to provide enhanced angling opportunities using a sound scientific approach and prudent use of agency funds.

[See complete article...]
[Ohio River Management Plan.pdf]

Cialis® (tadalafil) Joins BASS as Premiere Sponsor [January 24, 2005]

Cialis® (tadalafil), the erectile dysfunction drug marketed by Lilly ICOS (NYSE: LLY and Nasdaq: ICOS), and BASS, the worldwide authority on bass fishing, today announced a one-year sponsorship agreement. As a premiere sponsor, Cialis will have a major interactive presence at the majority of BASS events, including the CITGO Bassmaster Tournament Trail, the Bassmaster Elite 50 Series and the CITGO Bassmaster Classic.

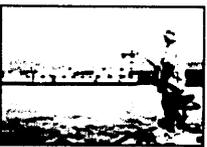
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The 4th Annual WV Fishing, Hunting and Outdoor Sports Show [January 24, 2005]
March 5-6 2005

At the Former Phar-Mor Building (Beside Morgantown Mall)

[See complete article...]

West Virginia DNR proposes restructuring fishing and hunting licensing fees [January 22, 2005]



The Wildlife Resources and Law Enforcement sections of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources are responsible for managing and protecting the public's fish and wildlife resources on 1.4 million acres of public lands, 14 million acres of private lands, 21,000 acres of public lakes, and 31,000 miles of streams and rivers in the state. Over 800,000 residents and nonresidents annually participate in hunting, fishing and other forms of wildlife-associated recreation in the state. The impact of their recreational expenditures on the West Virginia economy exceeds \$800 million annually, supporting over 8,000 jobs.

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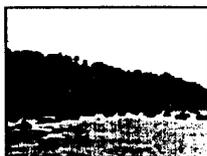
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**Economic Impacts of Hunting, Fishing and Other Wildlife
Recreation in West Virginia**

[January 22, 2005]



Hunting
369,000 participants
6,262,000 days spent
\$243,948,996 spent in retail sales
\$398,388,191 in total economic impact
6,246 jobs supported

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WEST VIRGINIA BASS TOURNAMENTS SUMMARY 2002

[January 30, 2003] - Frank Jernejcic, WV DNR

Data on 2002 catch rates, fishing effort, and fish mortality during 539 organized fishing tournaments were collected from 42 bass clubs and 75 open tournament sponsors.

Tournaments were held at 33 West Virginia sites. A total of 334 tournaments was held on lakes, 36 on the Kanawha River, 46 on the Monongahela River, and 119 on the Ohio River (Table 1). Tournament fishing success increased 18% statewide from 2001 to 2002 while tournament pressure decreased 3% (Table 2).

Success rates on lakes (0.14 bass per hour) increased 8% from 2001 to 2002 while pressure decreased 12% (Table 2). This was the most successful year ever for lake tournaments. The best lakes with greater than 1,000 hours of tournament pressure were Stonewall Jackson (0.32), Tygart (0.26), and Mt. Storm (0.23) (Table 1).

Success rates on rivers (0.13 bass per hour) increased 63% from 2001 to 2002 while pressure decreased 17%. River success rates were near the middle of the 28-year annual range (0.05 to 0.21). The poorest year, out of 28 years, for river fishing success was 1997 (0.05) (Table 2). The best river sites with more than 1,000 hours of pressure were the New Cumberland and Hannibal pools of the Ohio River (Table 1).

Open tournaments, which require a DNR permit, comprised 55% of the tournaments and 83% of the tournament hours reported in 2002 (Table 2). The average success rate for club tournament participants (0.18 bass per hour) (Table 3) was 50 % greater than for open tournament participants (0.12).

Initial mortality was similar for both club and open tournaments, 2.2%. Mortality was higher for river tournaments (3.1%) than for lakes (1.6%), and highest during July (4.5%). Delayed mortality was not evaluated.

Tournament data is valuable to the DNR and is used to monitor trends in fishing success and fishing pressure on individual waters and statewide. It also is useful in making decisions about boating access site development, and provides data to represent bass fishing interests in our coordination with the Corps of Engineers, developers, and other user-groups. The West Virginia BASS Federation may be the only federation in the country that mandates reporting of tournament data. It is a model



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that is mutually beneficial and that may be applicable to other Federations and state fisheries agencies.

A summary of tournament numbers, hours, and success rates from 1997 to 2002 has been provided (Table 4). You might use this information to choose club tournament sites or personal fishing sites and times. If you have any questions or comments, or desire additional information about West Virginia bass fishing tournament data, call Frank Jernejcic, WV DNR fishery biologist, at 304-367-2720.

Table 1. Summary of black bass tournament results on West Virginia waters, 2002

Location	Tournament Numbers	Hours Fished	Total Weight lbs.	Total Bass	Mean Catch Per Hour	
					Weight lbs.	Number
RIVERS						
London	2	365	60.26	50	0.17	0.14
Marmet	8	1,169	133.02	110	0.11	0.09
Winfield	26	9,004	1,086.88	820	0.12	0.09
Kanawha River	36	10,538	1,280	980	0.12	0.09
Opekiska	34	5,787	1,018.71	774	0.18	0.13
Point Marion	12	779	155.81	108	0.2	0.14
Monongahela River	46	6,566	1,175	882	0.18	0.13
New Cumberland	4	1,144	297.57	245	0.26	0.21
Pike Island	17	3,395	585.44	449	0.17	0.13
Hannibal	25	7,745	1,836.76	1,392	0.24	0.18
Willow Island	37	17,979	2,871.89	2,309	0.16	0.13
Belleville	12	3,033	454.24	352	0.15	0.12
Racine	12	3,576	480.31	354	0.13	0.1
R. C. Byrd	9	3,470	376.63	283	0.11	0.08
Greenup	3	1,182	148.37	101	0.13	0.09
Ohio River	119	41,524	7,051	5,485	0.17	0.13
Shenandoah River	2	120	54.25	19	0.45	0.16
South Branch	1	180	16.5	10	0.09	0.06
Tygart River	1	168	29.31	21	0.17	0.13
ALL RIVERS	205	59,095	9,606	7,397	0.16	0.13
LAKES						
Beech Fork Lake	1	20	3.4	3	0.17	0.15
Bluestone Lake	34	8,221	1,130.78	809	0.14	0.1
Burnsville Lake	45	7,954	1,456.01	994	0.18	0.13
Cheat Lake	27	3,781	838.35	653	0.22	0.17
East Lynn Lake**	40	10,718	672.85	225	0.06	0.02
Jennings Randolph Lake	1	80	47.9	42	0.6	0.53
Mount Storm Lake	6	1,196	348.84	271	0.29	0.23

Plum Orchard Lake	2	552	150.64	98	0.27	0.18
R. D. Bailey	7	2,252	414.09	235	0.18	0.1
Sleepy Creek Lake	5	861	44.94	33	0.05	0.04
Stephens Lake	6	2,055	641.34	445	0.31	0.22
Stonecoal Lake*	16	1,864	-	314	-	0.17
Stonewall Jackson	24	3,171	1,708.34	1,009	0.54	0.32
Summersville Lake	39	13,551	3,062.76	2,504	0.23	0.18
Sutton Lake	66	13,655	2,230.24	1,962	0.16	0.14
Tygart Lake	14	1,036	282.93	269	0.27	0.26
Upper Mud Lake	1	180	67	43	0.37	0.24
ALL LAKES	334	71,146	13,100	9,909	0.19	0.14
TOTALS	539	130,240	22,706	17,306	0.18	0.13

*No weight reported

**A 12 - 16 inch slot limit artificially lowers the catch rate in this lake

Table 2. Summary of West Virginia black bass tournament results, 1975 - 2002

Year	Number of Tournaments	Total			Rivers		Lakes		Open Tournaments			
		Sites	Hours Fished	Total Bass	C/E	Hours Fished	C/E	Hours Fished	C/E	Number of Tournaments	Hours Fished	C/E
1975	41	8	10,942	1,032	0.09	8,133	0.1	2,809	0.08	-	-	-
1976	71	11	13,884	1,116	0.08	7,983	0.09	5,901	0.07	-	-	-
1977	93	14	20,996	1,863	0.09	17,683	0.09	3,313	0.06	-	-	-
1978	150	16	28,023	2,827	0.1	20,687	0.11	7,336	0.07	18	10,392	0.08
1979	123	19	26,791	1,836	0.07	19,798	0.08	6,993	0.05	14	11,081	0.06
1980	144	21	25,751	2,457	0.1	16,854	0.12	8,897	0.05	15	7,852	0.1
1981	142	21	26,179	1,521	0.06	15,376	0.06	10,803	0.05	8	6,485	0.05
1982	182	20	31,484	2,495	0.08	21,668	0.09	9,816	0.05	11	7,138	0.06
1983	209	22	38,786	3,555	0.09	26,391	0.11	12,395	0.05	12	10,954	0.06
1984	227	23	43,201	5,039	0.12	32,681	0.13	10,520	0.07	27	17,552	0.09
1985	242	25	46,775	3,718	0.08	33,447	0.08	13,328	0.07	29	19,491	0.06
1986	211	25	51,736	4,661	0.09	34,635	0.1	17,101	0.06	39	29,890	0.08
1987	239	28	56,517	5,827	0.1	38,401	0.12	18,116	0.07	58	33,972	0.1
1988	233	23	56,852	6,849	0.12	38,318	0.15	18,534	0.06	-	-	-
1989	268	26	50,506	7,629	0.15	31,461	0.21	19,045	0.06	64	31,006	0.14
1990	289	26	77,528	5,222	0.07	55,553	0.06	21,975	0.09	124	58,384	0.06
1991	257	27	68,322	6,575	0.1	44,001	0.09	24,321	0.11	86	49,591	0.1
1992	429	27	91,446	13,135	0.14	55,258	0.17	36,188	0.11	144	58,453	0.14
1993	442	30	101,708	8,586	0.08	72,806	0.07	28,892	0.11	153	69,300	0.08
1994	432	28	107,188	16,196	0.15	65,571	0.18	41,619	0.1	135	74,549	0.14
1995	469	28	120,550	11,976	0.1	82,081	0.09	38,469	0.11	179	86,161	0.09
1996	381	28	97,493	11,109	0.11	57,276	0.12	40,217	0.11	137	71,220	0.11
1997	497	28	116,091	8,761	0.08	56,358	0.05	59,733	0.1	188	84,054	0.06

1998	451	28	119,430	12,888	0.11	46,819	0.1	72,611	0.11	190	89,525	0.1
1999	486	32	132,477	14,358	0.11	56,409	0.11	76,068	0.11	212	102,948	0.1
2000	486	34	136,498	21,301	0.16	68,029	0.2	68,469	0.12	256	111,735	0.15
2001	538	31	134,769	14,190	0.11	70,824	0.08	63,769	0.13	249	106,139	0.09
2002	539	33	130,240	17,314	0.13	59,095	0.13	71,146	0.14	299	107,532	0.12

Table 3. Summary of black bass tournament results from individual clubs on West Virginia waters, 2002

Club Name	Tournament Numbers	Hours Fished	Total Weight lbs.	Total Bass	Mean Catch Per Hour	
					Weight lbs.	Number
A & B Bassmasters	7	644	170.24	129	0.26	0.2
All Star Bassmasters	4	216	74.76	53	0.35	0.25
Appalachian Bassmasters	5	693	173.2	137	0.25	0.2
BY-State Bass Club	5	272	98.56	81	0.36	0.3
Backlash Bassmasters	8	836	264.62	198	0.32	0.24
Backwoods Bassmasters	2	90	7.76	6	0.09	0.07
Big Bend Bassmasters	8	1,359	304.18	244	0.22	0.18
Blennerhassett Bassmasters	8	1,143	301.5	170	0.26	0.15
Buckeye Bassmasters	3	192	39.18	36	0.2	0.19
Capitol City Bassmasters	6	559	125.48	85	0.22	0.15
Cardinal Bassmasters	4	224	105	75	0.47	0.33
Central W. Va. Bassmasters	10	975	197.46	166	0.2	0.17
Cheat Lake Bassmasters	5	352	86.29	53	0.25	0.15
Chem-Valley Bassmasters	6	288	78.6	65	0.27	0.23
Coal River Bassmasters	4	378	157.98	112	0.42	0.3
Coshocton County Bassmasters	2	152	19.79	18	0.13	0.12
Elk River Bassmasters	8	1,040	243.6	167	0.23	0.16
Gallipolis Bass Busters	1	99	9.82	8	0.1	0.08
Honey Hole Bass Club	3	86	22.15	17	0.26	0.2
Hook'em & Jerk'em	8	415	146.62	95	0.35	0.23
Jackson Six Bassmasters	6	240	36.77	31	0.15	0.13
Kanawha River Bassmasters	4	256	26.02	21	0.1	0.08
Mason Dixon Bassmasters	7	297	65.02	49	0.22	0.17
Mon River Bass Club	6	666	128.56	116	0.19	0.17
Monongahela Valley Bassmasters	9	682	160.6	117	0.24	0.17
Monroe County Bassmasters	1	48	7.78	6	0.16	0.13
Mound City Bassmasters	6	538	198.36	116	0.37	0.22
Mountaineer Bassmasters	8	1,922	633.83	390	0.33	0.2
Northern Mountaineer Bass*	6	664	-	129	-	0.19
Parkersburg Bassmasters	7	326	110.44	64	0.34	0.2
Poca River Bass Masters	12	864	234.22	150	0.27	0.17
Southern W. Va. Bassmasters	8	1,193	217.98	155	0.18	0.13
St. Clairsville Bassmasters	6	640	170.94	139	0.27	0.22
Stonewall Jackson	7	459	103.53	79	0.23	0.17
Summersville	6	449	74.31	61	0.17	0.14
Tappan Bassmasters						

	1	64	3.77	4	0.06	0.06
Three Rivers Bassmasters	1	88	17.79	15	0.2	0.17
Tri-State Bassmasters	8	885	130.87	112	0.15	0.13
Twin Cities Bassmasters	1	104	15.54	12	0.15	0.12
Tygart Valley Bassmasters	8	459	142.68	106	0.31	0.23
W. Va. State Employees	10	1,557	327.17	233	0.21	0.15
Weekend Bass Anglers	5	296	52.57	36	0.18	0.12
TOTALS	240	22,710	5,486	4,056	0.25	0.18

*No weight reported

Table 4. Summary of successful black bass tournament sites in West Virginia from 1997 - 2002

Most Tournaments						
	1997*	1998	1999	2000**	2001	2002
1	Sutton	Sutton	Sutton	Sutton	Sutton	Sutton
2	Willow Island East Lynn,	Summersville	Burnsville	Summersville	Burnsville	Burnsville
3	Summersville	Burnsville	Summersville	East Lynn	East Lynn	East Lynn
Most Hours						
	1997*	1998	1999	2000**	2001	2002
1	Easy Lynn	Summersville	Summersville	Summersville	Willow Island	Willow Island
2	Summersville	East Lynn	Willow Island	Willow Island	Winfield	Sutton
3	Sutton	Sutton	East Lynn	East Lynn	Summersville	Summersville
Most Successful (all hours)***						
	1997*	1998	1999	2000**	2001	2002
1	Jennings Randolph	Pike Island	Warden	Morgantown	Mt. Storm	Jennings Randolph
2	Plum Orchard	Stonewall Jackson	Stonewall Jackson	Pt. Marion	Stonewall Jackson	Stonewall Jackson
3	Mt. Storm Stonewall	Cheat Jennings	Pt. Marion	New Cumberland	Plum Orchard	Tygart Upper Mud
4	Jackson	Randolph	London	Opekiska	Cheat	River
5	Cheat	Mud River	Plum Orchard	Stonewall Jackson, Hawks Nest	Tygart	Mt. Storm
Most Successful > 1000 hrs.						
	1997*	1998	1999	2000**	2001	2002
1	Stonewall Jackson	Pike Island	Stonewall Jackson	Pt. Marion	Stonewall Jackson	Stonewall Jackson
2	Cheat	Stonewall Jackson	Pt. Marion	New Cumberland	Cheat	Tygart
3	Bluestone	Cheat	Cheat	Opekiska	Tygart	Mt. Storm
4	Stonecoal	Bluestone	Summersville	Stonewall Jackson	Summersville	Stephens New
5	Tygart	Opekiska	Opekiska	Racine	Sutton	Cumberland
Most Successful Months						
	1997*	1998	1999	2000**	2001	2002
1	November	November	November	May	November	November

2	May	May	October	June	May	May
	April, October,	August, April,				
3	May	March	May	July, August	April, October	July, October

*1997 = Poor Fishing Year

**2000 = Good Fishing Year

*** Most Successful locations may have a low number of tournament hours

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