

Feb. 26th, 2020
CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting

Roll Call: 7:05

- **CLUBS ABSENT: Extreme**
- **Correspondence: None**
- **Announcements: Trailer Reg was updated and address changed to Marc Lévesque's as taxes are paid in Waterbury also.**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque Absent, Vinny Read the Report**
- **CBN Conservation Report**

Fisheries Advisory Council

Bass BASIC

Mission

The mission of the FAC's Bass BASIC (Building Action, Support & Information Committee) is to bring together the various Bass Fishing communities to identify the needs of the Bass Angler. To develop positive action plans to address these needs and present these plans through the FAC to the CT DEEP. Work cooperatively with the FAC and CT DEEP to enact plans to advanced Bass Fishing and provide information out to Connecticut's Bass Anglers.

Membership

To be a member of the Bass Fishing Committee the person must present their information to the committee and be voted in by a 2/3 majority of existing members

Leadership

The Bass BASIC will be led by a Chairman of the Committee coordinate and preside over the meetings. There will be a Vice Chairman to assist and preside over meetings in the absence of the Chairman.

Areas of Concern or Interest

The Bass Fishing Committee has identified the following areas of concern and will work to address:

(this is just place holders until the committee puts their concerns in)

- 1. Fishing Access**
- 2. Permitting Process and Regulations on Aquatic Herbicide**
- 3. Lakes with stunted bass population**
- 4. Single Point of Contact for Fishing across Fisheries, Park and Boating**
- 5. Loss of fish habitat – Habitat restoration – Reservoirs**
- 6. Native Aquatic Plant restoration**
- 7. Share Lunker Program**

Major Focus

From the list of concerns or interests there has to be a few Major Items that will be the agenda for the upcoming year(s) for the Bass BASIC to focus on.

- 1. Fishing Access**
- 2. Single Point of Contact**
- 3. Share Lunker Program**

Bass Calendar of Events

February

Wed. 26 – Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation (CBN) meeting

March

Tues 3 – Friends of Connecticut Sportsmen (FOCS) meeting

Tues 3 – Connecticut Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) meeting

3-6 thru 3-8 – Bass Conservation Summit at the Bass Master Classic

**Wed 11 – Sportsmen Evening at the State Office Building
(Sponsored by FOCS)**

Thurs 12 – Fisheries Advisory Council (FAC) Meeting

Wed 25 - Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation (CBN) meeting

Thurs 26 – Initial Bass BASIC Meeting/Conference Call

April

Tues 14 – Friends of Connecticut Sportsmen (FOCS) meeting

Tues 14 – Connecticut Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) meeting

Wed 22 - Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation (CBN) meeting

- **Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rustic Conservation Director**
- **Greg Spear attended this meeting for us and got this info:**

**D.E.E.P. Recreational Marine Fisheries Regulation Update - 2020
(Non-freshwater)**

***How They Are Set * Current Regulations * 2020 Regulation
Changes***

****Links to organizations are located at end of brief****

Our regulations set by:

- **the ASMFC (Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission)**
- **our Regional Fishery Management Councils**
 - **New England Fishery Management Council**
 - **Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**
 - **The collective regional councils referred to as “US Regional Fishery Management Councils”**

ASMFC

- **“Jurisdiction” exists within (3) miles of shoreline**

US Regional Fishery Management Councils

- **“Jurisdiction” extends from (3) miles offshore to (200) miles offshore**
- For Fluke, Scup, Tautog, Black Sea Bass, Bluefish, Striper they:**
 - **Assess Stock, Create Fish Management Plans, Set Quotas**

Fluke:

- **Regulations have not changed**
 - **Minimum 19”**

- (4) fish limit
- Season: 5/4 - 9/30

Scup:

- No change in regulation
 - 9" minimum
 - (30) fish limit
 - Season: Year Round

Tautog:

- Currently no changes in regulation
- Stock is starting to become overfished; may see changes to regulations in 2021
- Minimum 16"
- Season:
 - 4/1 - 4/30 (2 fish limit)
 - 7/1 - 8/31 (2 fish limit)
 - 10/10 - 11/28 (3 fish limit)

Black Sea Bass:

- No change in regulation
 - Minimum 15"
 - (5) fish limit
 - Season: 5/19 - 12/31

Bluefish (New Regulations for 2020):**

- Stock is very over-fished
- No minimum length
 - Entertained a 22" minimum but decided that it would be "too restrictive"
- ** (3) fish limit (down from 10)
- Season: Year Round

Striped Bass (New Regulations for 2020)**

- Slot Limit of 28-35"
- (1) fish limit
- Season: Year Round

ASMFC

<http://www.asmfc.org>

US Regional Fishery Management Councils

<http://www.fisherycouncils.org>

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
<http://www.fisherycouncils.org/mid-atlantic>
New England Fishery Management Council
<http://www.fisherycouncils.org/new-england/>

- **CLA REPORT: No Report**
- **TOURNAMENT REPORT**
2020 Tournament App is up on website
Trail change for the CBN Classic (under old business)
CBN Trail 2020

May 3rd, - CBN T #1 Candlewood, Squantz & Latins 75 Boats 8 to 3

June 14th, - CBN T #2 River Haddam & Salmon 65 Boats, 7 to 3

July 12th, - CBN T#3 Candy Squantz & Latins 75 Boats, 8 to 3

August 2nd, -Classic TBD 30 Boats

Aug 23rd, - Mr Bass TBD 16 Boats

Oct 3rd & 4th, - Two-day, Candy, Squantz 50 boats 7 to 3

- **CBN Sponsorship Report:**

- **Alliance Package is back for 2020**
- **TH Marine, 20% off for all Members, Get Code from Vinny**
- **Hummingbird, MinnKota**
- **Lowrance**
- **Toyota Bonus Bucks Program**
- **Ranger is now a Sponsor of B.A.S.S.**
- **Interstate Battery of Killingsworth.**
- **MR B'S Jerky, please visit his store at 35 N Main St, Southington, CT**
- **New For All CBN Members, Wicked Weights is now offering a 15% discount, go to wickedweights.com order and put the code: CBN15 to receive your discount.**

- **Yamaha Power Pay Contingency Program:**

Own a Yamaha Outboard motor

115-425 HP

Original Owner

Purchased from a Yamaha dealer in the past 60 months

Motor must be warranty registered

Get Registered

Register online at yamahapowerpay.com or send in one page registration form via email, fax, or U.S. mail

Registered within 72 hours prior to fishing supported Power Pay tournament!

Receive official notification from Power Pay Program Office that your registration is complete

HOW IT WORKS

PURCHASE – PARTICIPATE – PROFIT

Fish a supported Power Pay tournament (List of 2020 Events / Payouts available at yamahapowerpay.com)

Post the highest placing finish of those who are registered for the Program

(Select tournament trails pay the top two highest finishes)

Must finish in top 33% of final field

Minimum field size of 50 boats

Redeem

Submit the official Yamaha Power Pay

Award Form within 30-days of finish

Upon verification / approval, contingency payment will be sent via U.S. mail

Minimum of 8-10 weeks for review, processing, and distribution

EASY TO SIGN UP

Sign up online at yamahapowerpay.com

Submit a copy of your Yamaha Motor Warranty registration to Power Pay Program Office

- **TNT Fireworks**
- **Mossy Oak**
- **Academy Sports Outdoors**
- **Tec Baits and Tec Weights and Jbirds Jigs are sponsors**
- **Danbury Super 8 has come back as a Sponsor for 2020. They are offering a Fisherman's Rate of \$69.00 a night, you must ask for this and let them know that you have a boat. They have ample parking and power! Super 8 Hotel 3 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811 ASK FOR CAROLYNN OR ANNA & FISHERMAN RATE, \$69.00**

- **CBN Scholarship- Robert S Malloy: Marc Levesque will be the CBN Contact person for this.**
Jason Vokun will be conducting the interviews to choose the winner of our Robert S Malloy Annual UCONN Scholarship.
- **CBN Scholarship- Chairperson, Mike Billings: Next Scholarship App is out, mailing deadline is April 1st, 2020. Jim Young and Joe Kowalski volunteered to judge again, looking for one more please.**
- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**
Booked again for Nov 7th, 2020. Start getting prizes now. It is very hard to get Sponsors to give us product anymore!
- **Membership Committee: Dave Miller, Nothing new. Clubs accepting New Non-Boaters are Milford Black Bass, Sweetwater, and Naugatuck. Midconn & MBB will accept Boaters& Non-Boaters.**
- **Website: It is up and running, working on fine tuning things.**
- **Audit Committee: Joe Pisciotta, Rob Jeffrey, and Greg Tesch will meet soon in Waterbury. No Update**
- **Finance: No Report**

CBN Youth Report: John Piscioniere-: Absent, Vinny Mucci read the report.

Our annual Youth Meeting has been confirmed for Saturday, March 14th at 10:30 AM at Sheraton in Meriden.

Room/Food/Drink/raffle is expected to cost approximately \$600

I Would like to ask CBN for:

Any donations of rods/reels/plastics/fishing gear etc. to hand out

I will be reaching out to some of our sponsors to see if we can get donations for meeting

Ideas on if we should have any special presentations at this meeting- like what we were going to do at the Thayer's meeting.

If someone would like to present the Adult Trail and how it works- that would be great- I can also do it- and maybe we can get some parents or at age youth to participate.

We have 25 HS teams and 10 Juniors signed up (or have committed to sending in their form) already. I have not registered anyone into the BASS system yet...

Our first tournament is scheduled for Saturday May 9th- Lake Zoar- I will be attending my daughter's graduation in Charleston that weekend...

Vinny and HOC has offered to run the tournament that day- THANK YOU- any additional help would be greatly appreciated from CBN community.

John Piscioniere

- **State Team Report, Sylvia Morris**

All are signed up on the online registration for the Regional.

Jerseys are on the way! Should be here any day.

Working on Jackets yet.

Setting up Team Members for their time slots at the show and signing them up for one HS Tournament each.

Next meeting, April 4th, my house all Cash Sponsorships of 250 are due then and all paperwork.

Sylvia Morris, State Team Administrator

- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN, SECOND, ALL IN FAVOR**

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: None**

- **BASS Nation Rosters have cleared, time to collect club dues for 2020 and update the online Rosters and submit a new Roster to the CBN along with the dues for 2020. Due by Nov 1st, 2019. State Team Members need to Register for the Regionals online now, their Clubs need to update the online Rosters before they can do that. They have a deadline of Jan 11th, 2020!!!!**
 - **E Board meeting was held**
 - **As Vinny talked about at the Dec meeting, the Trail was discussed at the E Board meeting which was held in Jan. and a few ideas were tossed around for possible changes, however some would require extensive By Law changes so it was decided by the E Board to just make a simple change for 2020. Keeping in mind the State Team will no longer be traveling far South again and therefore does not require the amount of monies for expenses as the previous years. Vinny asked the body if they would be in favor of the CBN Classic entry fees being the same as Tournaments 1, 2, & 3. Going forward the Classic would also have a payout which includes Lunker instead of an optional Lunker paid at the Ramp as we have done in the past. It would still be top 25 (going down to 27 Boaters and Top 27 Non Boaters as the top two from the trail make the State Team already) We would still be taking Top two Boaters and Top Two Non -Boaters for the State Team from the Classic. Motion was made by Jim Young, discussion was held and it was seconded by Bob Jeffrey. Vote was unanimous.**
 - **Two Day Retainer Checks will now be ONE retainer check for \$150.00 per club to guarantee the Anglers from the club show up for both days of the Two Day. If all requirements are met the check does not get cashed.**
 - **Tournament Rules for 2020 are being updated with this information and will be sent out to all Presidents and replaced on the CBN Website.**
 - **Social Media will be utilized more this year.**
 - **Looking into the CBN Officers getting their own e-mails connected to the CBN website this year.**
 - **We need a Social Media Director!!!**
 - **Still no Tournament Director?????? We need one!!!!**
- ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?**

NEW BUSINESS

- **B.A.S.S. has started a Kayak Series. The B.A.S.S. Nations are encouraged to get one going in their States. CT has a person who is interested in Heading it up for us, Tom Mee. We will be getting this started and will need to create a new Position in the CT B.A.S.S. Nation of Kayak Series Director. Will keep you posted as to when this is up and running!**
- **Dean asked for a donation to be made to Friends of Connecticut Sportsmen, Inc. for \$500.00. The primary goal of FOCS is to promote a legislative voice in support of Connecticut's Sportsmen.**

They are seeking support from all of Connecticut's Sportsmen's organizations. Through your donations, we will fund our initiatives in representing the interests of all of Connecticut's Sportsmen, as defined in our mission statement. Since the retirement of Bob Crook and his [Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen](#) company, Connecticut's Sportsmen have had no real voice at the Connecticut Legislature.

Our initial effort will be to contract with a professional lobbyist, our advocacy effort. We will then endeavor to develop an informational strategy to inform our 'Club Sponsors' and individual sportsmen that show interest and desire to be part of a grass roots effort to support legislation beneficial to sportsmen and to oppose legislation that is restrictive to our interests, our education and communication effort.

- **Motion was made for \$500.00, discussion, seconded and passed unanimously. Marc will send the check**
- **Joe Kowalski gave the Dates for the Vets Tournament in 2020:
May 19th Candlewood, Danbury Town Park
Sept 22nd Congomong**
 - **2020 CBN Meeting Dates**
- **4th Wed of each month, 7:00 pm, except when a Holiday or Event then it will be the 3rd, Wed of the month.**

March 25th

April 22nd

May 27th

June 17th, Third week, E Board & The State Team will be away for the fourth week

July 22nd

Aug 26th

Sept 23rd

Oct 28th

Nov 18th Third Week

Dec 16th Third Week

ANY MORE NEW BUSINESS???

RAFFLE WINNER: None

**HOTELS TO UTILIZE: Super 8 Hotel 3 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT
06811 ASK FOR CAROLYNN OR ANNA & FISHERMAN RATE, \$69.00**

Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:25pm

NEXT MEETING IS WED, March 25th, 2020