

Maryland BLACK BASS FISHING — 2015



Photo: Jim Gronaw

Black bass are one of Maryland's most popular sport fish. From small farm ponds to big, tidal rivers, black bass are targeted by thousands of anglers in the state. Angler supplied data plays an important role in managing the State's bass fisheries. We thank anglers for their contributions.

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Bass is King...

- 46.3% of Maryland anglers taking the volunteer angler survey targeted black bass. Of those, 82.3% caught fish.
- Most anglers (45.5%) caught bass in lakes and ponds. Of tidal hotspots, the Potomac River and upper Chesapeake Bay remained the most popular.

TOURNAMENT REPORT 2015



TOP TEN TOURNAMENT LUNKERS

1.	7.40 lbs	Upper Bay	FLW
2.	7.20 lbs	Upper Bay	BASS
3.	7.02 lbs	Potomac	FLW
4.	6.72 lbs	Upper Bay	Chester BM
5.	6.61 lbs	Potomac	ABA
6.	6.55 lbs	Deep Creek	Cheat Lake
7.	6.35 lbs	Upper Bay	USA Bassin
8.	6.34 lbs	Potomac	PA BFN
9.	6.21 lbs	Elk Neck SP	PA BASS
10.	6.20 lbs	Potomac	FLW

- Tournament anglers reported catching 13,211 bass weighing over 29,000 lbs.
- Tournament anglers spent nearly 36,000 hours chasing black bass on the Potomac and Upper Chesapeake.
- It takes nearly the same amount of time to catch a keeper on Potomac as on Upper Chesapeake (~ 4 hrs) — Upper Chesapeake fish average 1/2 lb heavier.
- Reported survival during tournaments remains over 98%.



Live-release systems used by some bass tournaments



Photo: Steven Snyder

What's New!?!?

- Beginning in March 2016, tournament permits will be reviewed by MD DNR before being issued.
- Zebra mussels are in the upper Chesapeake Bay. Boaters are urged to clean boats and gear thoroughly to prevent spread of aquatic invasive species.
- Stay current with the fishery! Visit MD DNR Tidal Bass Program at: <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/bass/index.aspx>



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