

# Black Bass Advisory Subcommittee

January 11, 2016

Meeting of the Black Bass Advisory Subcommittee  
January 11, 2017  
Tawes State Office Building  
C-1 Conference Room  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
6:00 – 8:30 PM

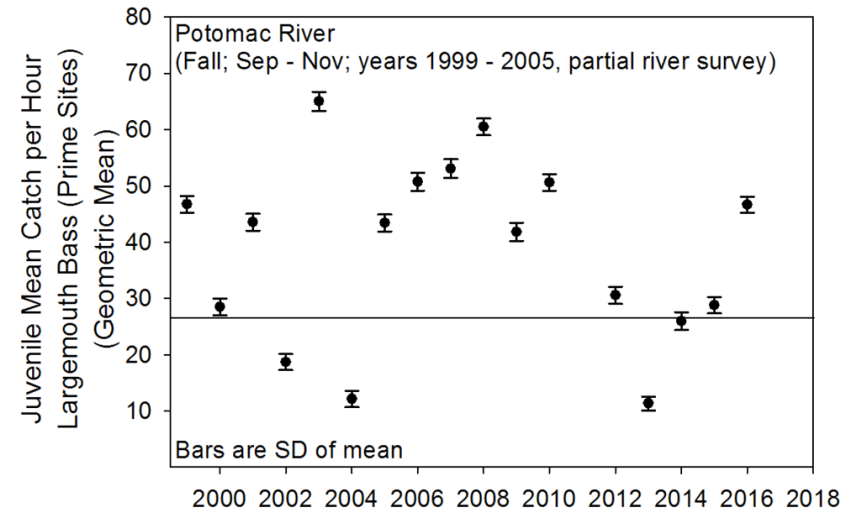
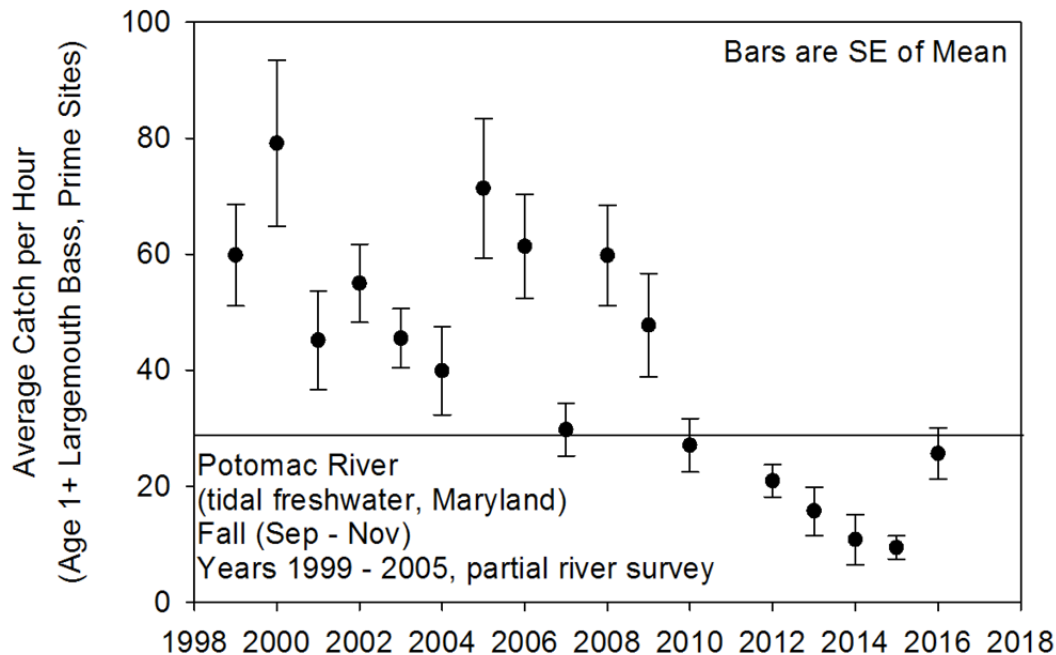
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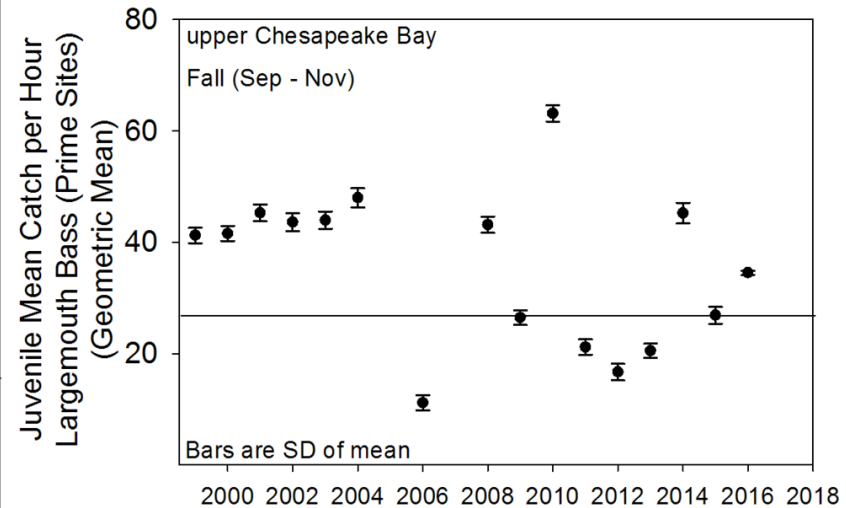
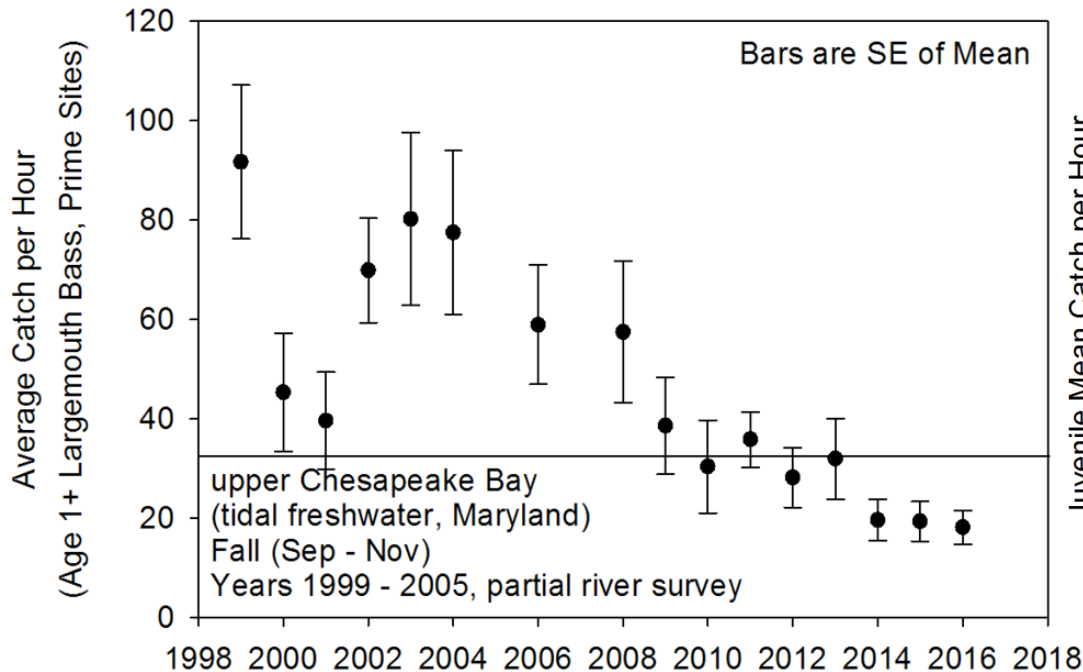
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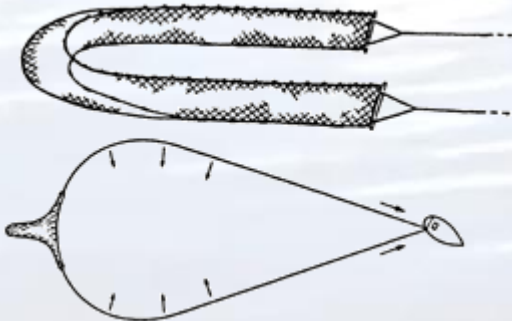
- Potomac River population is improving because of better annual survivorship, reproduction and recruitment.
- Average catch of age 1+ fish remains below the reference point.
- Projects aimed at improving survival of young bass and old bass are underway so that catch of age 1+ fish will increase in the future.
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- Catch in the upper Chesapeake Bay was below average for a third straight year, but annual survivorship for the population was greater than in previous years. Reproduction and recruitment has also improved since 2010-2012.
- In order to increase the number of adult bass, current projects are aimed at ensuring survival of young and old adults in the population.
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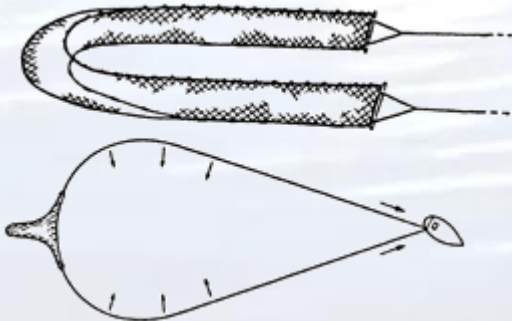
# Commercial Haul Seining

Guest Speaker: Captain Billy Rice



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Group Discussion  
(subcommittee and invited public)



# Habitat Protection

## Subcommittee

# KEEPING BASS ALIVE

A GUIDEBOOK FOR TOURNAMENT ANGLERS & ORGANIZERS



## INTRODUCTION

Thirty-five years ago, B.A.S.S. introduced the catch-and-release concept to tournament bass fishing. Post-tournament survival of released bass has increased significantly since then as technology has improved. Angler knowledge has increased. B.A.S.S. has played a key role in public education, development and use of state-of-the-art techniques, and the second edition of Keeping Bass Alive. This new edition has become the standard that anglers and tournament organizers look to for information.

In this second edition, our objective remains the same - to provide anglers with information to maximize the survival of bass that are caught and released during tournaments. We have created a guidebook that can do just that. This version of KBA hits the highlights. Anglers and tournament organizers can find more detail in the web version on [www.Bassmaster.com](http://www.Bassmaster.com) in Community > Conservation > Keeping Bass Alive.

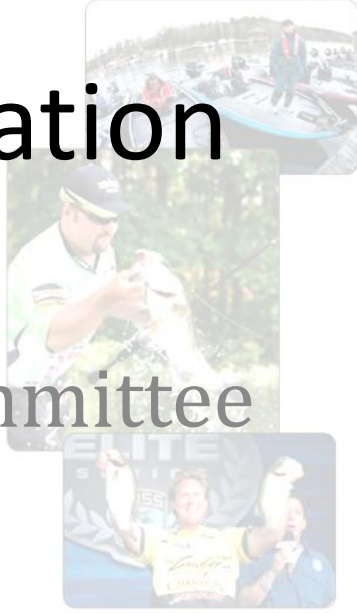
## THE ANGLER'S ROLE IN IMPROVING SURVIVAL OF RELEASED BASS

Black bass can be "hooked" and released in tournaments, weighed-in, and released. Occasionally, however, fish die during a tournament. Biologists understand these consequences but studies have shown that tournaments generally have negligible impact on bass populations.

However, it is without a doubt, in tournament anglers' best interests to do everything they can to maximize the survival of released fish - both to protect the resource and to project a positive image that will ensure the future of the sport.

# Education

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KEEPING BASS ALIVE: A Guidebook For Tournament Anglers & Organizers  
Second Edition



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