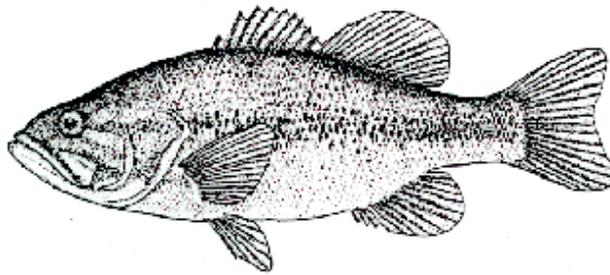


Georgia Bass Chapter Federation

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Tournament Creel Report



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GBCF Tournament Report - 2010

This is the 33rd year of the Georgia Bass Chapter Federation (GBCF) Tournament Creel Report. In 2010, 63 bass clubs submitted results from 656 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 161 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 455 tournaments on 13 Georgia reservoirs and the Savannah River were analyzed for this report.

Fishing success at Georgia reservoirs and the Savannah River are compared on the attached table and figures. Bass anglers spent 52,280 hours of effort during the 455 tournaments. The weighed-in, tournament-average catch rate was 0.250 bass / angler hour. This is below the average for the past four years but above the 0.224 average of the previous 32 years. The highest catch rate was 0.268 in 2008.

R. B. Russell had the highest catch rate (0.329 bass / angler hour). Catch rates were also good at **W.F. George** (0.309), **West Point** (0.292), and **Seminole** (0.290). The lowest percent of unsuccessful anglers was at **W.F. George** (12.9%) and **Hartwell** (14.5%). The average bass weight was greatest at **Seminole** (2.41 lbs), but it was almost as good at **Blackshear** (2.37 lbs) and **W.F. George** (2.33 lbs). The average largest bass weighed in was at **Seminole** (5.63 lbs). The only other lake where the average largest bass exceeded five pounds was at **W.F. George** (5.06 lbs). The greatest winning weight average was at **W.F. George** (18.84 lbs), and the second highest was 16.93 lbs at **Seminole**. Both these lakes had several two-day tournaments, which contribute to greater winning weights.

This was the 7th year that clubs were asked to indicate how many bass 5.0 lbs or larger were caught during each tournament. Only 217 bass 5.0 lbs or larger were caught during the 455 tournaments. On average, it required 241 angler hours to catch a bass of this size. This is the least number of hours to catch a 5.0 lb bass during the seven years of this analysis. There was a big difference in this value for the 13 reservoirs. Whereas it took 1,337 hours at **Bartlett's Ferry** and 1,321 hours at **Lanier** to catch a bass \geq 5 lbs, it took only 64 hours at **Seminole**. Only at **Seminole** and **W.F. George** was there an average of one 5 lb or larger bass caught in each tournament. A bass of this size was caught in only 27% of the 455 tournaments. The largest bass reported in 2010 was 9.89 lbs caught in the **Savannah River** during October. Only six bass of 8.0 lbs or larger were caught in the 455 tournaments!

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 - 2010

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 Hours Per ≥ 5 lb Bass
<i>Allatoona</i>	7	967	0.182	0.236	23.1	42.2	2.81	1.45	6.44	9.8	None Caught
<i>Bartlett's Ferry</i>	9	1337	0.276	0.391	22.2	27.3	3.97	1.47	10.61	70.7	1337
<i>Blackshear</i> ^a	13	1135	0.149	0.355	5.5	30.6	4.33	2.37	9.37	100.0	162
<i>Clarks Hill</i>	87	8952	0.283	0.449	23.1	21.0	3.80	1.64	9.65	99.7	471
<i>Hartwell</i>	20	2280	0.283	0.472	25.4	14.5	3.85	1.61	10.78	49.5	456
<i>Jackson</i>	21	1827	0.186	0.294	12.7	44.4	3.12	1.65	6.73	52.1	609
<i>Lanier</i> ^a	58	6604	0.198	0.386	13.5	31.6	3.75	1.99	9.53	10.0	1321
<i>Oconee</i> ^a	46	5486	0.198	0.390	11.5	32.5	3.89	1.99	10.12	93.4	499
<i>R. B. Russell</i>	14	1064	0.329	0.495	36.1	20.2	2.87	1.45	8.12	42.5	None Caught
<i>Seminole</i>	43	4934	0.290	0.701	27.9	20.8	5.63	2.41	16.93	98.6	64
<i>Sinclair</i>	38	4370	0.229	0.336	21.0	32.2	3.83	1.48	7.94	100.0	363
<i>W. F. George</i> ^b	39	6056	0.309	0.729	34.1	12.9	5.06	2.33	18.84	87.7	114
<i>West Point</i> ^b	23	2827	0.292	0.470	31.4	22.7	4.27	1.69	11.21	34.3	257
<i>Savannah</i>	37	4441	0.240	0.330	19.1	31.1	3.60	1.36	8.07	99.7	444
Total	455	52280	0.250	0.453	21.4	26.1	4.06	1.83	10.79	74.9	241

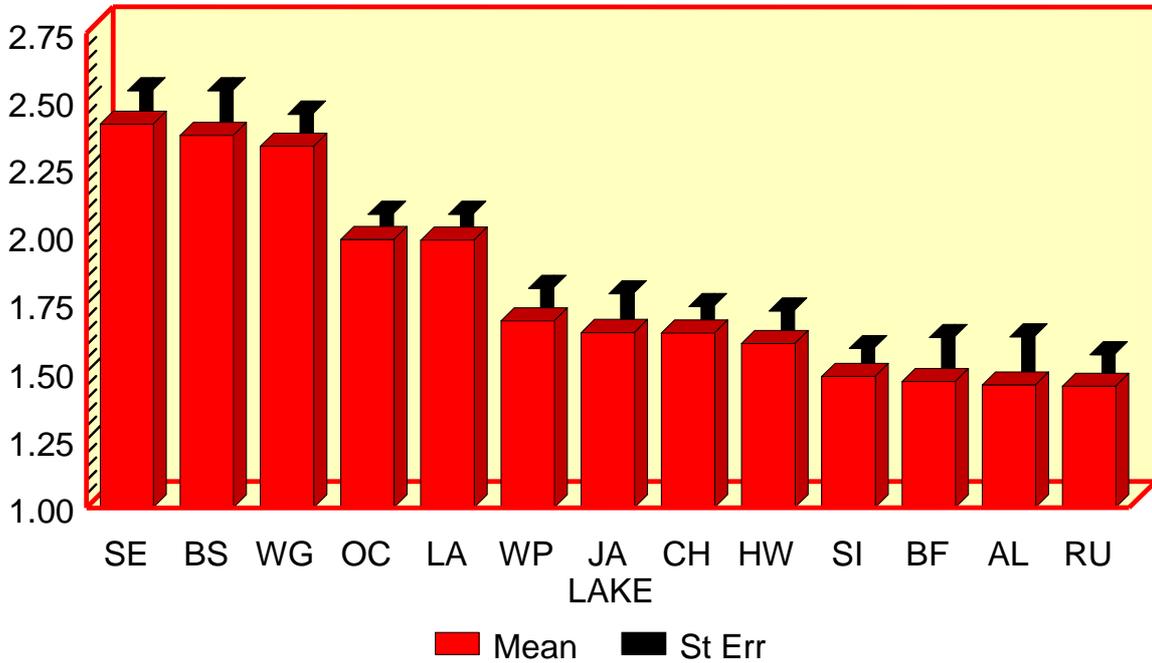
^a 14-inch size limit. ^b 12-inch size limit on spotted bass and 14-inch size limit on largemouth bass.

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

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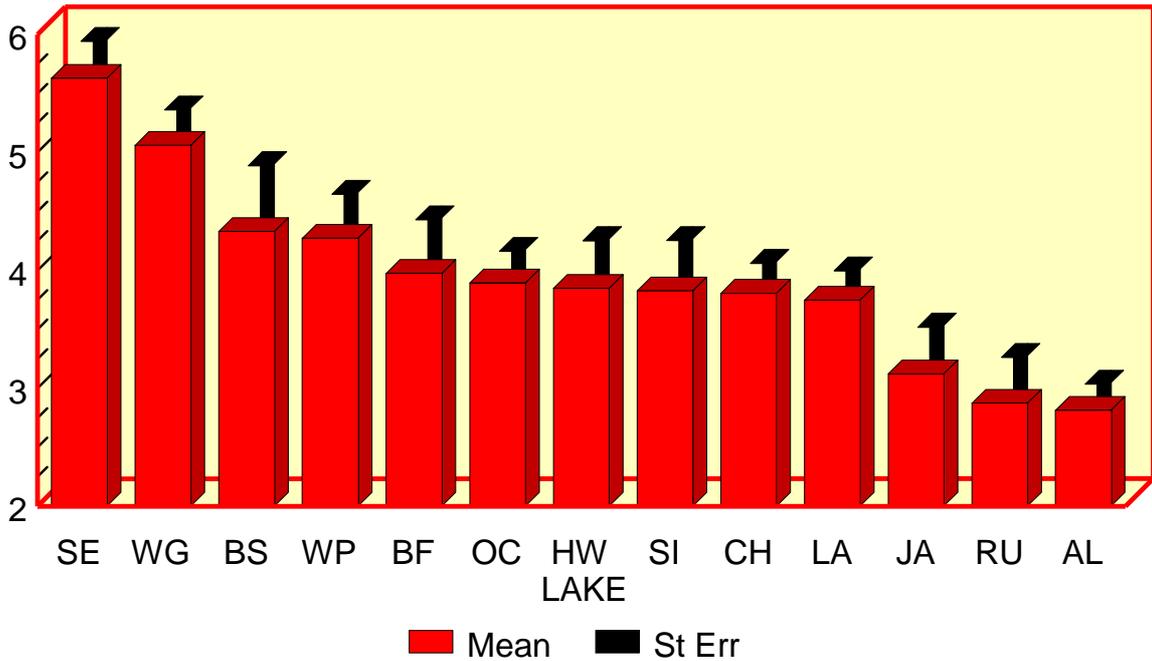
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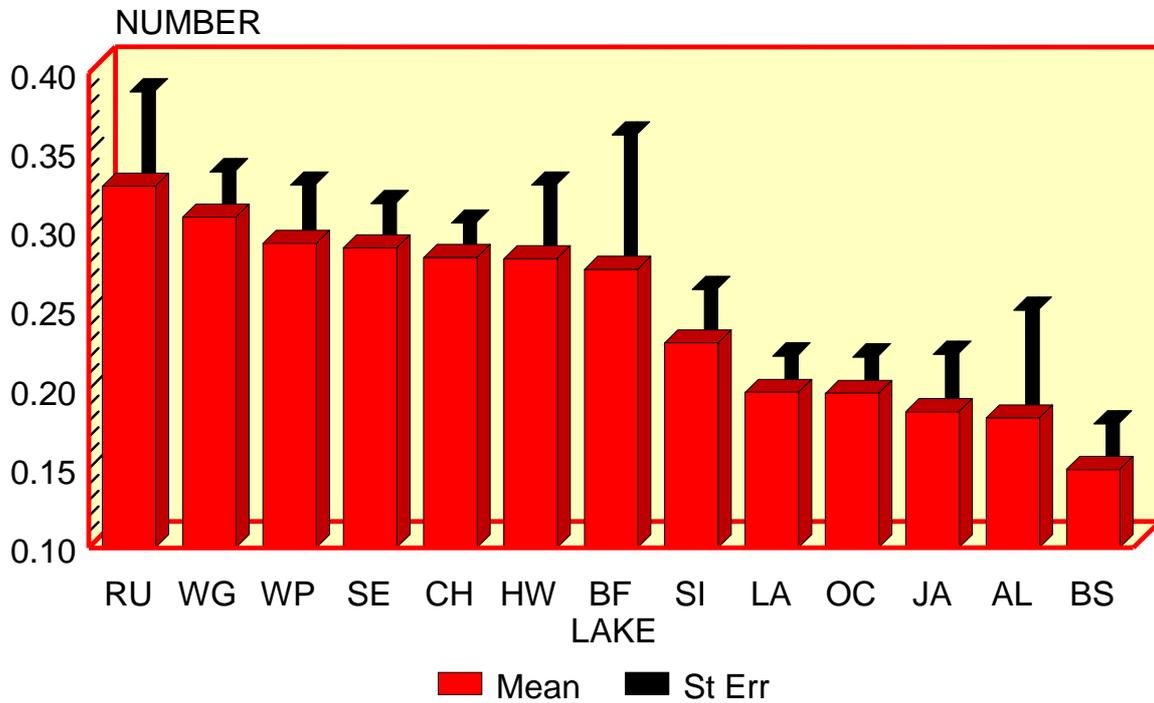


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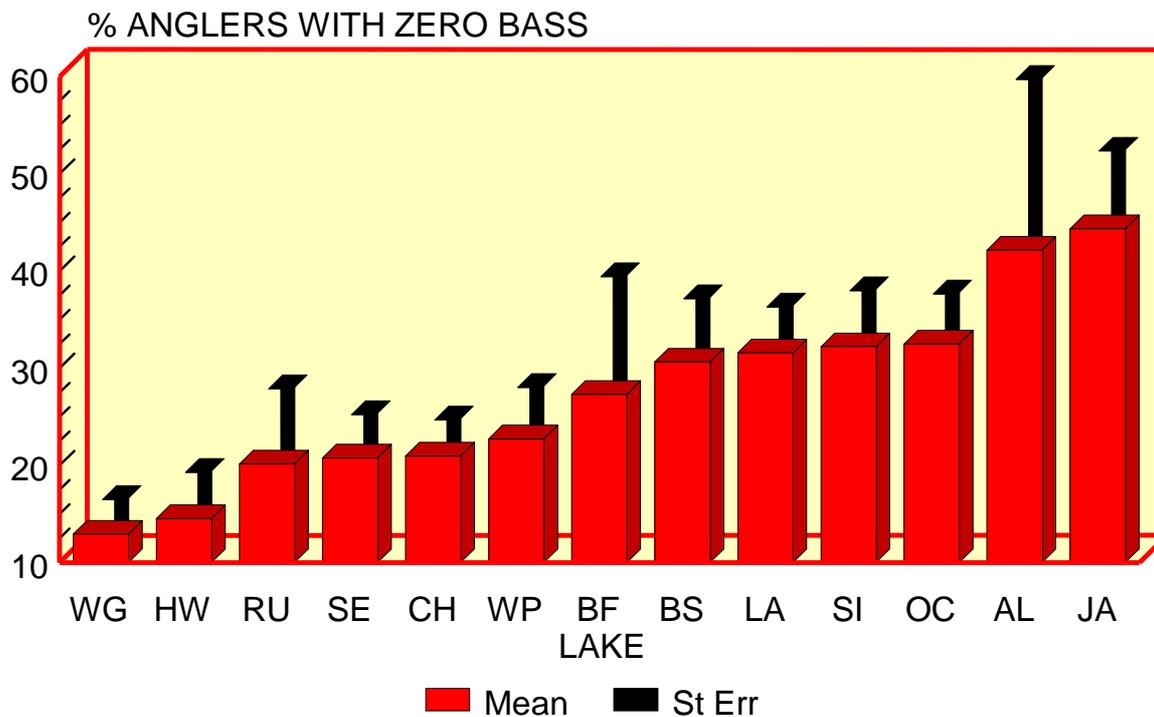
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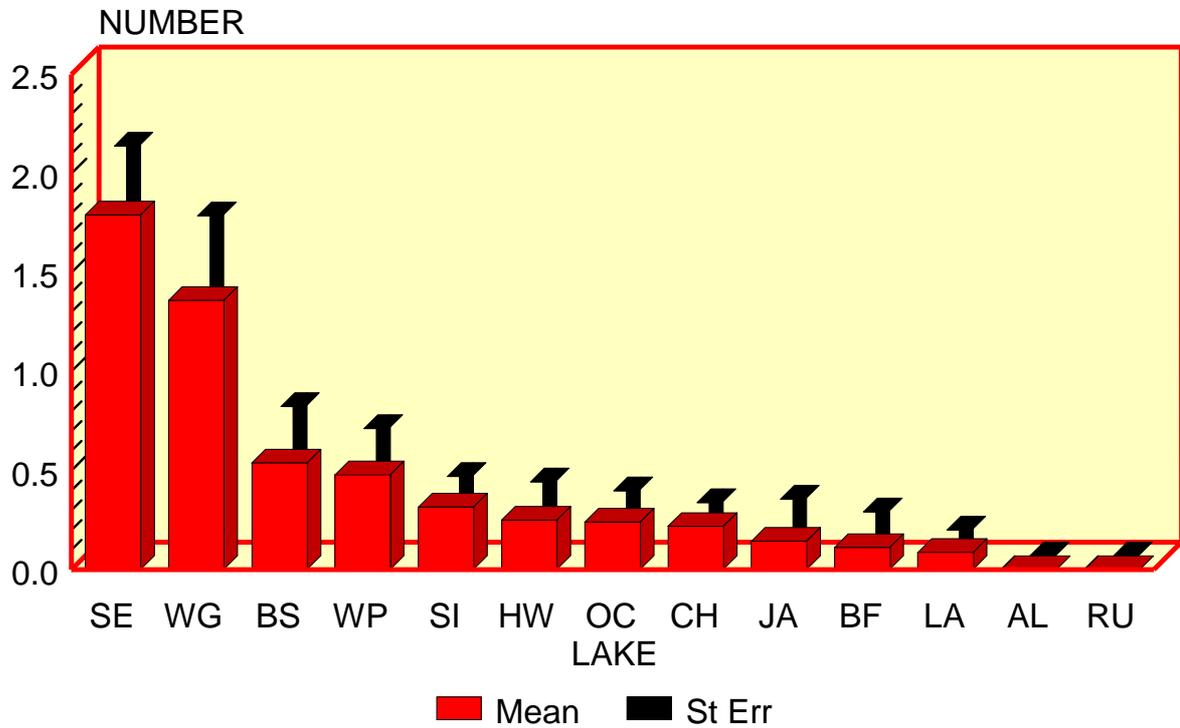
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NUMBER OF 5 LB BASS / TOURNAMENT - 2010 GBCF TOURNAMENTS ON GEORGIA LAKES



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