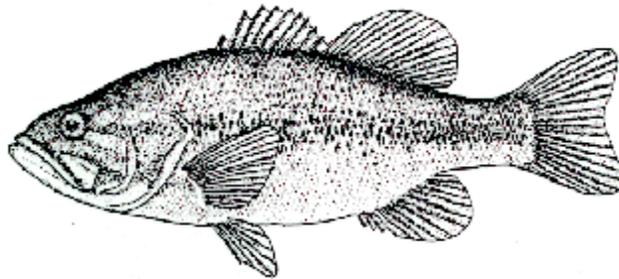


Georgia Bass Chapter Federation

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Tournament Creel Report



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GBCF Tournament Report - 2007

This is the 30th year of the Georgia Bass Chapter Federation (GBCF) Tournament Creel Report. In 2007, 88 bass clubs submitted results from 920 tournaments. Several of these tournaments were not analyzed because they involved less than six anglers or lasted less than five hours. Also, Georgia reservoirs and rivers with less than six submitted tournaments were not analyzed. The data from tournaments held outside of Georgia were not analyzed. Data from 203 tournaments held at Alabama reservoirs were sent to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and became part of their annual tournament data analysis (B.A.I.T). Data from 684 tournaments on 14 Georgia reservoirs and one river were analyzed for this report.

Fishing success at Georgia reservoirs and rivers are compared on the attached table and figures. Bass anglers spent 83,383 hours of effort during the 684 tournaments. The weighed-in, tournament-average catch rate was 0.259 bass / angler hour. This is the second highest catch rate in the 30 years of this project. In 2006, the catch rate was 0.260 bass / angler hour. The state-wide catch rate average over the 30 years is 0.221 bass / angler hour. The record high catch rates in 2006 and 2007 were mainly caused by the large number of tournaments at Clarks Hill where the catch rate was well above the average. **Allatoona** had the highest catch rate (0.352 bass / angler hour), the greatest pounds weighed-in / angler hour (0.567 lbs), and the greatest percent of anglers with a limit of five bass (35.9%). The lowest percent of unsuccessful anglers was at **Carters** (3.0%), but only six tournaments were reported. The second lowest percent of unsuccessful anglers was at **Hartwell** (12.4%). **Seminole** came in with the greatest average largest bass (5.17 lbs) and the greatest tournament winning weight (12.93). The greatest average bass weight (2.26 lbs) was at **Blackshear**. However, the lowest weighed-in number of bass / angler hour (0.124), the lowest weighed-in weight / angler hour (0.267 lbs), the lowest percent of anglers with five bass (4.6%), and the highest percent of unsuccessful anglers (43.9%) were also at **Blackshear**.

This was the 4th year that clubs were asked to indicate how many bass 5.0 lbs or larger were caught during each tournament. This information was given for 656 of the 684 tournaments used for this report. Only 251 bass 5.0 lbs or larger were caught during these 656 tournaments. On average, it required 319 angler hours to catch a bass of this size. This is greater than the 305 hours in 2006, but less than the 407 hours in 2004 and 321 hours in 2005. There was a big difference in this value for the 14 reservoirs. Whereas it took 1,026 hours at **Lanier** to catch a bass \geq 5 lbs, it took only 131 hours at **Seminole**. Only at **Seminole** was there an average of one 5 lb or larger bass caught in each tournament.

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

GBCF TOURNAMENT RESULTS FOR GEORGIA RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS - 2007

Reservoir or River	Number of Tournaments Analyzed	Number of Angler Hours	Bass Weighed-in /Angler Hour	Lbs. Weighed-in/Angler Hour	Percent Anglers with Five or More Bass	Percent Anglers with Zero Bass	Average Largest Bass (lbs.)	Average Bass Weight (lbs.)	Average Winning Weight (lbs.)	Percent Bass as Largemouth	Angler-Hrs Per ≥ 5 lb Bass
<i>Allatoona</i>	14	1684	0.352	0.567	35.9	14.1	3.53	1.75	9.43	10.0	None Caught
<i>Bartlett's Ferry</i>	12	1358	0.287	0.384	20.1	14.6	3.16	1.37	7.36	42.7	None Caught
<i>Blackshear</i> ^a	21	2434	0.124	0.267	4.6	43.9	4.24	2.26	8.14	100.0	261
<i>Carters</i>	6	509	0.316	0.481	26.8	3.0	3.80	1.63	10.20	4.5	507
<i>Clarks Hill</i>	125	13929	0.306	0.532	30.1	20.8	4.49	1.77	11.34	99.3	225
<i>Hartwell</i>	30	3608	0.296	0.507	30.5	12.4	3.58	1.68	12.03	66.6	562
<i>Jackson</i>	44	4696	0.270	0.418	21.1	18.6	3.49	1.57	8.57	43.2	407
<i>Lanier</i> ^a	83	9707	0.256	0.503	19.4	23.0	3.86	1.95	11.09	15.8	1026
<i>Oconee</i> ^a	69	9161	0.213	0.416	13.8	25.9	4.41	2.02	11.93	93.3	329
<i>R. B. Russell</i>	41	4778	0.290	0.455	24.8	19.5	3.54	1.55	10.22	43.6	651
<i>Seminole</i>	46	6558	0.221	0.474	18.8	26.9	5.17	2.10	12.93	98.6	131
<i>Sinclair</i>	76	9006	0.247	0.353	19.0	22.1	4.03	1.43	8.72	97.0	288
<i>W. F. George</i> ^b	32	5201	0.172	0.354	9.4	27.1	4.60	2.08	10.90	82.1	289
<i>West Point</i> ^b	39	5619	0.303	0.474	27.5	21.0	3.90	1.53	10.40	23.6	743
<i>Savannah River</i>	46	5135	0.256	0.391	18.6	22.4	4.17	1.58	8.61	99.7	271
Total	684	83383	0.259	0.447	21.4	22.4	4.12	1.76	10.46	72.2	319

^a 14-inch size limit. ^b 12-inch size limit on spotted bass and 14-inch size limit on largemouth bass.

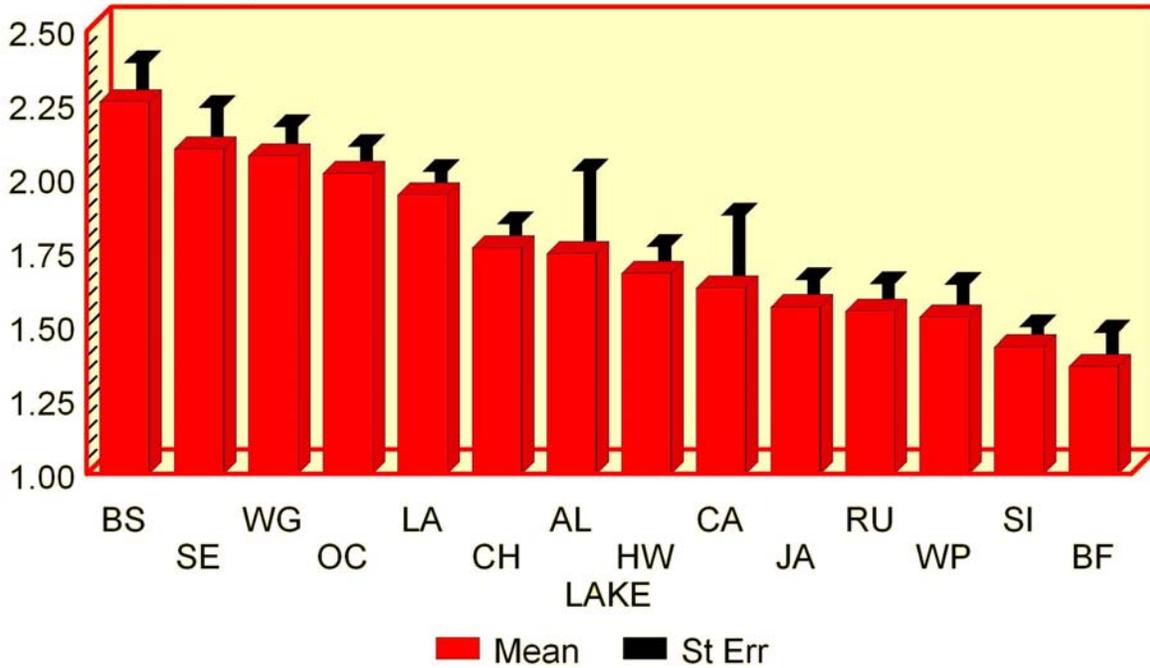
Note: Only tournaments with six or more anglers and five or more hours in length were analyzed.
Reservoirs or rivers with less than six tournaments were not analyzed.

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AVERAGE BASS WEIGHT - 2007

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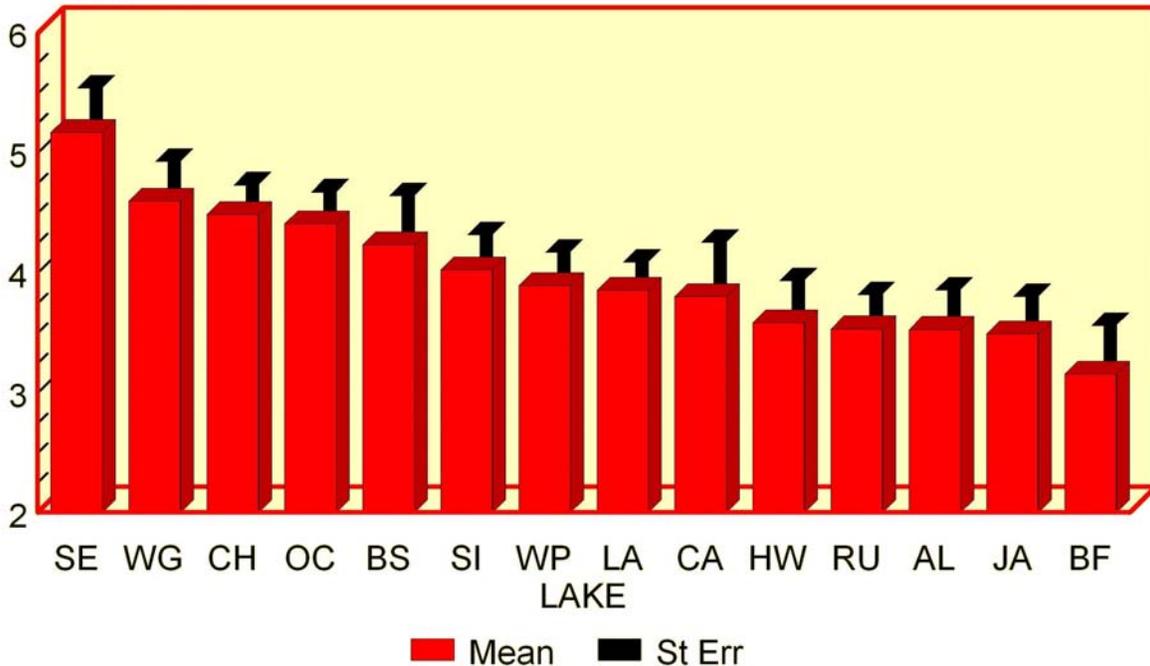
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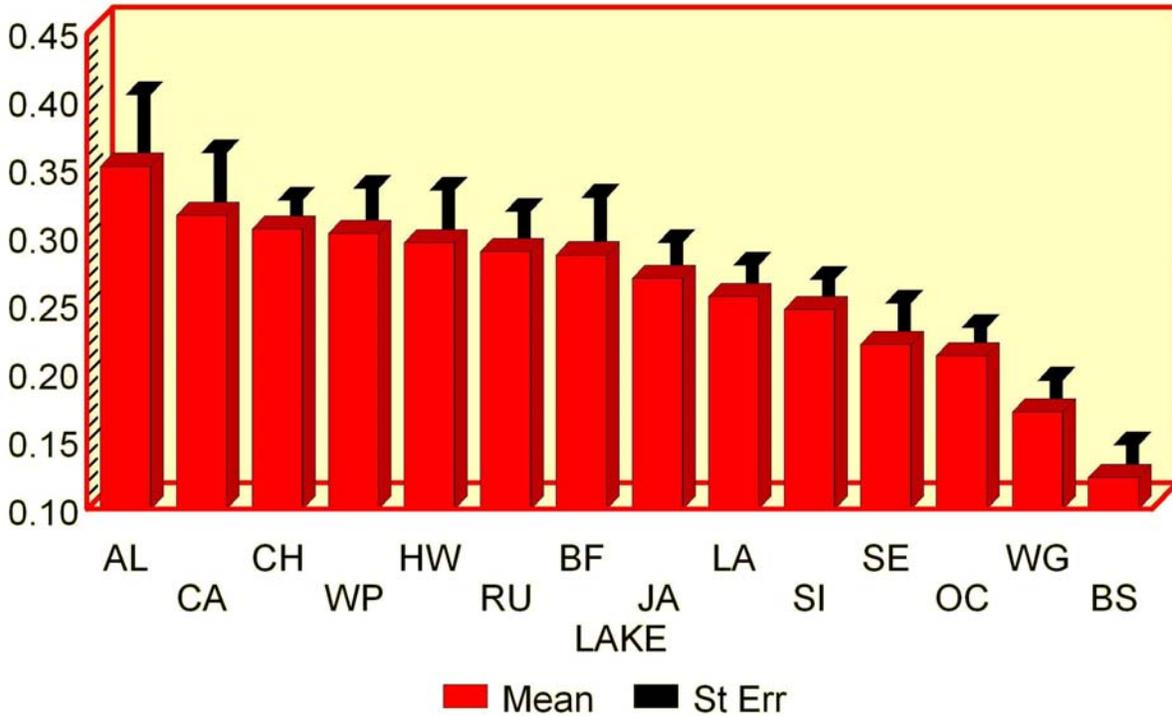
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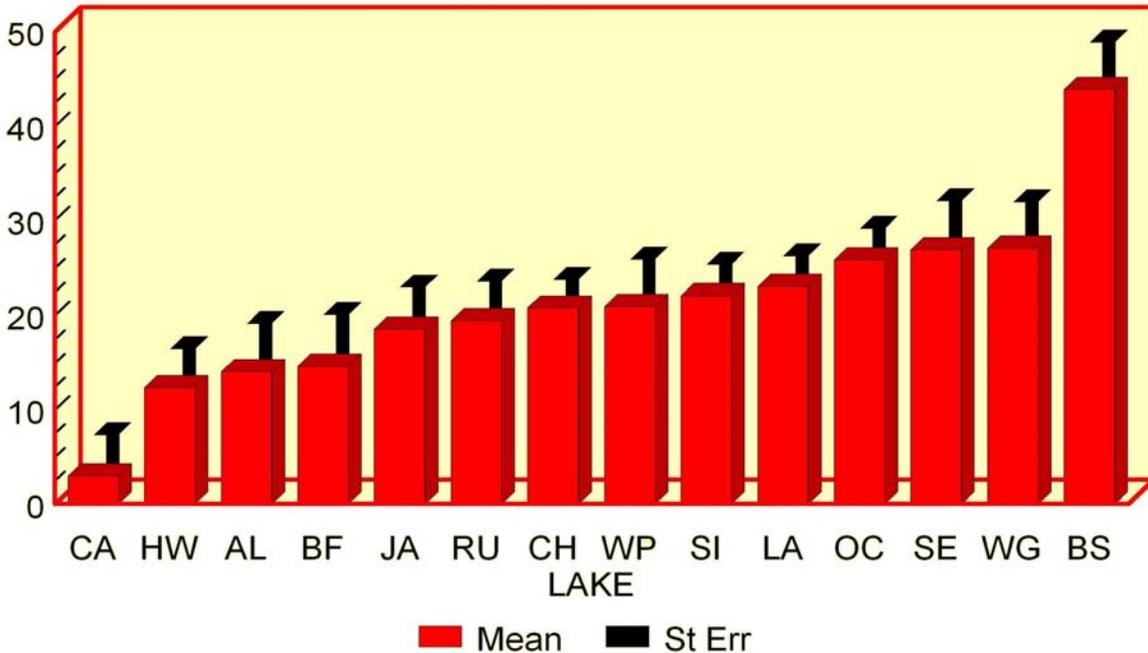
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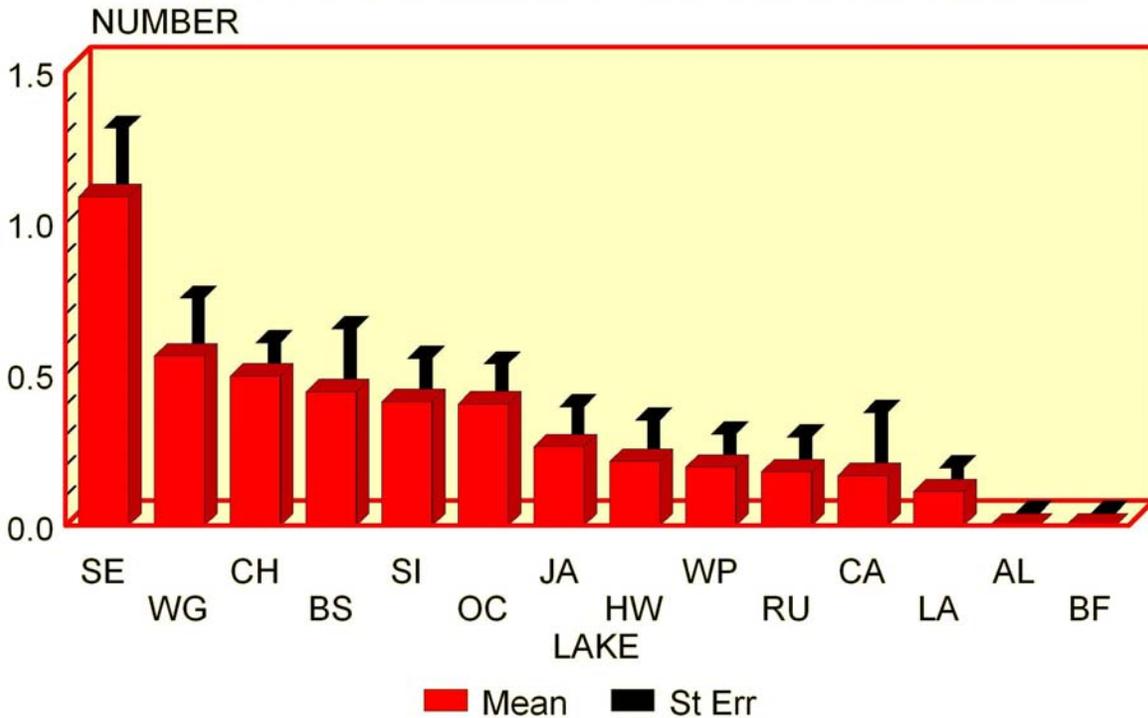
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% ANGLERS WITH ZERO BASS



NUMBER OF 5 LB BASS / TOURNAMENT - 2007 GBCF TOURNAMENTS ON GEORGIA LAKES



WINNING WEIGHT - 2007 GBCF TOURNAMENTS ON GEORGIA LAKES

