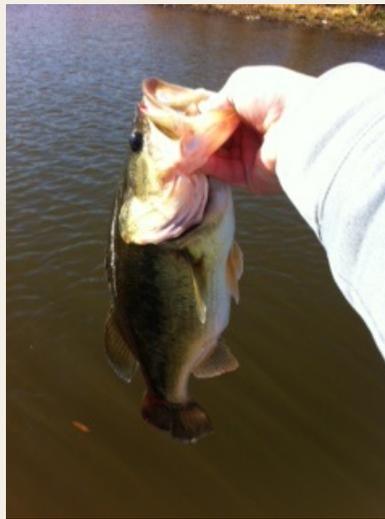


LDWF Bass Tournament Report Card Program

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The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) began a new program in 2013 to involve bass tournament anglers in data collection on Louisiana waters. Each year, data collected from the cards is summarized and available to LDWF and the public, to benefit tournament organizers and anglers.

Tournament directors and bass clubs provide their results to LDWF through the report card shown below or our website at:

<http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/webform/louisiana-bass-tournament-report-card>

LOUISIANA BASS TOURNAMENT REPORT CARD		Questions? Contact Chase Chatelain: 318-748-6914 or cchatelain@wlf.la.gov	
PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION AND MAIL TODAY			
TOURNAMENT DATE	WATER BODY:		
TOURNAMENT TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/> TEAM	TOURN. START TIME:	TOURN. END TIME:	
TOTAL # OF INDIVIDUALS/TEAMS: _____			
LIMITS CAUGHT: _____	# OF BASS WEIGHED-IN: _____	TOTAL WEIGHT (all bass weighed in) _____ lbs _____ <input type="checkbox"/> ounces _____ <input type="checkbox"/> tenths	
# OF BASS OVER 5 POUNDS: _____	FIRST PLACE WEIGHT: _____ lbs _____ <input type="checkbox"/> ounces _____ <input type="checkbox"/> tenths	TOURNAMENT LUNKER: _____ lbs _____ <input type="checkbox"/> ounces _____ <input type="checkbox"/> tenths	
CLUB OR ORGANIZATION:		COMMENTS:	
DIRECTOR:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:		

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Table 1 summarizes the basic information collected from the report cards submitted in 2013. Thirty of the 47 report cards submitted in 2013 were submitted by mail, while 17 were submitted online. The amount of participation represents only a fraction of the bass tournaments held in Louisiana in 2013, but demonstrates the kind of useful information that can be generated from this very low cost program.

Table 1. Basic information collected.

Bass Report Card Information	2013
Tournaments reporting	47
Water bodies fished	22
Bass clubs represented	9
Anglers represented	1,651
Total number of bass caught	3,337

Table 2 summarizes tournament statistics by all cards submitted and then by the regulations of the water bodies fished. Water body regulations can affect tournament results.

Table 2. Tournament statistics by water body regulation.

	Overall	No minimum length limit (66%)	14" Minimum length limit (34%)
Average Bass Weight	2.03 lbs	1.89 lbs	2.15 lbs
Average "Big Bass" Weight	4.64 lbs	4.04 lbs	5.55 lbs
Average Bag Weight	4.10 lbs	3.42 lbs	4.85 lbs
Heaviest 1 st Place Bag Weight (1 day tournament)	23.22 lbs.	23.22	22.21 lbs
Heaviest 1 st Place Bag Weight (2 day tournament)*	54.00 lbs	---	54.00 lbs
Average 1 st Place Bag Weight (1 day tournament)	12.54 lbs	11.76 lbs	14.48 lbs
Average 1 st Place Bag Weight (2 day tournament)*	31.19 lbs	---	31.19 lbs

*Note: All 2 day tournaments were held on Toledo Bend (5 tournaments)



The average weight of a 1st place bag limit in the 2013 Bass Tournament Report Card Program was 14.42 lbs. Toledo Bend had the highest 1st place weight over a two day tournament with a 54 lb. stringer. Eleven fish over 5 lbs. were weighed in for this tournament. Toledo Bend, Lac Des Allemands, and the Atchafalaya River Basin area had the highest average winning weights.

Figure 1 shows the seasonal distribution of the 2013 tournaments submitted through monthly report cards. Tournaments held from February through June accounted for 68% of the total number of tournaments.

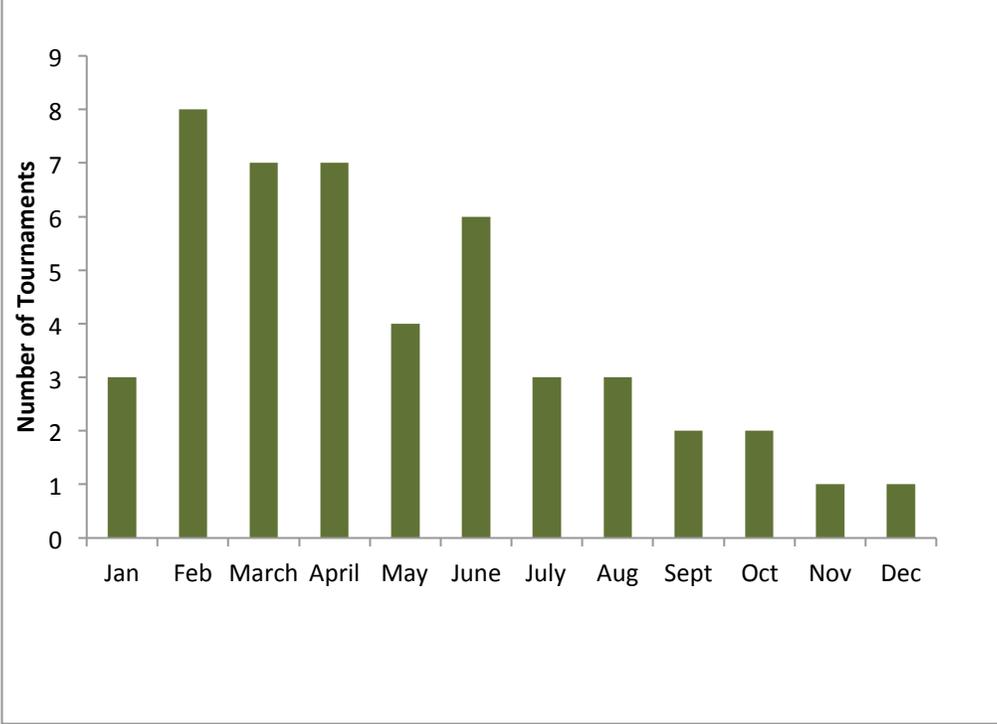


Figure 1. Monthly distribution of bass tournaments that participated in the LDWF Bass Tournament Report Card Program in 2013.



Table 3 shows 50% of the ten heaviest bag limits came from Toledo Bend in the 2013 Bass Tournament Report Card Program, with two limits over 30 lbs. Six of the ten heaviest bag limits were reported between February and April.

Table 3. Top 10 bag limits reported during the LDWF Bass Tournament Report Card Program in 2013.

1 st place weight	Date	Lake	Tournament
54.0	3/15/13-3/16/13	Toledo Bend	Lafayette Oil Men's Bass Club
34.01	3/22/13-3/23/13	Toledo Bend	Anglers of Christ Bass Club
27.60	4/05/13-4/06/13	Toledo Bend	Lafayette Oil Men's Bass Club
23.22	2/16/13	Red River (Grand Encore)	Southern Boyz Bass Club
22.21	4/13/13	Lake Dauterive	Acadiana Bass Club of Lafayette
22.04	3/30/13	Black Lake	Southern Boyz Bass Club
21.77	10/18/13-10/19/13	Toledo Bend	Anglers of Christ Bass Club
20.11	1/27/13	Bayou Black	Media Bass (South)
18.55	8/10/13-8/11/13	Toledo Bend	Acadiana Bass Club
18.53	5/18/13	Henderson Lake	Acadiana Bass Club



Two categories of the report card are the “# of Bass over 5 lbs.” and “Tournament Lunker”. Tournament directors reported 43 bass over 5 lbs, during 2013. Of the 43 bass, 5 bass weighed over 7 lbs. The largest bass caught (8.65 lbs.) was reported from Toledo Bend.

Table 4. “Tournament Lunker” greater than 5 lbs. reported during the LDWF Bass Tournament Report Card Program in 2013.

Lunker Weight (lbs.)	Date	Lake	Tournament
8.65	3/16/13	Toledo Bend	Southern Boyz Bass Club
8.44	2/16/13	Red River (Grand Encore)	Southern Boyz Bass Club
7.99	3/30/13	Black Lake (Campti)	Southern Boyz Bass Club
7.38	3/30/13	Toledo Bend	Anglers of Christ Bass Club
7.14	2/23/13	Lake Verret	Media Bass (South)
6.50	3/15/13	Toledo Bend	Lafayette Oil Men’s Bass Club
6.25	2/17/13	Lake Verret	Media Bass (South)
6.22	6/15/13	Lac Des Allemands	Media Bass (South)
5.88	1/27/13	Bayou Black	Media Bass (South)
5.72	4/07/13	Bayou Segnette	Media Bass (South)
5.71	4/27/13	Concordia Lake	Southern Boyz Bass Club
5.63	2/03/13	Bayou Black	Media Bass (South)
5.30	1/26/2013	Cane River	Red River Bass Club
5.23	8/17/13	Ouachita River	Southern Boyz Bass Club
5.14	7/20/13	Red River South Marina Pool 5	Southern Boyz Bass Club



Nine tournament organizations submitted 47 report cards. Two clubs submitted 10 or more report cards (45%). The average number of report cards submitted by clubs were 5 cards per club. Individual tournaments accounted for 53% of report cards submitted and team tournaments accounted for 47%.

Table 5. Tournament organizations that submitted report cards during the LDWF Bass Tournament Report Card Program in 2013.

Club	Number of Tournaments	Number of Anglers
Acadiana Bass Club of Lafayette	5	64
Anglers of Christ Bass Club	11	328
Fund Raiser (Spring Bayou)	1	54
Lafayette Oil Men's Bass Fishing Club	3	87
Media Bass (South)	10	756
Red River Bass Club	1	13
Southern Boyz Bass Club	9	264
Stump Bumpers Bass Club	5	40
Tallulah Bass Club	2	45



Table 6. Results summary of data collected during the LDWF Bass Tournament Report Card Program in 2013.

Water Body	Report Cards	Anglers	Bass Caught	Average Weight	Fish over 5 lbs.	Big Bass	Average 1 st place
Atchafalaya River Basin	5	179	240	1.86	0	4.86	10.94
Bayou Black	4	267	573	2.01	6	5.88	14.71
Bayou Segnette	2	138	196	1.69	1	5.72	9.24
Bayou Teche	2	60	70	1.67	0	4.14	5.85
Black Lake	1	39	127	2.44	4	7.99	22.04
Black River Lake	1	30	93	1.99	0	4.59	12.20
Cane River	1	13	32	2.39	1	5.30	13.86
Concordia Lake	1	28	49	2.23	2	5.71	12.20
Eagle Lake	1	24	24	3.00	0	4.80	12.40
Henderson Lake	5	122	169	1.82	0	3.63	12.55
Lac Des Allemands	6	88	184	1.55	1	6.22	9.65
Lake Bruin	1	21	50	1.28	0	4.80	14.8
Lake Dauterive	1	10	22	1.98	0	4.06	22.21
Lake Verret	2	218	291	2.07	3	7.14	15.03
Lower Atchafalaya River	2	48	80	1.71	0	4.67	12.42
Ouachita River	1	21	58	1.84	2	5.23	12.72
Red River (Ben Routh)	1	17	49	1.57	0	3.79	10.89
Red River (Grand Encore)	1	32	90	2.65	3	8.44	23.22
Red River (South Marina)	1	27	112	1.88	1	5.14	12.43
Saline Larto	1	34	70	1.98	0	4.80	12.84
Spring Bayou	1	54	41	1.76	0	3.87	8.99
Toledo Bend	6	181	717	2.35	19	8.65	28.75



Thank you to all of the organizations that submitted data to the LDWF Bass Tournament Report Card Program. This program is dependent on the voluntary participation of bass tournament organizations. Participation from additional tournament organizations will enable biologists to more accurately describe fishing conditions on a particular water body. These results can be used by both anglers and biologists to help characterize our bass fisheries.

The LDWF is looking forward to continuing the Bass Tournament Report Card Program in 2014. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments regarding the program.

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