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Prez Says

September proved to me that, in a couple of cases, going from “Hero to Zero” can happen in the blink of an eye.

Case 1: A number of members fished two different events this last month on Lake Ray Roberts. The first of which was the “2013 North Texas Bass Club Challenge”. In this challenge, the Bass Club of Fort Worth took on the Bass Club of North Texas. I don’t have the final results, but what I can tell you is that BCFW took home the trophy! And, to top it off, the winner of the tournament was in the back of my boat. Randy Williams won the tournament! Of course yours truly also took home a little pocket change for the day, as did a number of our members.

So there we were... Hero’s... Randy & I... Next up was the 3rd Annual Bass Clubs of Texas Top 6 Tournament, put on by Fun-n-Sun. There were two teams fielded by BCFW. Team A, the “Dream Team”, consisted of Rodger Malone, Jack Pullar, Danny Pounds, Jeff Grainger, Randy Williams, and me. Team B consisted of Gene Rogers, David Knapp, Mike Woods, Chris McClain, Aaron McAlexander, and Hershul Smith. (*Team B was overheard many times saying that their only goal was to beat Team A, More on that later.*) On the night before the tournament, there was a meeting in which boat numbers were assigned for the launch order. Roger Malone drew the boat numbers for our team. Wouldn’t you know it, one of the 3 numbers that Roger drew was the lucky number 1 boat. And to top it off, it was decided that Randy & I would use that number since we had a “Spot” that had produced the day before. “*Are you kidding me!! The Number 1 boat in the big show!!*” Randy & I truly felt like the tournament gods were smiling upon us that day. Hero’s...

Now, here it comes, the Zero part. And I literally mean the ZERO part. The next day, Randy & I were the only boat out of our team that came back in with ZERO fish. In fact, we were the only boat, out of the nine boats from our club, which zeroed. Talk about a fall from grace! Hero to Zero...

Case 2: Our June tournament this year was held on Lake Tawakoni. It was the best tournament of the year, at that point. Out of the 58 who fished, 47 weighed in fish. There were 26 limits brought in that day. The average weight per fish was 2.95lbs. The average weight per angler was 5.59lbs. And, the average weight per stringer was 6.90lbs! I guess one could say that Tawakoni was a Hero that day! In fact, for the first time that I can remember, that day was so engrained in our memory that we voted it in for a second tournament in the same year. In everyone's eyes, Tawakoni was the place for September Stringers. A real Hero...

Now, as we all know by the time of this writing, September's tournament played out a tad bit differently. Out of the 47 who fished, 13 weighed in fish. There were 0 limits brought in that day. In fact, only 19 fish were weighed in! The average weight per fish was 2.74lbs. The average weight per angler was 1.18lbs. And, the average weight per stringer was 4.01lbs. Hero to Zero...

Switching gears a little, I want to send a huge Congratulation out to BCFW's Team B at the Bass Clubs of Texas Top 6 Tournament. They placed 3rd in the field of 27 teams! They also handily achieved their goal of beating Team A, who finished 12th. So hats off to you guys for stepping up and representing the Bass Club of Fort Worth on such a challenging day!!

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President, Bass Club of Fort Worth

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Star-Telegram

Zebra mussel crackdown to have big impact on North Texas boaters

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Proposed new rules designed to help stem the spread of invasive zebra mussels will have a big impact on boaters in Tarrant and 16 other North Texas counties.

The proposed regulations by the [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#) would require boaters to drain all water from their vessels before leaving any public waters in the 17 counties centered around Dallas-Fort Worth.

Ralph Duggins, a Fort Worth attorney who is the vice chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, said zebra mussels pose a growing threat to Texas waterways.

"We're trying everything we can try to prevent them from spreading. It's probably going to be inevitable but it's worth a try to stem it," he said.

"We started a program several years ago that was educational but what is coming out now is ramping up that effort," Duggins added.

Paul Wirta, president of [North Texas Bass Anglers](#), said the new regulations could help slow the spread of zebra mussels.

"Invasive species are something that anglers really need to pay attention to, we need to police ourselves better and help educate others," he said.

"A lot of people hop from lake to lake and that's how we have invasive species in lakes and that's probably how zebra mussels spread. It seems more and more that we are faced with all sorts of invasive species," Wirta said.

Changing operations

The wildlife commission is expected to take action on the proposed change at its Nov. 7 meeting in Austin. Three public hearings on the proposal will be held in North Texas in October.

The rules would apply to all types and sizes of boats, whether powered or not, as well as personal watercraft, sailboats or any other vessels, said Ken Kurzawski, project manager for the TPWD's inland fisheries section.

"We are going to have to change the way we operate," he said, noting that the rules would be in place in 23 lakes over 300 acres in size in the 17 counties. The agency already requires boaters to clean, drain and dry their crafts at lakes Texoma, Lavon, Ray Roberts, and Lewisville.

"We took a look at the Dallas-Fort Worth area and we are trying to create a buffer zone by extending it through whole counties. We think this will help to really slow down the spread," Kurzawski said.

The proposed rule change will apply on all public waters in Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, Hood, Jack, Kaufman, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Stephens, Tarrant, Wise and Young counties.

The regulations would require the draining of live wells, bilges, motors and any other receptacles or water intake systems.

In addition, live fish could not be transported in water that comes from the lake where they were caught; personally caught live bait could only be used in the lake where it was caught; and no off-site fishing tournament weigh-ins would be allowed if live fish are being transported off a body of water in one of the affected counties.

Anglers would be allowed to transport and use commercially purchased live bait in water provided they have a receipt that identifies the source of the bait.

The regulations would be enforced by Texas game wardens, Kurzawski said, noting that failing to drain a boat could result in a citation.

"The goal isn't to ticket people, it's to make people more aware of what the rules are. The regulation puts some teeth into it to get their attention," he said.

Filter feeders

Zebra mussels became established in Texas in Lake Texoma in 2009. Last year, they were found in Lake Ray Roberts and the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. This summer they were found in [Lake Bridgeport](#) on the West Fork of the Trinity River and in Lake Lewisville.

The rapidly reproducing mussels, originally from Eurasia, pose a serious economic and recreational impact to water systems, Duggins said. Zebra mussels were first found in 1988 in Lake St. Clair, Mich., and are currently known to have infested [29 states](#).

They can clog public-water intake pipes, harm boats and motors left in infested waters by covering boat hulls, clog water-cooling systems, annoy boat-dock owners by completely covering anything left under water, and make water recreation hazardous because of their sharp edges, according to TPWD.

Zebra mussels are filter feeders, which means they compete with baitfish such as shad for available forage. Any impact on baitfish in turn can affect their predators — game fish such as bass, striped bass and catfish. Zebra mussels are also very harmful to native mussel populations because they will colonize on their shells and essentially suffocate them.

Duggins took notice on a recent trip to Grand Lake in Colorado where he saw the state game and fish department checking every boat coming and going from the lake.

"They are getting ahead of the game with these efforts. You can't put your boat in the water unless you get it checked. If you don't you get cited," he said.

"I think states are waking up that it's a lot cheaper to spend money on the front end than to let the mussels get into the water supplies and then have to spend untold amounts of taxpayer dollars to deal with it," Duggins said.

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Looking for comments?

Meeting notes

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR HERSHULL SMITH:

You must sign in at the BCFW mailbox if you have NOT paid your entry fee at the meeting prior to the tournament you are fishing. Please note that failure to do so may result in a penalty and loss of weight.

The next club meeting will be Thursday, October 5, 2013, 7:00 pm, at Coors Distribution Center Hospitality Room.

If you would like your information in the newsletter. Please [email charles_duewall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:charles_duewall@sbcglobal.net)

BCFW Tournament Trail

October 13, 2013, on Lake Palestine

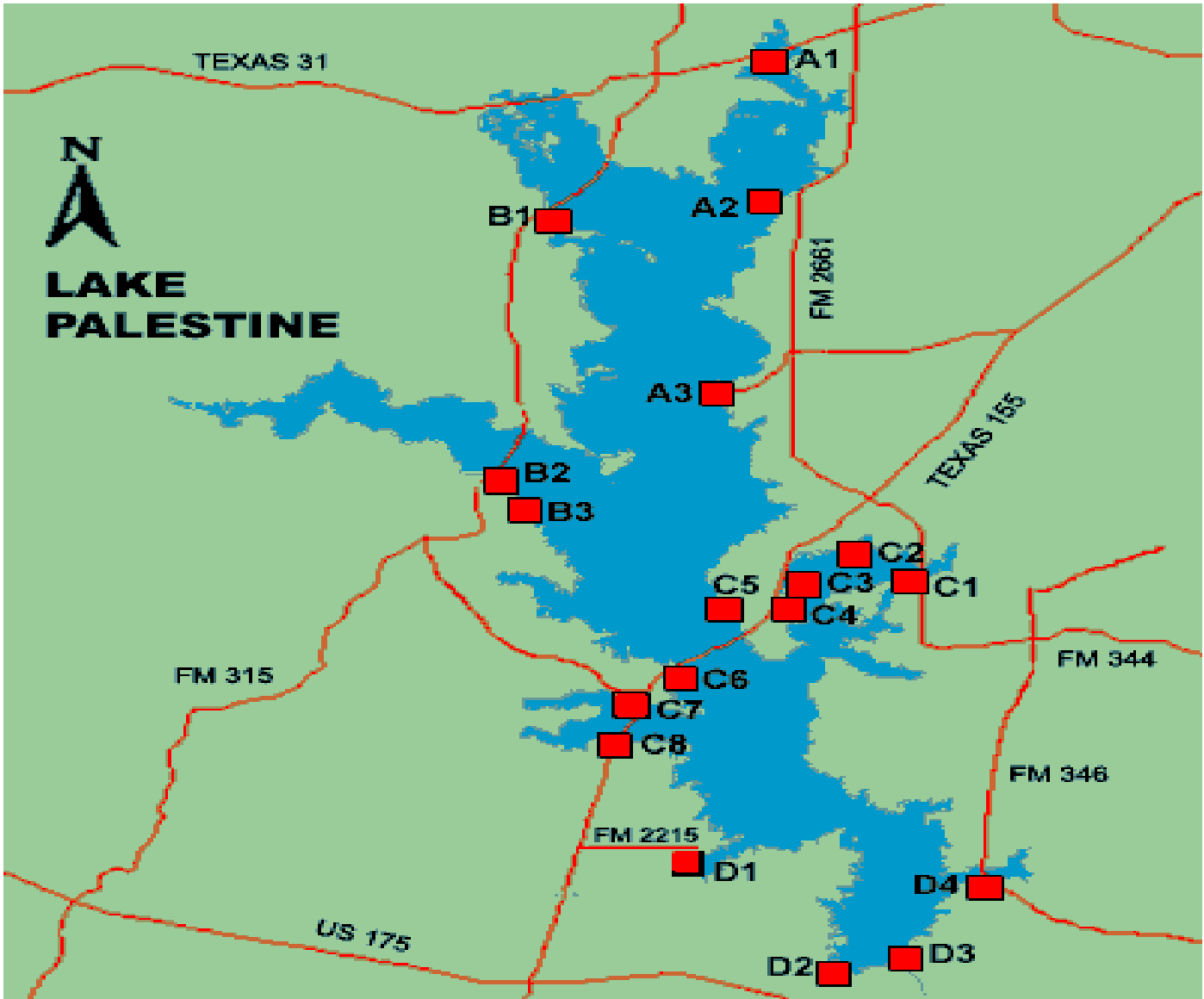
Weigh in: Flat Creek Public Ramp

Statewide Regulations Apply

Remember your fish must larger than 14 inch.

Hershull Smith is our Tournament Director:

- There will be no more bags for weigh in. It will now be conducted with the cork system. There will only be 15 available and you must have one to weigh in.
- Stay out of: NO BOAT AREAS; 1st time Warning; 2nd time disqualification.
- Running lights must be on until dawn. This violation is grounds for disqualification and a State law.
- Stay out of: NO BOAT AREAS; 1st time Warning; 2nd time disqualification.
- You must be at least 50 from swim areas and cannot tie up to buoys.
- Please observe NO WAKE AREAS.
- Also, it helps to pay for the tournament well before weigh-in. At the meeting is ideal, but before the weigh-in starts cuts down on the mayhem during.
- If you pre-pay for a tournament at the meeting and find you cannot make the tournament, contact any club officer before 8:00 PM the Friday before fishing to carry over fees to the next tournament.
- If you leave the tournament early, either sign out at the mailbox or let someone know you are leaving.
- Weigh-in is at 3:30 PM unless changed. Make sure the tournament director or assistant knows you are on time, especially if there is a line to weigh fish.
- Rule #16: There is a 3 fish limit, unless lake rules demand less. Each contestant must bring no more than 3 fish to weigh-in. Fish shall be in weigh-in bags or containers with sufficient water to keep the fish in good condition until they are released. Failure to do so shall result in a 1 pound penalty



Lake Palestine

From Texas 31 in Chandler, turn south on FM 315, Ramp is on the left at end of the third bridge (Flat Creek).

B2 is Flat Creek

DATE September 14, 2013 LAKE Tawakoni

44 Fished Tournament
 0 Anglers Had 3 Fish Limit 13 Fishermen Caught
 19 Fish Weighing 52.11 Lbs. Average Weight Per Fish 2.74 Lbs.

TOURNAMENT		
1st	Barnes, Claude	8.66 Lbs.
2nd	Pounds, Danny	6.94 Lbs.
3rd	Pollock, Karla	5.80 Lbs.
4th	Wendler, Mark	4.95 Lbs.
5th	Koch, Robbie	4.46 Lbs.
6th	Johnson, Tim	4.11 Lbs.
7th	Barnes, Elaine	3.86 Lbs.

BIG BASS		
1st	Barnes, Claude	6.09 Lbs.
2nd	Johnson, Tim	4.11 Lbs.
3rd	Coggins, Gerald	3.79 Lbs.

HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR MEN'S
 Knapp, David 15.69 LBS.
HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR WOMEN'S
 Wendler, Tracy 14.63 LBS.

BIG BASS OF THE YEAR MEN'S
 Pounds, Danny 8.83 LBS.
BIG BASS OF THE YEAR WOMEN'S
 Wendler, Tracy 7.98 LBS.

AOY TOP TWENTY			
		POINTS	WEIGHT
1st	Malone, Roger	887	54.55
2nd	McAlexander, Aaron	877	59.52
3rd	Barnes, Claude	855	49.32
4th	Pounds, Danny	839	52.87
5th	Johnson, Tim	838	40.60
6th	Rodgers, Gene	831	39.64
7th	Wendler, Mark	828	39.01
8th	Mulcahy, David	826	40.39
9th	Knapp, David	807	44.25
10th	Abels, Gary	804	53.80
11th	Aldert, Bob	795	36.58
12th	Farquhar, Ronny	782	38.95
13th	Smith, Hershul	761	28.05
14th	Johnson, Carey	758	27.04
15th	Seigl, Allen	753	39.75
16th	Tucker, Arthur	750	29.27
17th	Wendler, Tracy	729	28.62
	Barnes, Elaine	729	23.11
19th	Caldwell, Terry	707	32.48
20th	McLain, Chris	685	26.74

AOY NEXT THIRTY			
		POINTS	WEIGHT
21st	Bayless, James	685	16.83
22nd	Granger, Jeff	677	30.09
23rd	Bayless, Jimmy	672	21.23
24th	Koch, Carl	647	20.46
25th	Williams, Randy	646	25.65
26th	Kerbaugh, Brian	623	19.10
27th	Edwards, Eddie	621	19.82
28th	Duewall, Charles	617	9.09
29th	Pannell, Michael	594	13.36
30th	Thomason, Scott	586	28.31
	Coggins, Carole	586	9.04
32nd	Gary, Rick	571	11.04
33rd	Stinnett, Travis	566	10.87
34th	Coggins, Gerald	565	8.30
35th	Phenice, Adam	555	24.42
36th	Pollock, Karla	548	20.76
37th	McCullough, Bobby	543	10.09
38th	Burton, Michael	536	17.82
39th	Spear, Ray	531	21.68
40th	Wood, Mike	515	26.59
41st	Justus, Jim	512	19.72
42nd	Stinnett, Cyndi	511	3.09
43rd	Smith, Ben	506	8.11
44th	Browning, Mike	502	17.56
45th	McLain, Chris Sr	498	12.65
46th	Gerath, Bj	493	9.62
47th	Koch, Robbie	492	21.75
48th	Justus, Kim	484	13.65
49th	Roberts, Monty	482	17.20
50th	Pullar, Jack	471	7.12

LADY ANGLER TOP TEN			
		POINTS	WEIGHT
1st	Johnson, Carey	758	27.04
2nd	Wendler, Tracy	729	28.62
	Barnes, Elaine	729	23.11
4th	Coggins, Carole	586	9.04
5th	Pollock, Karla	548	20.76
6th	Stinnett, Cyndi	511	3.09
7th	Justus, Kim	484	13.65
8th	Thomason, Pam	430	10.53
9th	Duewall, Sandra	401	2.56
10th	Aldert, Brenda	344	0.00

NEXT TOURNAMENT HOURS DATE
 Palestine 6:00 AM TO 3:30 PM 10/12/2013

Name	Tawakoni			
	# Fish	Big Bass	Weight	Points
	19	6.09	52.11	Awarded
Barnes, Claude	2	6.09	8.66	100
Pounds, Danny	2	3.73	6.94	99
Pollock, Karla	2	3.47	5.80	98
Wendler, Mark	2	2.88	4.95	97
Koch, Robbie	2	2.58	4.46	96
Johnson, Tim	1	4.11	4.11	95
Barnes, Elaine	2	2.05	3.86	94
Coggins, Gerald	1	3.79	3.79	93
Seigl, Allen	1	3.03	3.03	92
Abels, Gary	1	1.89	1.89	91
Mulcahy, David	1	1.73	1.73	90
Johnson, Carey	1	1.50	1.50	89
Farquhar, Ronny	1	1.39	1.39	88
Aldert, Bob				73
Bayless, James				73
Bayless, Jimmy				73
Caldwell, Terry				73
Chaloupka, Frank				73
Charbonnet, Jerrod				73
Coggins, Carole				73
Duewall, Charles				73
Duewall, Sandra				73
Edwards, Eddie				73
Gossett, Donnie				73
Knapp, David				73
Koch, Carl				73
Koch, Linda				73
Leatherman, Danny				73
Malone, Roger				73
McAlexander, Aaron				73
McCullough, Bobby				73
Murray, Richard				73
Pannell, Michael				73
Phenice, Adam				73
Pullar, Jack				73
Roberts, Monty				73
Rodgers, Gene				73
Smith, Ben				73
Smith, Hershul				73
Stinnett, Cyndi				73
Stinnett, Travis				73
Tucker, Arthur				73
Wendler, Tracy				73
Wyles, Brad				73

Rule Changes

Article VI

- Section 2:**
- a. Each officer shall be elected for a term of one year. The President shall appoint an officer committee in September to begin recruiting possible officer candidates for nomination in November. The officers shall be elected by majority ballot of the Members in good standing who are present at the regular December meeting.
 - b. Candidates for the office of President must have served as an Officer of the Club for a minimum of one (1) year.
 - c. If no candidate for an office receives a majority vote, the two (2) candidates with the most number of votes shall be in a run-off at the December meeting.
 - d. The date, time, and place of the regular December meeting, shall be announced by mail or email to all eligible members.
 - e. All voting for Club officers shall be accomplished by Secret Ballot.
 - f. A majority ballot as defined in Robert's Rules of Order and this Constitution is fifty percent (50%) plus one (1).

Rule Change

Add G: Board members-at-large cannot serve more than two consecutive years in that position.

Article XI

Section 2: Weight will be accumulated in pounds and hundredths. A points system will be used to determine standings within the club. Tournament points will be awarded with 100 points for 1st, 99 for 2nd, etc. All contestants not weighing fish shall receive 15 point less than last place stringer. **A member paying an entry fee, but not fishing the tournament will be awarded the same amount of points as someone who fished the tournament but did not weigh a fish.** A total points list and weight list will be available at each meeting showing the Big Bass of the month, Big Bass of the year, and total weight for the year. The Total weight program each year will run from January 1, to December 31, inclusive, but will exclude the Classic and any special or prestige tournaments.

Rule Change

If you do not fish in the Tournament, you will be awarded NO tournament points.

Article XI

No present rule

Rule Change

No club member can pay for more than two tournaments toward Classic qualification. i.e. you must fish at least five tournaments to be eligible for the Classic Tournament.

If adopted, this affects Section 6. Those persons who pay entry fees monthly for seven (7) or more Tournaments.

Article XI

New Rule:

If you prepay for a tournament & can't fish the tournament, you have three (3) options regarding your entry fee.

- 1 Ask for refund. Must be done by 8:00 pm the day before the tournament.
- 2 Have your entry fee rolled over to the next tournament. Must be done by 8:00 pm the day before the tournament.
- 3 Use entry fee for Classic qualification. (no more than twice)

Present Rule

5. Non-prepaid contestants are required to sign in before fishing or a 1-pound penalty from weight board will be deducted. No sign-in is necessary if entry fee is paid at the meeting immediately preceding the tournament. Anyone prepaying and not able to fish may have their entry fee refunded or carried forward to the next tournament only if they contact the Tournament Director or any club officer by 8:00pm on the day before the tournament. **(They may also rollover their entry fee to the next tournament or just leave it in and have it count toward Classic qualification and/or points.)**

Rule Change

They may also have their entry fee counted toward Classic Qualification. (See Section ____ Tournament)

Article XI

Present Rule

Section 3: Any club participation in a prestige tournament, participants shall be determined by selecting the top eligible members on the points standing at the end of the club year prior to the competition. When a Top Six are invited to fish in a special tournament and our club tournament falls on the same weekend, the club may vote to move the club tournament date so the Top Six may have the opportunity to fish the special tournament.

Rule Change

When a Top Six are invited to fish in a special or prestige tournament the participants shall be determined by selecting the top eligible members from the point standings at the end of the club year prior to the competition. The club may elect to pay their entry fee. Club participation in other invitational tournament (Club Challenge, ect.) is open to all members. If the club is officiated with other fishing organization (Bass Federation, ect.) any championships that organization may have and will be considered a prestige tournament. If any special or prestige tournament conflicts with the Club's normal Tournament date, the Club may vote to change that date.

Current:

Section 6: Each member will be awarded a ten point bonus to their yearly points total for each meeting attended. It will be the responsibility of each club member to ensure that he/she has signed/checked the attendance roster.

Proposed:

Section 6: Each member will be awarded a five point bonus to their yearly points total for each meeting attended. It will be the responsibility of each club member to ensure that he/she has signed/checked the attendance roster.

Current:

27. Each contestant will receive a two tenths (0.2) pound penalty off total stringer weight for each dead fish weighed in at the tournament (under Tournament Directors discretion). The two-tenth (0.2) pound penalty also applies to a dead "Big Bass".

Proposed:

27. Each contestant will receive a one (1) pound penalty off total stringer weight for each dead fish weighed in at the tournament (under Tournament Directors discretion). The one (1) pound penalty also applies to a dead "Big Bass". The dead fish penalty may be in addition to the one pound penalty specified in rule 16 for insufficient water in the weigh bag to maintain fish condition.

Current:

7. All contestants must check in with the Tournament Director or Assistant Tournament Director by the deadline in order weigh fish caught in the tournament. It is not necessary to bring fish for check-in.

Proposed:

7. All contestants must check in with the Tournament Director or Assistant Tournament Director by the deadline in order weigh fish caught in the tournament. Fish must not be brought to weigh in line until the contestant has acquired a weigh in token or other designated device.

Current:

16. There will be a three (3) fish limit, unless lake rules demand less. Each contestant

must bring only three (3) fish to weigh in. Fish shall be in weigh-in bags or containers with sufficient water to keep fish in good condition until they are released. Failure to do so shall result in a one pound penalty from total weight.

Proposed:

16. There will be a five (5) fish limit, unless lake rules demand less. Each contestant must bring only five (5) fish to weigh in. Fish shall be in weigh-in bags or containers with sufficient water to keep fish in good condition until they are released. Failure to do so shall result in a one pound penalty from total weight.