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## **Cover Photo**

Kyle Warner landed a 6 pound, 14 oz. largemouth bass for big bass at the 1st Bass Sportsman tournament in early April. He and his dad, James, ended up in third place. When the water is 50 degrees and lower, bass move as little as possible to conserve energy. Lures reeled in slowly, like a jig & trailer, work better. Chase baits (spinnerbaits & crankbaits) will not catch many fish.

# Getting To Know WV Snakes

Getting to know wildlife in West Virginia is another reason to appreciate the beauty the landscape provides. Among some of these animals are snakes and other reptiles. These members of the reptile class play a vital role in the balance of nature. Their colorful and complex life histories are fascinating and give little justification for the apprehension felt by so many.

The fear of being bitten causes many persons to senselessly kill any snake they see. Yet, of the 20 species of snakes found in the Mountain State, only two are venomous, the Northern Copperhead

and Timber Rattlesnake. Although most venomous snake bites in West Virginia are from copperheads, no fatalities from copperheads have been recorded in over 30 years. From 1969 to 1992 only four people in the Mountain State have died from rattlesnake bites while in the wild. Bee stings, cows and horses caused 15 times as many deaths as snakes. Up to one-half of venomous snake bites result in no venom being injected. If, however, you are bitten by a venomous snake, see a doctor or go to a hospital immediately.

Their main prey consists of rodents and small mammals, which they subdue using hemotoxic venom. They are members of the Pit Viper family, for they possess

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Ed Humphries reeled in and released an early largemouth bass.



Craig Childers reeled in a nice golden trout.

heat-sensitive pits that allow them to locate warm-blooded animals. Even though these snakes aren't particularly aggressive, many are continue to the next page



Bryan Alderman landed a huge hybrid bass on the New River.

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Despite their reputation, all of the other 18 species are completely harmless. There is a broad diversity of body forms, diet, habitat preference, color and behavior within the colubrids. Some live in streams, while others live in trees. Many are small and secretive, spending much of their time eating invertebrates while hiding under rocks or logs. Others can grow quite large, employing constriction as a means of subduing prey. All are carnivores, feeding

on a wide variety of prey, including: insects, spiders, crustaceans, earthworms, amphibians, fish, rodents, birds, lizards, and smaller snakes.

Some of West Virginia's snakes are very common, such as the Eastern Gartersnake and Black Ratsnake, and can be found all over (even in backyards). Others, such as the Cornsnake and Northern Pinesnake, have only been documented a few times over the years. Always be on the lookout in case one shows up in your area. Snakes have a way of bringing about a certain intense fear in

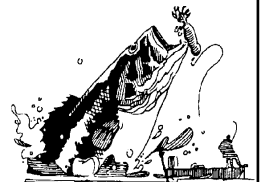
many individuals. This irrational hatred has been passed down throughout history.



Jimmie Brogan, from Clay, had gobbler success in the woods.



Brian Jenkins hooked a quality rainbow trout.



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# Nuisance Bear

## Activity Prevention

SOUTH CHARLESTON, WV — To prevent nuisance bear activity around the state, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is asking residents to secure or remove food, pet food, scraps, trash and other bear attractants around their homes.

“Deliberately feeding a black bear is illegal in West Virginia, but people tend to forget that unintentionally feeding a bear can also cause serious problems for humans, their property and our state animal,” said Colin Carpenter, black bear project leader for the WVDNR. “Once a bear gets a taste for human food, they become more of a nuisance and often have to be humanely killed for safety reasons.”

The peak of nuisance bear activity in West Virginia occurs in May and June when natural food sources are scarce. High-energy foods, such as serviceberries, blackberries, raspberries and blueberries, do not become available until later in the summer, which is why hungry black bears can be found in residential areas in the spring.

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Marvin Jeffrey hooked a 5 pound largemouth at Burnsville Lake.



Tony McCumbers caught an 8 pound, 12 oz. largemouth bass at Elk Fork Lake in Jackson County. Notice how much the tail fin is worn down. Did a lot of nest fanning over the years. O'Brien Lake is also in Jackson County. Both lakes are catch & release.

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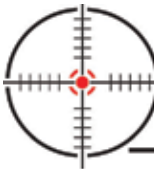
for their property by removing or securing food attractants before a bear finds them.”

### Tips For Preventing Nuisance Bear Activity

Keep garbage secure in a garage or storage building and only place cans out for collection on the morning of pick-up, not the night before.

- Seal food scraps that produce an odor in a plastic bag before placing them in the trash.
- Don’t place food scraps in a compost pile during the summer.
- Don’t let outside pet food stay out overnight. Take down bird feeders and clean and store them until late fall.
- Store livestock feed in bear-proof containers or inside a secure building.
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creased predation, result in habitat destruction around the feeding site, cause ethical concerns and harm the animal’s overall health. Carpenter says following practical and common-sense recommendation for reducing human-bear conflicts is the best way to make sure that state’s animals remain wild.

To learn more about black bears and how you can prevent nuisance activity, visit [bearwise.org](http://bearwise.org).

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The decreased black bear harvest can be attributed to abundant mast production, which was 61 percent above 2020 numbers and 8 percent above the long term average. The 2021 Mast Survey and Hunting Outlook predicted a lower archery/crossbow harvest compared to 2020 and a decreased firearms harvest over the levels observed in 2020. Both predictions came true.

“Historically, abundant mast yields result in a decreased bow and crossbow harvest and an increased December firearms harvest,” said Colin Carpenter, Black Bear Project Leader for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. “Abundant food in the fall makes bears harder to pattern for bow/crossbow hunters but keeps bears from denning early for the December season.”

Overall, the 2021 harvest decreased during the September-October archery/crossbow and buck gun seasons, but increased during the December gun season.

Hunters killed 639 bears during the first segment of the 2021 archery/crossbow season (Sept. 25-Nov. 21). There were 342 bears taken with vertical bows and 297 taken with crossbows. The top five counties were Fayette (55), McDowell (52), Nicholas (42), Logan (40) and Wyoming (38).

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Nicholas (167), Randolph (161), Boone (157) and Pendleton (137).



Nick Napalo reeled in a 7 1/2 pound rainbow trout.

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# Archery In The Schools Returns

SOUTH CHARLESTON, WV — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced on Tuesday the results of its first in-person Archery in the Schools state tournament in two years along with the event's top shooters and school-based teams.

More than 600 students participated in the tournament and nearly 2,000 attendees were present at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center on Saturday, March 26.

“The Archery in the Schools program is so important to a lot of kids and being able to meet in person again after two long years really made this year’s tournament special,” Chris Scraggs, who coordinates the Archery in the Schools program for the WVDNR. “We want to thank everyone who participated in the program this year and extend a big congratulations to all our teams and students that placed in the state tournament.”

More than 1,300 students from 76 schools in West Virginia participated in the state’s qualifier rounds.

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Results from the West Virginia Archery in the Schools state tournament continue to the next page



Scotty Lee landed a 7 3/4 lb. trout at Smoke Hole.




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# Bassmaster Founder Ray Scott Dies At 88

Ray Scott died on Sunday May 8 at around 11:30 p.m. He died peacefully in his sleep of natural causes. Scott was 88 years old.

Scott founded the first national professional bass fishing circuit, the Bassmaster Tournament

Trail, in 1967 and the following year founded the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society — B.A.S.S. — which would grow to become the world’s largest fishing organization.

“Our entire organization was

By Dave Precht

saddened to hear about the passing of our founder, Ray Scott,” said Chase Anderson, B.A.S.S. CEO. “Ray’s passion and vision for bass fishing birthed our entire industry more than 50 years ago when he founded B.A.S.S. and started the first professional fishing tournament series. His legacy is felt to this day and continues to influence B.A.S.S., the world’s largest fishing membership organization. Ray’s contributions and

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impact on conservation and his advocacy and passion for anglers and our sport set the standard for tournament fishing and are something we will always strive to uphold. Our hearts and prayers are with the Scott family.”

The bass tournament competition Scott created rewarded anglers who caught the heaviest limits of bass in the three- or four-day events, which served as the proving grounds for rapid advancements in bass boats, outboard engines, fishing tackle, lures and electronics. Everyday anglers began purchasing whatever the bass pros were using, spawning a

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Before Scott began pursuing his dream of organizing America's bass anglers, the sport was a laid-back, mainly southern pastime

that was largely overlooked by the trout-focused national outdoor media. To serve B.A.S.S. members and to publicize the tournament trail, Scott launched Bassmaster Magazine, which the New York Times described as “the Bible of Bass Fishing,” and

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which ultimately would be delivered to 650,000 B.A.S.S. members monthly.

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In 1972, he debuted the “Don’t Kill Your Catch” campaign and mandated that all tournament competitors’ boats feature an aerated livewell to keep their bass alive.

“I didn’t invent catch and release,” Scott acknowledge, “but we did make it popular in bass fishing, and that changed the sport in so many ways. We preached that a bass is too valuable to be caught only once. We helped fishermen learn how great it felt to catch a 5- or 6-pound bass and then lean over and let it go and watch it swim away, hopefully to be caught again.”

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ethic caught on so well that more than 90% of all bass anglers today release all or most of the bass they catch.

Scott and his rapidly growing B.A.S.S. organization also crusaded against industrial pollution

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of America's waterways. In 1970 and '71, Scott filed some 200 anti-pollution lawsuits, drawing national attention to declining water quality and contributing significantly to passage of the Clean Water Act of 1972.

He was an early advocate of bass fisheries research, and he campaigned zealously for passage of the federal Wallop-Breaux Sportfish Restoration Amendment of 1984. When the bill stalled in Congress, Scott's friendship with then-Vice President George H.W. Bush helped ensure enactment of the amendment. As a result, approximately \$375 million in sportfish restoration allocations

are provided annually to state fisheries agencies for management, aquatic education and public access projects.

Few individuals have had a more positive impact on boating safety than Scott. Early on, he began requiring tournament competitors to wear personal flotation devices whenever boating, and he convinced manufacturers to make emergency shut-off devices — "kill switches" — standard features on motorboats. In 1994, he was instrumental in passing the comprehensive Boating Safety Reform Act in Alabama, which became the first state to require that boat drivers pass a written exam and obtain a boat operator's license.

In recognition of his efforts, President Jimmy Carter appointed Scott to the U.S. Coast Guard's National Boating Safety Advisory

Council, and in 2002, he was inducted into the National Boating Safety Hall of Fame.

Scott's was a true rags-to-riches story. He was born in Montgomery, Ala., on Aug. 24, 1933, and grew up there during the depths of the Great Depression. His father operated an ice cream cart and his mother worked as a hairdresser to support the family, which grew to include Ray, his brother and three

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Dustin Dennis took 3rd place with 15 lbs., 2 oz. that he caught by himself at Stonewall Jackson.



Johnny Richards, from Rock Cave, hooked a Lake Erie bass.

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uncles — all living in a one-bedroom home. Scott contributed to the family treasury by delivering groceries on his bicycle, mowing lawns and selling peanuts at baseball games.

After a decade in the life insurance business, Scott had a vision that he might be the one to elevate the national profile of bass fishing to be, as he said, “on par with golf” and worthy of television exposure. That year, 1967, he quit his job and began organizing the first major national bass fishing tournament, the All American at Beaver Lake, Ark. The event was successful enough for Scott to begin holding tournaments at other reservoirs in the South and to launch B.A.S.S. and Bassmaster early in 1968.

His brainchild, the annual Bass-

master Classic world championship, grew from two dozen competitors and about that many spectators at Lake Mead, Nev., in 1971, to become the biggest event in sportfishing over the next half-century. Today, the Classic and related events such as the Classic Outdoor Expo record



Gary Ross brought in a couple of lunkers at Stonewall Jackson.

more than 100,000 fishing fans each year.

He sold B.A.S.S. to an investment group including his executive vice president, Helen Sevier, and other employees in 1986, but he continued to serve as emcee of the Classic for several more years. He later became a consultant and a popular spokesman for numerous companies in the fishing industry, and he launched a successful hunting industry enterprise to market deer feed and related products through his White-tail Institute.

After a half-century of helping to grow and shape the sportfishing industry worldwide, Scott retired to his farm near Pintlala, Ala., where he remained mostly out of the public eye in the years prior to his death.



Dusty Murphy caught a large rainbow trout at 3 Forks. *Photo courtesy of Hardcore Hunters in Grafton.*

## CWD Survey

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. — Deer hunters in Hampshire County will be surveyed in May about their experience with and opinions on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced today.

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Responsive Management, a survey research organization that specializes in gathering feedback from hunters about conservation issues. The agency conducted a similar survey in 2011, six years after the initial discovery of CWD

“When we conducted a similar survey in 2011, CWD cases were far less common in Hampshire County than they are right now,” WVDNR Wildlife Resources Chief Paul Johansen said.

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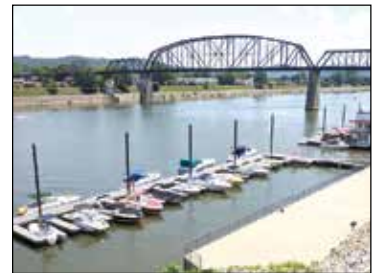


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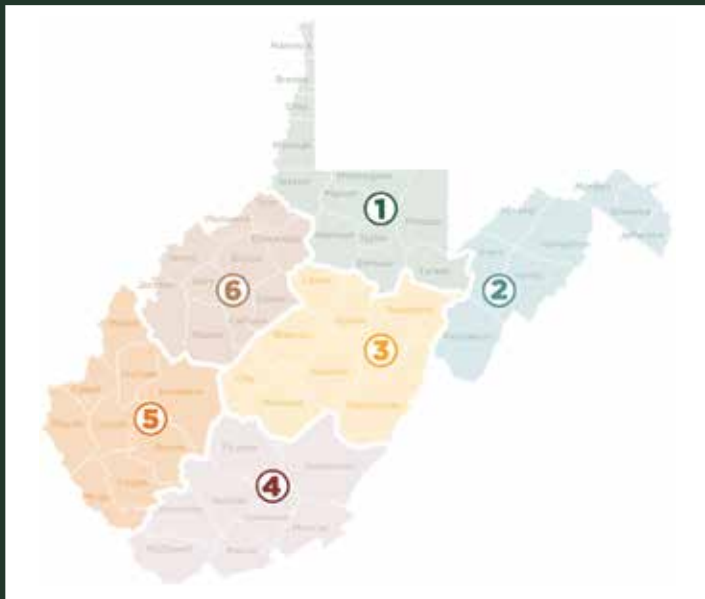
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“There’s a need for us to determine how concerns over CWD have affected hunter participation in the area.”

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Understanding hunters’ concerns about CWD may help the WVD-NR more effectively communicate with hunters and identify public needs, such as providing more information about CWD and increasing voluntary testing of deer harvested in CWD-positive counties in the future.



Dustin Davis reeled in a quality rainbow trout.

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Channel Catfish- *Ictalurus Punctatus* is the most fished for species in America with around 8 million anglers fishing for them every year. The channel catfish also referred to as “channel cats” is widely enjoyed as excellent table fare. The love of eating catfish has spurred the commercial raising of channel catfish for consumption in restaurants. The channel catfish thrive in small and large reservoirs, rivers, ponds, and natural lakes. Channel catfish nest in cavities, laying their eggs in hollows, crevices, or debris. This protects the channel cats’ eggs from swift currents.

## Spring Channel Catfish

April is a month of activities. The Robins begin to show and the songbirds begin to sing signaling the coming of spring and the end of winter. For the hunter, it means strutting gobblers. For the angler, it means warming waters and the beginning of a great season of great fun and fresh fillets. Here are a few tips on how to catch early spring channel catfish.

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This time of year can be deceiving as the air temperature rises the catfish angler can't wait to get on the water. The problem is that the water takes a while to warm even with bright sunny days and warmer weather. The important thing with early spring catfishing is the  
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Ryan Friend caught a 12 lb. channel catfish at Burnsville Lake.

temp. Finding the warmer water on any lake will be the focus and just a few degrees can make all the difference.

### Locating Early Spring Channel Catfish

Look for temp changes in shallow coves. The larger the area of shallow water the quicker it will warm providing great catfish action. Water 1 to 4 feet is a great place to look as the springtime sun is drawn to the dark bottom of the lake causing the water to warm

quicker in these areas. I know it is tempting to fish deep when the water temps are so low but catfish do feed in these shallow areas as the water begins to warm. The warmer water stimulates the cold-blooded cats causing them to prowl but an even stronger motivator is the food found in these shallow coves in the spring.

In the winter there is a natural die-off of fish that occurs and if your lake has shad, which most successful catfish lakes do, then the amount of food floating below the surface of the lake can be extraordinary. This die-off provides catfish with a much-needed food source to begin the spawn that is nearing the warming of water.

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Instinct will prevail and the catfish know that these windswept coves have trapped lots of dead fish from the winterkill and they do take advantage of this natural occurrence.

Wind to an angler can be a nuisance or a great ally. In the case

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Darrell Shahan has a 10 1/2 lb. rainbow. Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins.



Trenton Mullenex landed 3 big golden trout. Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins.

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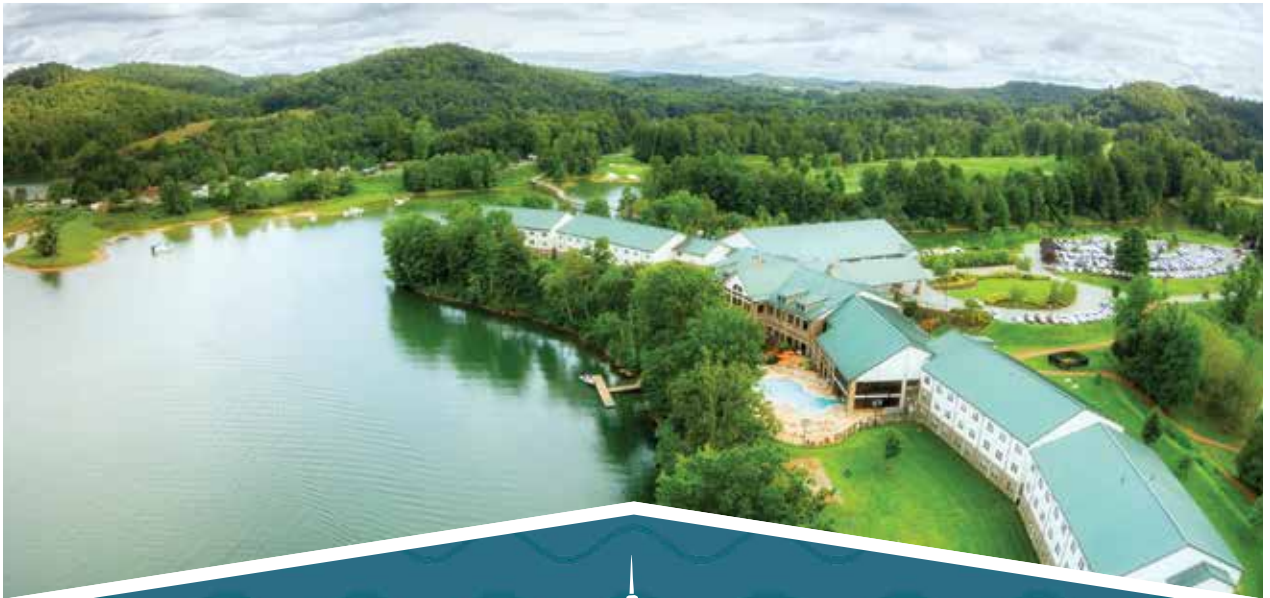
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of early spring catfishing wind is your ally. Not only does wind help mix the water and help to warm these shallow coves but it also tends to push these dead fish into these coves. The important thing is to find the combination of a large shallow cove and a wind that blows directly into this cove. If the wind is not blowing directly into the cove then try to at least locate a side wind and fish the bank being lapped with the wind-blown water.

### Best Bait For Channel Catfish

The choice of bait seems obvious. Cut shad is the way to go for this time of year and does work. However, I tend to mix it up a little. Most of the fish will focus on dead shad so you want a rig with cut shad. I usually rig a pole or two with something different just in case it stimulates a fish that might be attracted to something a little different. I have to say that sometimes the different bait far outperforms the shad but always have cut shad in the boat, as it will work best most of the time. Some other bait I use is fresh chicken

livers and where legal fresh bluegill fillets work great.

First scale the bluegill then fillet. The scales trap the smell of the meat and need to be removed. Some will argue that the smellier the bait the better. Fresh bait has always worked well for me and seems to attract the larger fish as well. I may be wrong, but I keep the stinky stuff out of my boat and stick to fresh or fresh frozen. I have caught fish on the rotten stuff but wasted a lot of time with missed strikes and smaller fish.

Since going to strictly fresh bait the number of bites dropped off, but the action on bigger fish increased. I waste little time on small fish. I spend my time fighting nice size channel catfish to the boat. Thirty minutes in one spot is

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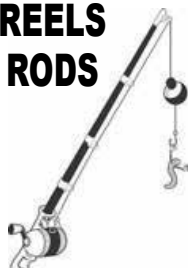
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This fellow caught an 8 lb. 6 oz. rainbow trout. *Photo courtesy of PC Outdoors in Crab Orchard.*

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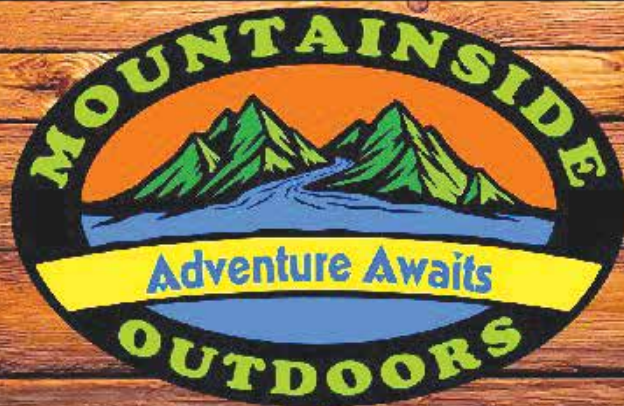
of early spring catfishing wind is your ally. Not only does wind help mix the water and help to warm these shallow coves but it also tends to push these dead fish into these coves. The important thing is to find the combination of a large shallow cove and a wind that blows directly into this cove. If the wind is not blowing directly into the cove then try to at least locate a side wind and fish the bank being lapped with the wind-blown water.

#### Best Bait For Channel Catfish

The choice of bait seems obvious. Cut shad is the way to go for this time of year and does work. Most of the fish will focus on dead shad so you want a rig with cut shad. I usually rig a pole or two with something different just in case it stimulates a fish. I have to say that sometimes the different bait far outperforms the shad but always have cut shad in the boat, as it will work best most of the time. Some other bait I use is fresh chicken livers and where legal fresh bluegill fillets work great.



Mark Melega caught a 20" golden trout at Mason Lake.



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## State Record Blue Catfish

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA.  
— West Virginia's navigable rivers continue to produce hefty catfish, including one that recently broke the state record for weight.

On April 8, Cody Carver of Dry Branch, WV, caught and released a blue catfish that broke the state record for weight while fishing from a boat in the Marmet Pool of the Kanawha River. He was using cut shad for bait.

Carver's record fish was 45.51 inches long and weighed 61.28 pounds. The fish eclipsed the previous WV weight record of 59.74 pounds held by Mark Blauvelt. However, the length record of 50.15 inches held by Justin Goode still stands. Carver's record catch was measured by WVDNR hatchery manager Ryan Bosserman.

Anglers who believe they may have caught a state record fish should check the current records in the fishing regulations. Procedures for reporting a record catch also are included in the regulations.

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SOUTH CHARLESTON, WV — The 2021 West Virginia Big Game Bulletin is now available, according to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR).

Each year, the Big Game Bulletin supplies the public with annual white-tailed deer, wild turkey, black bear and wild boar harvests. Harvests by season and county area are also displayed in the publication.

“The Big Game Bulletin equips hunters with a wealth of data and information that may help them plan their next hunt,” said Paul Johansen, chief of the WVDNR’s Wildlife Resources Section. “The

publication also has updates on current big game research and monitoring projects.”

Copies can be picked up at WVDNR district offices, the Elkins operations center or downloaded online at [WVdnr.gov](http://WVdnr.gov).



Aaron Conrad used his crossbow for a 9 point Pendelton Co. buck.



Jim Duckworth, from Wavery, used a bow in Ohio for his buck.



Kevin Lott, from Parkersburg, landed a big blue catfish.

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# Mt. Storm Ramp Repairs

ROMNEY, WV — Mount Storm Lake’s boat ramp and parking area will be closed from June 1 through Aug. 29 due to significant improvements to the Grant County lake, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced.

The work includes installation of a permanent concrete ramp, a courtesy dock, a paved handicap access parking area and walkway to the ramp, reconstruction of storm drains and recontouring and basing of the parking lot.

“We apologize for the inconvenience but are excited to see these long-awaited upgrades occur for Mount Storm Lake’s public facilities and fishery,” said Brandon

Keplinger, District 2 fisheries biologist. “Unfortunately, there are no other publicly available access locations to the lake currently. The contractor has 120 days to complete the construction. If construction is completed prior to the August 28 deadline, access will be reopened.”

For more information about the project, contact the District 2 office in Romney at 304-822-3551.



Mike Taylor brought in a great buck this season.



Jonathan Carter used a muzzle-loader for his wild turkey.

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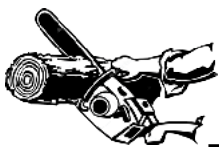
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# State Record Musky

By Cory Boothe

On Saturday March 18th, Luke King of Burnsville, West Virginia, cast himself into the record books. While casting a six inch hellhound lure, he caught and released a 55 1/16th inch long musky that weighed 51 pounds on certified scales. The musky is a true giant that tops the all time list of muskies caught in the mountain state.

King is no stranger to fishing for big muskies, having caught well over 1100 in his lifetime. It is without a doubt his passion. King fishes roughly ninety days a year in pursuit of muskies that stretch the tape well past the four foot mark.

For gear, he uses an 8'6" St. Croix mojo muskie extra heavy rod with a Daiwa lexo 300 and



Luke King has the weight and length record musky. Read article

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Muskies of this size are almost certainly over a decade old. The previous state record, held by Chase Gibson, was aged at thirteen years old. King's musky has certainly spent a long time as the dominant predator, largely dining on populations of suckers and minnows.

King's fishing success has much to do with the fact that we are living in the heyday of muskie fishing in the mountain state. In 1952, Lester Hays caught a state record musky that was 52.5 inches and roughly 43 pounds from the Elk River at the Mouth of the Birch River. That record stood for forty-five years until Anna Marsh caught a larger one from Stone-coal Lake in 1997. Since then the record has been broken four times, most recently by Chase Gibson last year at Burnsville Lake.

Will King's muskie be beaten by a larger fish? It's possible but unlikely any time soon due to how high he raised the bar. Simply put, few muskie can obtain that size. A muskie is called the fish of a thousand casts. Luke King's musky is the fish of a thousand years.



Young Tom Harper caught a 4 lb., 9 oz. Burnsville Lake bass.



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