

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA BASS TOURNAMENT PERMITS AND RESULTS

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WMA TOURNAMENT PERMITS

- Began in 1994.
- Permit is required to hold a tournament on ALL WMA waters and boat ramps.
- Any organized fishing event.
- More than 5 boats or 10 people.
- Currently no fee to obtain a permit.
- Applications accepted on January 1st.



BENEFITS OF PERMITTING AND REPORTING

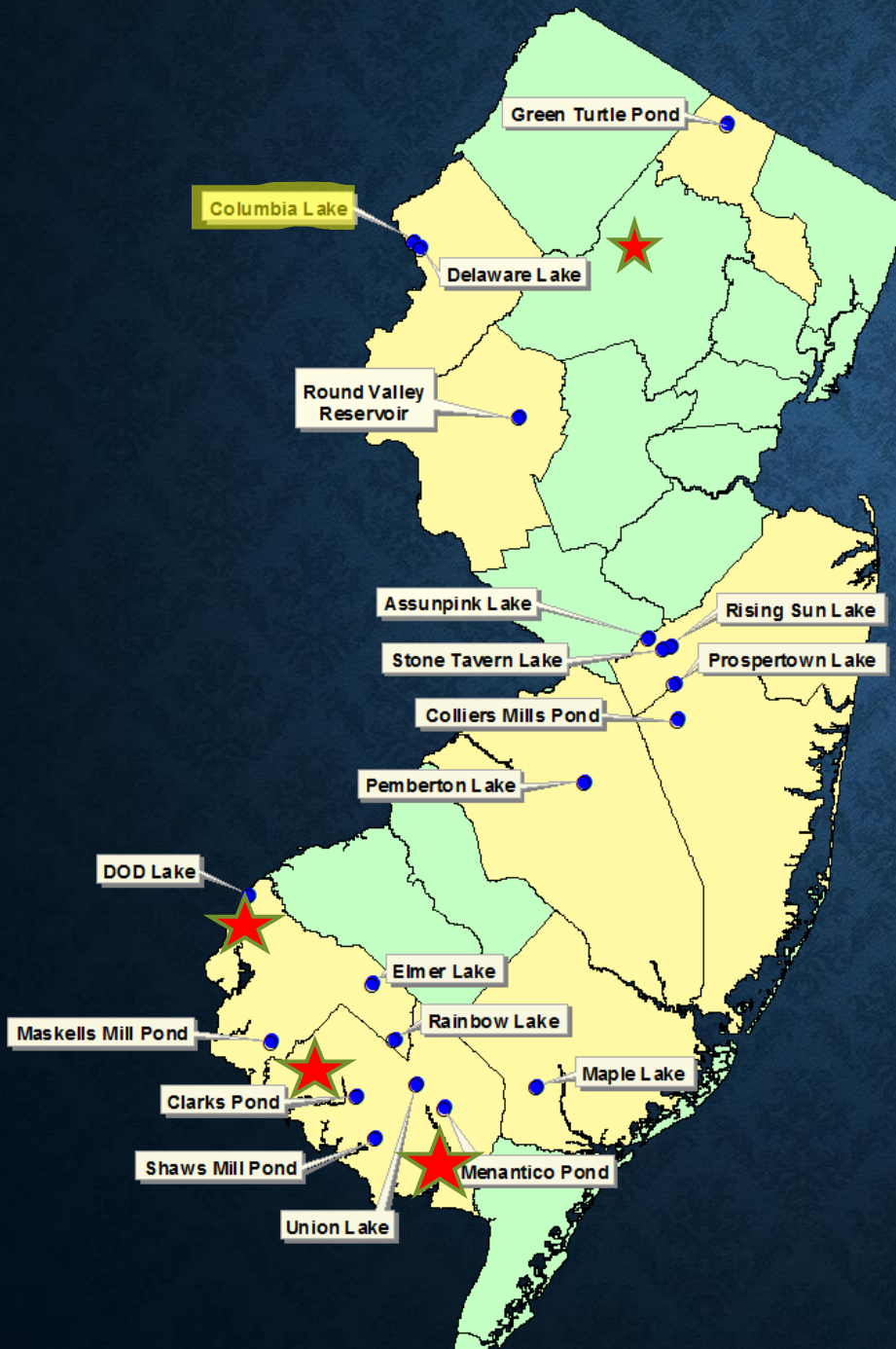
1. Reduces conflicts between anglers and fishing clubs.
2. Allows F&W to actively monitor bass populations without sampling.
3. Supplement sampling data.
4. Collect information on invasive species distribution.
5. Helps to guide future management activities.

WHERE DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

REQUIRED AT ALL WMA WATERBODIES

- Assunpink Lake
- Clarks Pond
- Colliers Mill Pond
- Delaware Lake
- DOD Lake
- Elmer Lake
- Green Turtle Pond
- Maple Lake
- Maskells Mill Pond
- Menantico Sand Ponds
- Pemberton Lake
- Penbryn Lake
- Prospertown Lake
- Rainbow Lake
- Rising Sun Lake
- Round Valley Reservoir*
- Salem Canal*
- Shaws Mill Pond
- Splitrock Reservoir
- Sheppards Mill Pond
- Stone Tavern Lake
- Union Lake

DISTRIBUTION OF WMA LAKES



Newer Additions

- Splitrock Reservoir – 2020
- Sheppards Millpond – 2018
- Lake Audrey - 2017
- Salem Canal - 2012



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WMA Fishing Tournament Application

NJ Administrative Code 7:25-2.24 requires that no person or person shall conduct a fishing tournament on or from any Fish and Wildlife Management Area without a permit from this Division. A "Fishing Tournament" is defined as any organized fishing event, from shoreline or boat, with or without remuneration of any form, that is engaged in by more than 10 anglers or 5 boats, whichever is less.

Applicant Information:				Official Use Only	
Organization			Date Received		Permit #
Name			Action		
Street Address			Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Deny <input type="checkbox"/>		
City/Town	State	Zip Code	Remarks:		
Telephone (Home)	Telephone (Cell)				
Email Address					
Tournament Information:					
Tournament Location		Proposed Date			
Number of Boats		Number of Anglers			
Start Time	End Time	Species			

A written report on the results of this tournament must be returned to the Division of Fish and Wildlife within 2 weeks after the date of the event. A report form will be supplied with the Permit.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____



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WMA Bass Tournament Report					
Please send completed form within 2 weeks after tournament					
Organization:			Contact Name:		
Street Address:		City/Town:		State:	Zip Code:
Phone Number (home)		Phone Number (cell)		Email Address:	
Tournament Location:			Date Held:	Start Time:	End Time:
Tournament Type (please circle):	Individual or Club	Team or Open	No. of Individuals	No. of Teams	Permit Number:
Tournament Results					
Size Limit (Circle): 12" or 15"		Limit per Person:		Limit per Team:	
Total Number of Largemouth:			Total Weight of Largemouth:		
Total Number of Smallmouth:			Total Weight of Smallmouth:		
Total Number of All Bass:			Total Weight of All Bass:		
Weight of Winning Individual or Team:			Number of Fish (Winning Team or Individual):		
Lunker Weight:	Number of Bass over 5 lbs:		Number of Dead Fish:		
Number of Anglers or Teams with at least One Fish:			Number of Limits Weighed:		

If this tournament was not held, please complete top of form, check here _____ and return form. Thank You.

APPLICATION & REPORT FORMS



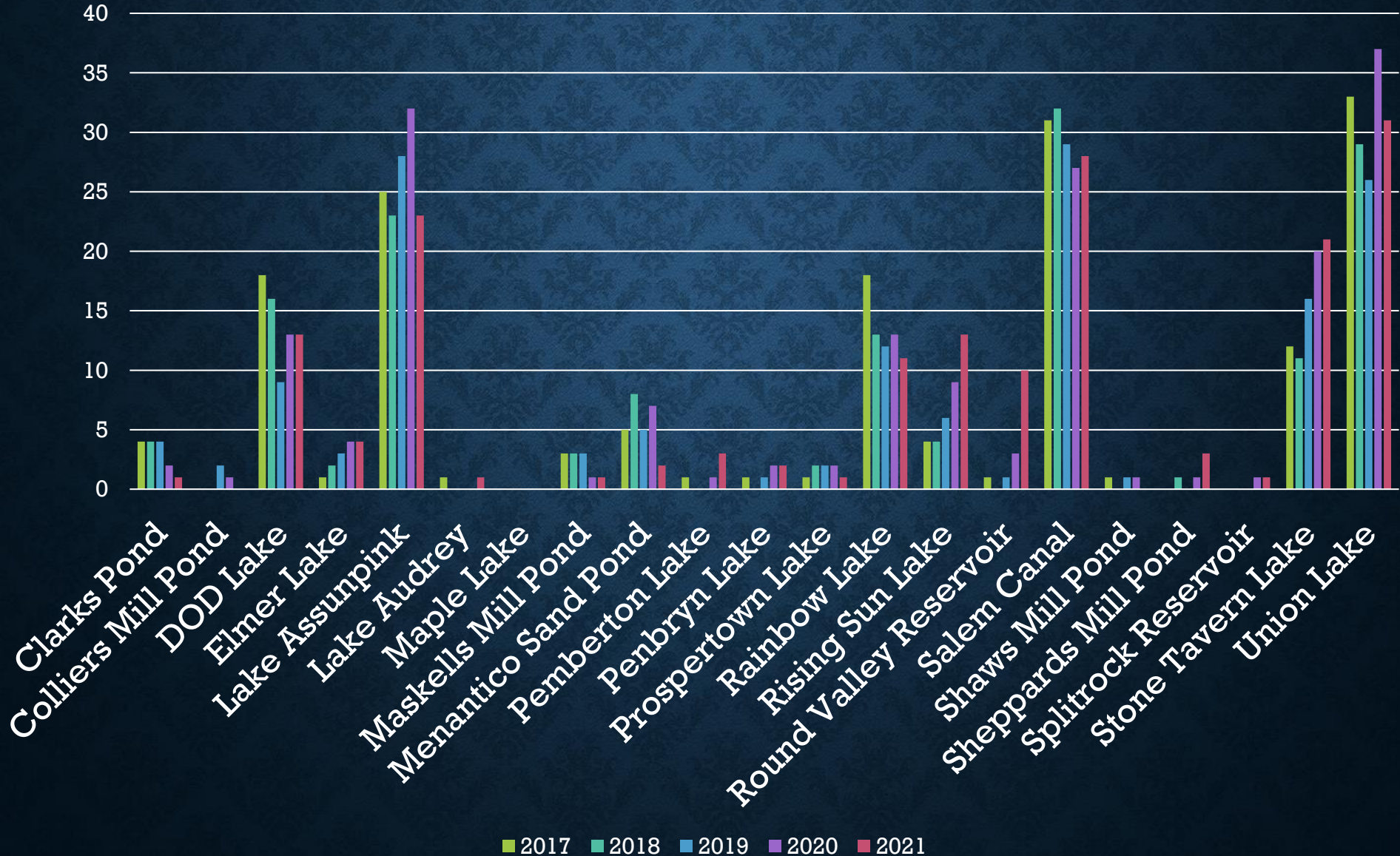
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- Annual summary of reports received from 1999-2021.
- 22 years of data!!!!
- Over 3500 Tournaments held.
- Comprehensive Report - highlighting past 25 years.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Tournament Applications	160	148	148	177	169	802
Tournament Reports*	95	48	112	60	74	389 (49%)
Cancelled Events				62		

NUMBER OF WMA TOURNAMENTS 2017 – 2021

NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS APPLICATIONS 2017-2021



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
# of Anglers	1,552	695	2,108	1,047	1,317	6,719
Angling Hours	9,492.5	4,809	16,181	6,249	8,836.5	45,567

ANGLER PARTICIPATION 2017 - 2021

	2017	2018	2019		2020		2021		Total
Largemouth Bass	1974	780	1964	398	1031	133	1445	148	7873
Smallmouth Bass	42	25	34	4	15	22	22	42	206
Total Bass	2016	805	2366		1201		1657		8045

**TOTAL BASS CAUGHT
2017 - 2019**

	2017	2018	2019		2020		2021	
Average Weight and Length (lbs)/Inches	1.71	1.74	1.73	<u>14.4</u>	1.69	<u>14.9</u>	1.76	<u>14.4</u>
Catch Rate (bass/hour)	.21	.29	.14	.22	.19	.20	.18	.25
Average Lunker (lbs)	3.84	3.57	3.61	17.97"	3.60	19.25"	3.71	20.45"
Lunker (lbs)	7.38	6.26	6.48	21.75"	6.55	20.5"	6.14	21.50"
# Bass > 5 lbs.	23	11	17	1	8	1	13	3

**AVERAGE BASS
SIZE
(2017 – 2021)**

Highlights

Maskells Mill Pond – 7.38 lbs.

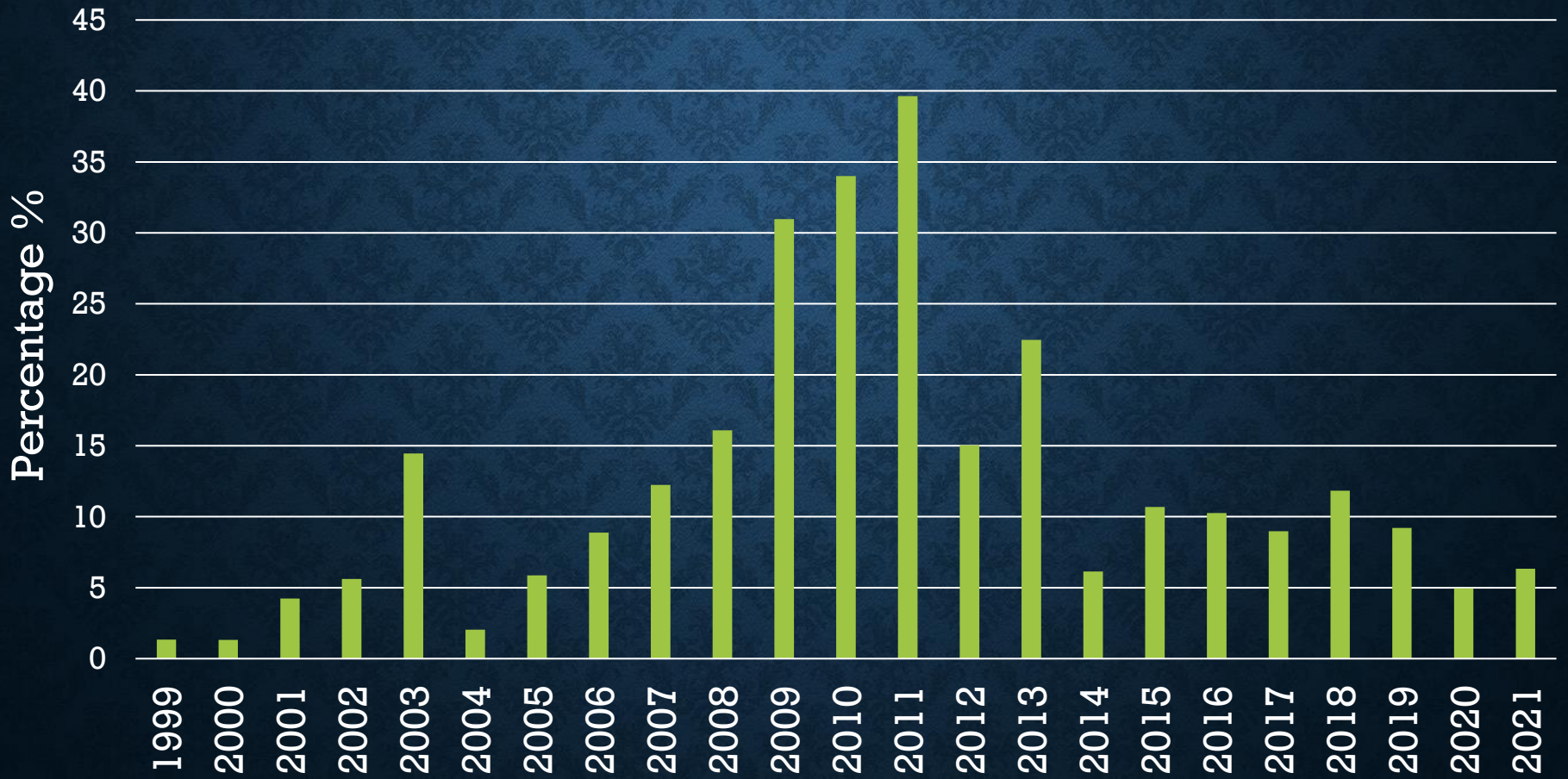
2017: Bass > 5 lbs. (9 of 23 bass from Lake Assunpink)

76 Bass greater than 5 lbs.

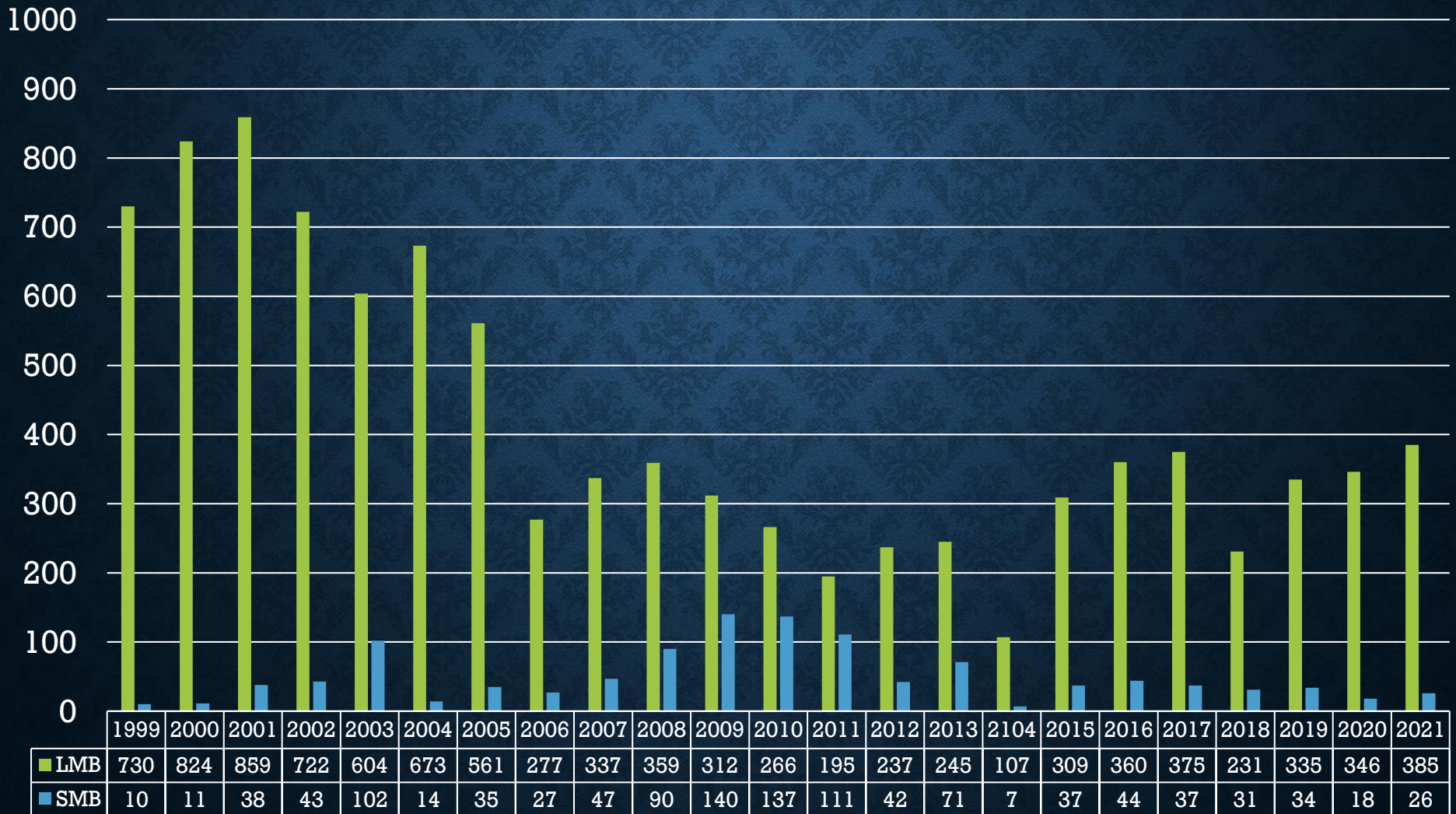
**WMA
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS
LONG TERM
TRENDS
(1999 – 2021)**



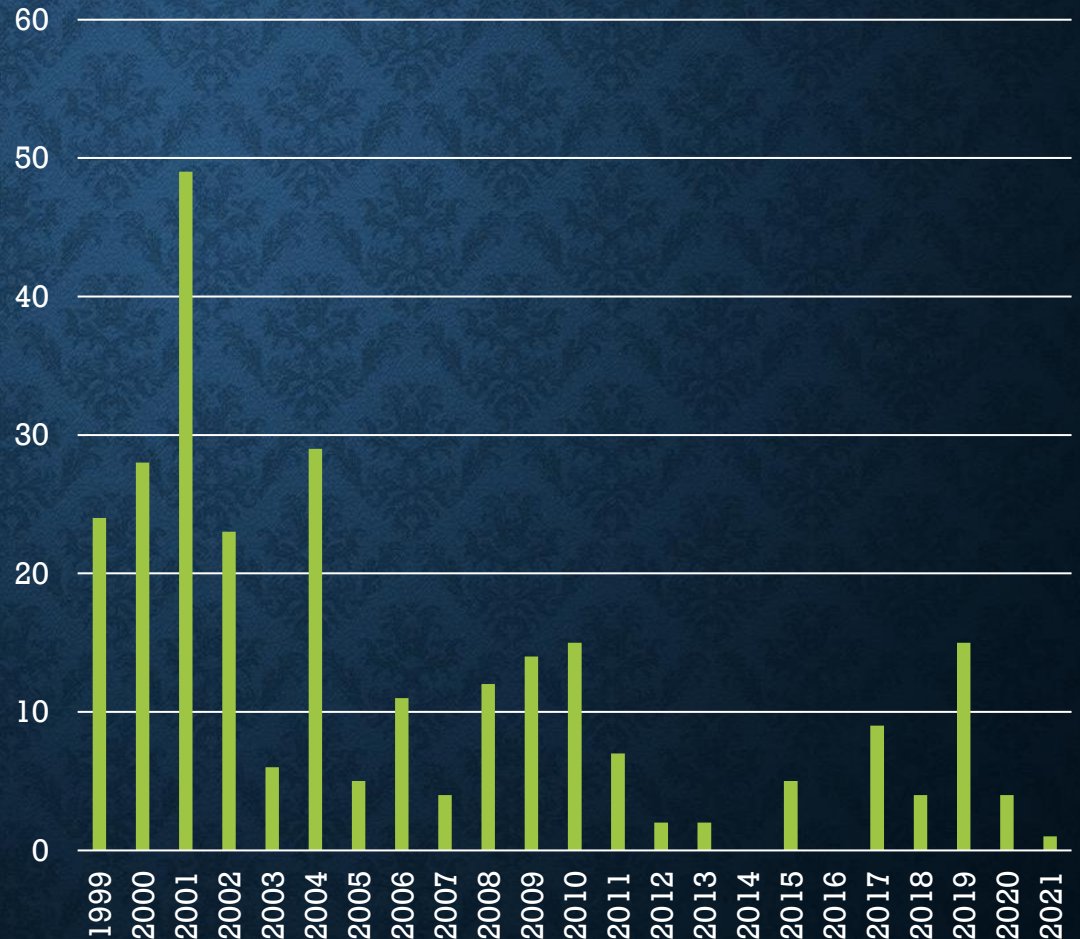
SMALLMOUTH BASS UNION LAKE (1999-2021)



LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS UNION LAKE (1999-2021)



LAKE ASSUNPINK LARGEMOUTH BASS GREATER THAN 5 LBS.





LOOKING AHEAD

- Continue to collect tournament data.
- Revise Tournament Report Forms.
- Improve instructions for filling out the form.
- Collect additional fisheries information.
- Summary Report



THANK YOU
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

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