“Clean water and better bass fishing" : bass anglers and bass culture, 1968-1980

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Abstract
This report argues that bass anglers constituted an important facet of the American environmental movement during the 1970s, especially though the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.), founded by Alabama native Ray Scott in 1968. During this time period, bass anglers formulated a distinct strain of environmentalism rooted in the technologically-mediated landscape where bass anglers caught bass. This form of environmentalism carved out a social space wherein bass anglers could maintain preexisting social orders and hierarchies while addressing issues of the broader environmental movement, including industrial water pollution, poaching, and air quality. As such, bass anglers demonstrate the continual involvement of sportsmen within the environmental movement and the political diversity of the environmental movement.
Bass are savages. Across the country bass have a very broad diet ranging from baitfish like shad and bluegill to much odder prey such as baby ducks. It’s important to “Match the Hatch” so that your lure imitates the type of forage that the bass in your local waters are feeding on. If bass are feeding on shad, throw a silver colored crankbait or swimbait. To prevent your bass fishing success from living and dying by one technique, you have to become a versatile angler. The best way to be a well-rounded angler is to fish at new places and to continually learn and practice new techniques. Go outside of your bass fishing comfort zone and you will become a more versatile and better angler for it. 4. Understand How Weather Impacts Bass. Bass fishing is the activity of angling for the North American gamefish known colloquially as the black bass. There are numerous black bass species considered as gamefish in North America, including largemouth bass (Micropterus salmoides), smallmouth bass (Micropterus dolomieui), spotted bass or Kentucky bass (Micropterus punctulatus), and Guadalupe bass (order Perciformes). Black bass are members of the sunfish (Centrarchidae) family. Over the last century, bass fishing has seen a huge explosion in popularity. Here’s the OutdoorHub list of the biggest bass ever caught including George W. Perry’s undefeated largemouth bass from 1932. Bass fishing’s success saw an upheaval in angling culture, with it still firmly rooted in its blue collar heritage and a healthy “catch-and-release” philosophy. Yet throughout it all, many bass anglers are aware that they are chasing the “Big One.” Whether you are fishing for food or for the simple joy of netting a good-sized fish, these record entries will leave you in awe. Found in 2006, many believe this is the only image of George Perry’s record largemouth bass. 1. George W. Perry’s undefeated largemouth bass.