

Guaranteeing a Level Playing Field - the B.A.S.S. Perspective



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Bassmaster Tournaments Sabine River, Orange, Texas

Bassmaster Elite Series 2013



Bassmaster Elite Series 2015



Bassmaster Open Series 2017



BACKGROUND



The 2018 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River presented by Econo Lodge

**Bassmaster Elite
Tournament in
2015 drew more
than 33,000 fans.**







2019 Power-Pole Bassmaster Elite at St. Johns River

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Elite

Louisiana waters off limits for 2018 Sabine Elite Tournament

August 10, 2017

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“In two previous Elite Series tournaments, and one Bassmaster Open out of Orange, Louisiana’s unusual laws governing access to navigable waters have created conflict and confusion among anglers

Due to the grey areas in the Louisiana Delta/Tidal waters that could create an uneven playing field, the 2018 Elite event in Orange will be restricted to Texas waters only.

Similar problems exist in the Atchafalaya Basin area of south-central Louisiana, a large portion of which is privately owned. B.A.S.S. has also decided not to schedule professional tournaments in that area until and unless the public access issues are resolved.”



Trip Weldon, B.A.S.S. Tournament Director







“Posting is not required of private waters nor are there good landmarks on public waters so it is easy to be in the wrong place and be charged out of negligence for trespassing in unmarked marsh areas”





LCBA Attends Lt. Gov. Tourism Summit

Posted Aug. 31, 2018

By Richard Fischer
LCBA Communications Manager

LCBA Communications Manager Richard Fischer attended the 2018 Lt. Governor's Tourism Summit in Lake Charles last week.

Richard promoted wonderful Louisiana charter fishing experiences to tourism professionals who work tirelessly to bring visitors (AKA potential customers) to our great state.

Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser capped the event with a recap of his office's work in the past year and previewed next year's tourism campaign.

LCBA enjoys our relationships with Louisiana's tourism professionals, and we look forward to continuing to work together to bring more visitors to your regions.



House bill addresses public access

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Joe Macaluso

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Two bills filed in the State House of Representatives directly affect Louisiana's outdoorsmen.

One of them, House Bill 391, could alter a lately changing landscape for recreational fishermen, especially in the coastal parishes.

HB 391, files by Rep. J. Kevin Pearson, R-Slidell, seeks to put a halt to the current problem of closed waters and waterways. It involves Louisiana Revised Statutes 9:1251.1.

According to the file on record, the bill is “relative to the navigable waters; to provide aquatic life; to provide for applicability to ownership of banks or water bottoms of waterways; to prohibit the restriction of the right to access running waters in certain circumstances; to provide exceptions; to provide for the definition of ‘running waters’; to provide for limitations of liability; and to provide for related matters.”





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Louisiana Sportsmen's Coalition updated their cover photo. April 14, 2018



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Louisiana Sportsmen's Coalition added a post from April 13, 2018 to their timeline. April 13, 2018 There will be a House floor vote on HB 391 Tuesday afternoon. HB 391 would guarantee public access to most tidal waters. LaSC needs you to call your State Rep and as many other State Reps as

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BY T. EDWARD NICKENS NOVEMBER 30, 2018







ECONOMICS





Economic Impacts of Recreational Fishing in:

Louisiana

Congressional District 1
Representative: Steve Scalise



**182,724 ANGLERS IN THE DISTRICT
SPENT \$255.2 MILLION
ON FISHING-RELATED PURCHASES IN LOUISIANA.**



Statewide Contributions by Congressional District 1 Anglers

ECONOMIC OUTPUT

JOBS SUPPORTED



\$383.4 Million

2,741 Jobs

National Contributions by U.S. Anglers

ECONOMIC OUTPUT

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\$125 Billion

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Donations
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ASSOCIATES

Estimates based on data from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2011 & 2016 National Survey of Fishing Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, and Esri, Inc.





Economic Impacts of Recreational Fishing in:

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Congressional District 3
Representative: Clay Higgins



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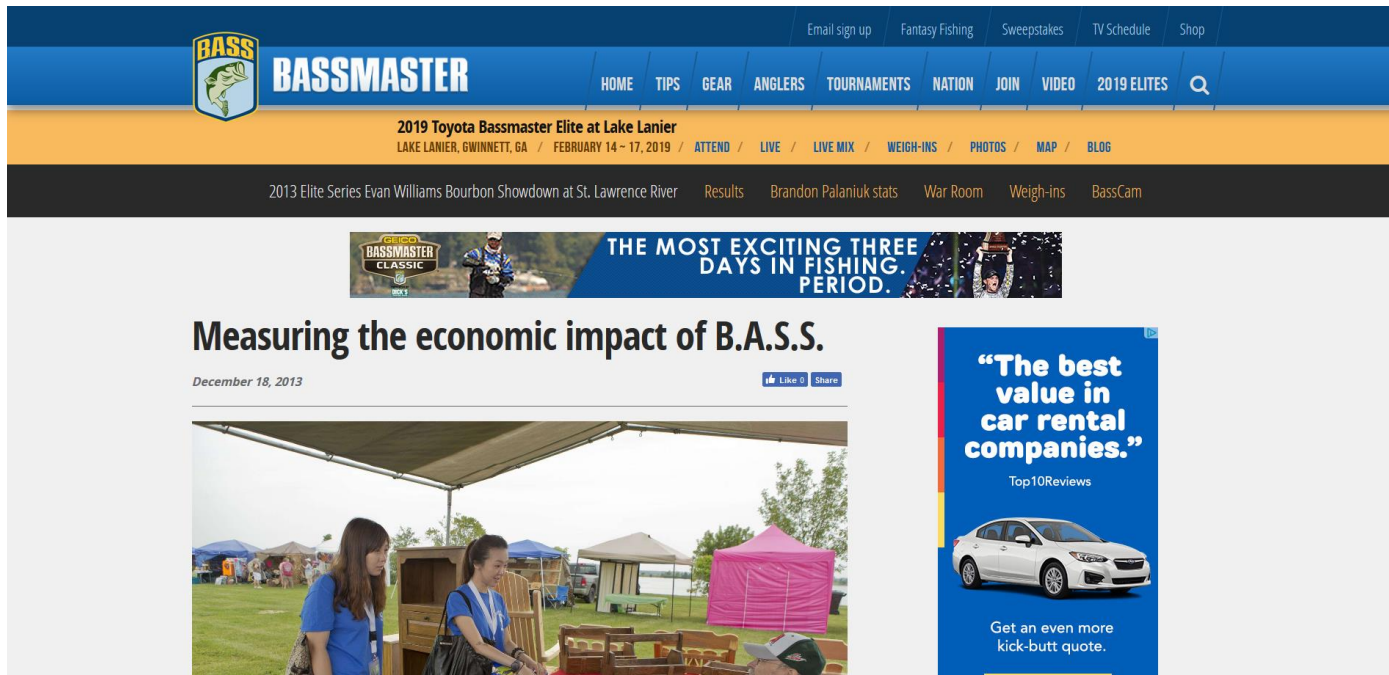
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Bass fishing is the most popular type of fishing in the United States. Thirty-eight percent of all freshwater anglers in the United States fish for black bass.



The screenshot shows the Bassmaster website interface. At the top is a blue navigation bar with the Bassmaster logo and menu items: HOME, TIPS, GEAR, ANGLERS, TOURNAMENTS, NATION, JOIN, VIDEO, 2019 ELITES, and a search icon. Below this is an orange banner for the "2019 Toyota Bassmaster Elite at Lake Lanier" with sub-navigation: LAKE LANIER, GWINNETT, GA / FEBRUARY 14 - 17, 2019 / ATTEND / LIVE / LIVE MIX / WEIGH-INS / PHOTOS / MAP / BLOG. A dark grey bar below contains links for "2013 Elite Series Evan Williams Bourbon Showdown at St. Lawrence River", "Results", "Brandon Palaniuk stats", "War Room", "Weigh-ins", and "BassCam". The main content area features a blue banner for the "Genco Bassmaster Classic" with the text "THE MOST EXCITING THREE DAYS IN FISHING PERIOD." Below this is an article titled "Measuring the economic impact of B.A.S.S." dated "December 18, 2013" with "Like 0" and "Share" buttons. The article image shows two women in blue shirts at an outdoor event. To the right is a blue advertisement for Top10Reviews featuring a white car and the quote "The best value in car rental companies." with the subtext "Get an even more kick-butt quote."



**\$2.5 million impact from each
Elite Series tournament**

**\$2.1 million impact from each
Open Series event.**



Small Tennessee town reels in bass fishermen

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On a cool Thursday morning, before sunrise, nearly 200 bass fishing boats launched from a small dock in Dayton, Tennessee.

While the anglers compete to hook the biggest bass in Chickamauga Lake, the town is cashing in. So says Dennis Tumlin, the head of the [Rhea County Economic & Tourism Council](#).

"Our statistics show us that about \$14 million came into town last year," Tumlin told CBS News' Dana Jacobson.



In 2015 Gabe Keen broken a Tennessee state record when he caught a bass weighing 15 pounds, three ounces, in Chickamauga Lake. **ELMER HARRIS/COURTESY RHEA COUNTY ECONOMIC & TOURISM COUNCIL**

That's \$14 million in things like food, lodging, and new tax revenue. That's a big deal for this small town of 7,200 in southeastern Tennessee.

Mayor Gary Louallen was raised in Dayton. It was, he said, "just a small country town, had little country stores" when he was growing up.

It's also a town that's been struggling since the recession.

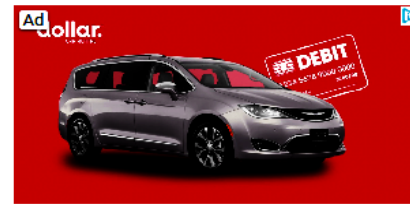
Dayton is in the heart of Rhea County, one of the more depressed areas of Tennessee, based on statistics that include poverty rate, household income and unemployment. But when Mayor

Louallen was elected four years ago, he had a plan to turn around Dayton's economy.

A fisherman, Louallen went to the council and said, "Guys, if you'll just trust me and run with me on this, fishing could really make it good for us."

Turns out Dayton was sitting on a secret: Chickamauga Lake is more than 50 miles long, and boasts some of the best bass fishing in the South.

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Prosecutors cast El Chapo as a larger-than-life drug kingpin, at one time one of the world's richest men, yet a cold-blooded executioner, with testimony from 56 witnesses, the government proved to the jury that drugs and weapons were El Chapo's wares

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The Super Bowl of Bass Fishing Returns to the Louisiana Delta

Top bass anglers are gearing up for the 41st edition of the Bassmaster Classic to be held on the Louisiana Delta Feb. 18-20. Known as the Super Bowl of bass fishing, the Bassmaster Classic includes 50 of the world's best anglers and draws spectators from around the country.

The competition will feature daily launches at Bayou Segnette State Park, and official weigh-ins will take place at the New Orleans Arena. During the tournament, the Ernest Morial Convention Center will also play host to the 2011 Bassmaster Classic Outdoors Expo presented by Dick's Sporting Goods, which expands 200,000 square feet. The expo is free to the public and features hundreds of boat, motor and tackle manufacturers for freshwater and saltwater anglers.

"Louisiana is truly a sportsman's paradise, and we have some of the best fishing waters in the world here in the New Orleans area," said Mayor Mitch Landrieu. "I would like to thank B.A.S.S. for hosting the Classic here again and welcome all those who are visiting."

Last time the Classic was in Louisiana, in Shreveport and Bossier City, the competition attracted a record 137,700 visitors and had an estimated economic impact of \$27 million, according to economists at LSU-Shreveport.

"New Orleans has a longstanding reputation as a favorite destination city for major sporting events, and the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation has a rich history of hosting these events. Add to that the popularity of Louisiana as

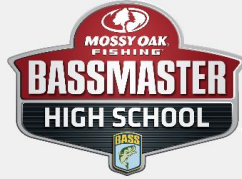




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Mossy Oak Fishing Bassmaster High School Series

The B.A.S.S. High School Nation is helping shape the future of the sport, one high school club at a time. The High School club members enjoy camaraderie and competition, as well as education and conservation programs.

As part of the B.A.S.S. High School Nation, young anglers can compete in the B.A.S.S. High School Nation Opens and in the B.A.S.S. High School Nation Championship. Teen anglers can also attend the High School Elite Experience, a free opportunity for anglers who live near certain Bassmaster Elite Series tour stops.

Advertisement for Rentalcars.com featuring a white car and the text "Great quote one that dinero off" and "GET YOU".

Advertisement for High School Illustrated featuring a Bitdefender logo with a -44% discount and the text "Superlative All day." Below the ad is a navigation menu with categories: Sports, Activities, Education, Wellness, Region.



COMPETITIVE HIGH SCHOOL FISHING SEES RAPID GROWTH

High School Illustrated July 24, 2015 Featured, USA National 6,094 Views

By Sean Stroh

Chris Carnes recalls quite vividly the moment he knew his hobby became an obsession.

"I had been fishing since I was old enough to walk but I didn't do much bass fishing until I moved down to South Carolina when I was about eight years old," Carnes said. "I joined a few different youth clubs, won the very first tournament I competed in and was hooked from there on."

Advertisement for Crestliner featuring the text "BASS FISHING BOOMS AS THE HOTTEST NEW HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGIATE SPORT" and navigation links for "BOATS & PONTONS", "SHOPPING TOOLS", "WHY CRESTLINER", "OWNERS", and "BUILD & PRICE".





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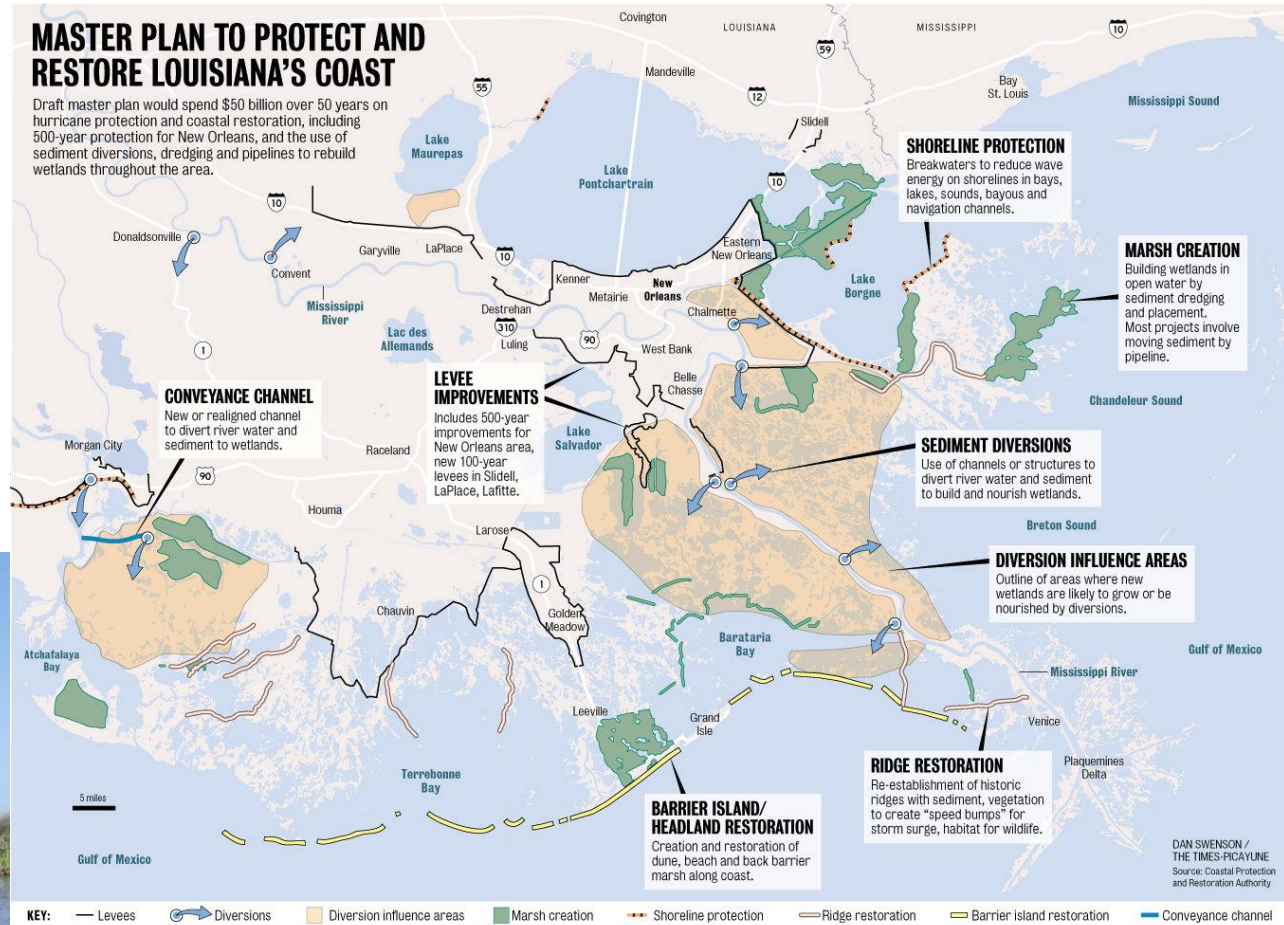


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MASTER PLAN TO PROTECT AND RESTORE LOUISIANA'S COAST

Draft master plan would spend \$50 billion over 50 years on hurricane protection and coastal restoration, including 500-year protection for New Orleans, and the use of sediment diversions, dredging and pipelines to rebuild wetlands throughout the area.





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