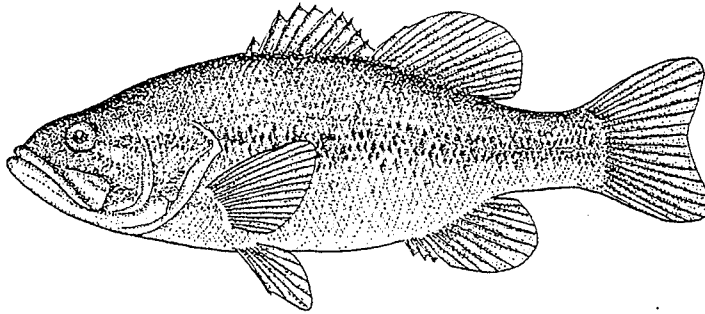


Georgia B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation

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Tournament Creel Report



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GBCF Tournament Report - 1997

In 1997, 109 clubs submitted their results for approximately 1100 tournaments. Several tournaments were not analyzed because they involved less than six anglers or lasted less than five hours. About 50% of the West Point and a few W. F. George tournaments were not analyzed because spotted bass less than 16 inches were allowed to be weighed-in. Data from 1045 tournaments were analyzed, including 837 tournaments on 13 Georgia reservoirs and two rivers identified on the attached table and figures. In addition, 208 tournaments were lumped into a miscellaneous category. Most of these tournaments were out of state, with the majority in Alabama. The data from tournaments at Alabama reservoirs were sent to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Game and Fish Division and became part of their tournament data analysis.

The reservoir abbreviations on the attached figures are AL (Allatoona), BF (Bartlett's Ferry), BS (Blackshear), CH (Clarks Hill), HW (Hartwell), JA (Jackson), LA (Lanier), OC (Oconee), RU (R. B. Russell), SE (Seminole), SI (Sinclair), WG (W. F. George), and WP (West Point).

GBCF TOURNAMENT RESULTS FOR GEORGIA RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS - 1997

Reservoir or River	Number of Tournaments Analyzed	Number of Angler Hours	Bass Weighed-in /Angler Hour	Lbs. Weighed-in/Angler Hour	Percent Anglers with Limit	Percent Anglers with Zero Bass	Percent Anglers with Only One Bass	Average Largest Bass (lbs.)	Average Bass Weight (lbs.)	Average Winning Weight (lbs.)	Percent Bass as Largemouth
<i>Allatoona</i>	12	1,598	0.239	0.295	12.5	23.9	22.8	3.49	1.27	8.27	27.3
<i>Bartlett's Ferry</i>	57	8,591	0.215	0.305	8.6	21.5	23.2	4.41	1.44	8.96	59.6
<i>Blackshear</i>	18	2,986	0.088	0.192	0.8	53.8	25.6	3.99	2.06	8.07	88.9
<i>Clarks Hill</i>	141	19,991	0.281	0.455	17.2	14.4	19.3	4.41	1.63	11.38	96.5
<i>Hartwell</i>	95	18,783	0.255	0.389	13.3	16.7	15.8	4.28	1.52	12.38	83.0
<i>Jackson</i>	55	7,456	0.208	0.304	6.7	25.8	23.2	3.99	1.47	8.37	95.2
<i>Lanier</i>	109	17,213	0.256	0.355	13.4	19.7	19.5	3.81	1.39	9.34	21.1
<i>Oconee*</i>	61	8,946	0.144	0.253	1.9	34.7	26.3	4.01	1.80	8.49	97.3
<i>R. B. Russell</i>	70	12,542	0.213	0.337	8.6	24.1	20.3	4.24	1.53	11.20	93.2
<i>Seminole</i>	15	2,370	0.201	0.390	9.6	25.3	24.5	5.68	1.91	12.58	100.0
<i>Sinclair</i>	88	11,958	0.198	0.261	7.3	31.6	24.6	3.36	1.34	7.37	96.2
<i>W. F. George**</i>	24	4,895	0.076	0.205	1.1	49.2	28.6	4.94	2.71	10.38	97.5
<i>West Point**</i>	22	2,966	0.068	0.190	2.0	56.6	26.0	5.35	2.46	8.24	86.1
<i>Altamaha River</i>	42	5,119	0.232	0.370	14.0	26.8	18.0	3.95	1.66	8.78	92.1
<i>Savannah River</i>	28	4,046	0.235	0.347	8.7	21.0	25.2	4.40	15.1	9.98	100.0
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	208	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total	1045	163,239	0.225	0.342	11.1	23.9	21.3	4.13	1.57	9.81	75.9

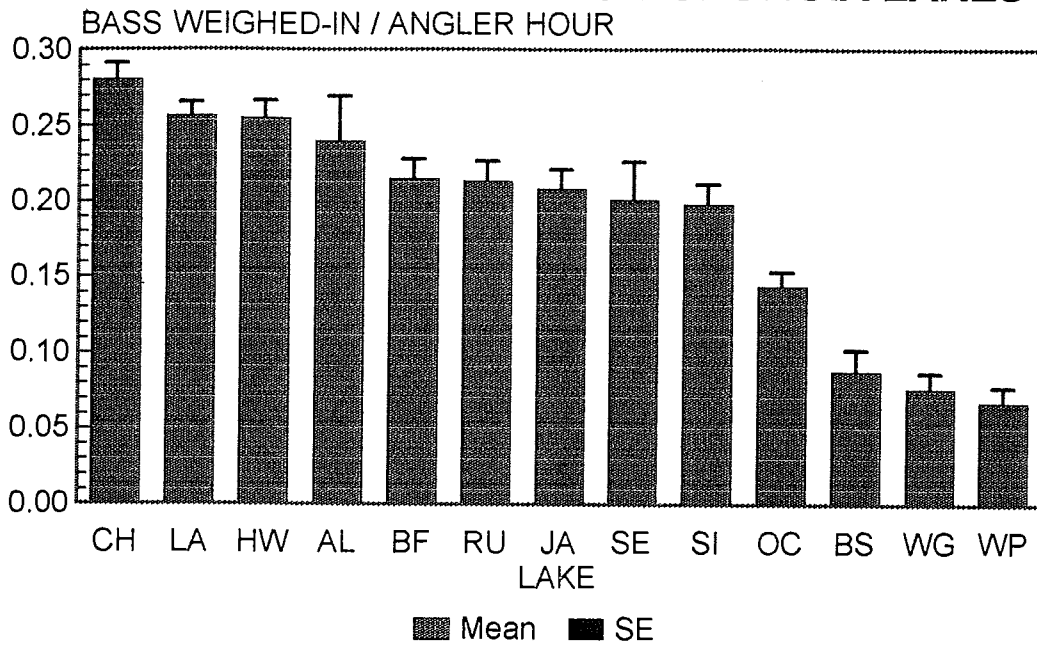
* 14-inch size limit

** 16-inch size limit (Includes only tournaments where a 16-inch size limit was used for all black bass species)

Note: Only Georgia B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation (GBCF) tournaments with six or more anglers and five or more hours in length were analyzed.

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GBCF TOURNAMENTS - 1997 BASS / ANGLER HOUR ON GEORGIA LAKES



GBCF TOURNAMENTS - 1997 AVERAGE BASS WEIGHT ON GEORGIA LAKES

