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BASS PRO SHOPS FLW HIGH SCHOOL FISHING ILLINOIS OPEN SET FOR LAKE SPRINGFIELD

Advisory for Tuesday, September 26, 2017

WHAT: Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) High School Fishing will continue the 2017 season with the upcoming Bass Pro Shops FLW High School Fishing Illinois Open bassfishing tournament on Lake Springfield. The no-entry fee event, hosted by Visit Springfield, is open to any High School Fishing team from across the country, and the top 10percent of finishers will automatically advance to the 2018 High School Fishing National Championship.

WHEN: Saturday, October 7, 2017

WHERE: Bass Pro Shops FLW High School Fishing Illinois Open Lake Springfield Lindsay Bridge Boat Ramp 240 Long Bay Drive Springfield, Ill. Hosted by: Visit Springfield

NOTES: The Bass Pro Shops FLW High School Fishing Illinois Open is a two-person (team) event for students in grades 7-12. Registration for anglers and their coach, who will provide the boat they compete in, is online at <u>FLWFishing.com</u>. Takeoff will be at 7 a.m. EST and weigh-in will be held at Lindsay Bridge Boat Ramp, scheduled for 3 p.m. High School Fishing takeoffs and weigh-ins are free and open to the public. For more information about this event contact the FLW High School Fishing National Youth Director Scott Ellison at (270)-205-6864.

A preliminary list of schools participating will not be available as teams can still register up until the morning of the event. Complete event details can be found here.

The top 10 percent of each Open and state championship field will advance to the High School Fishing National Championship. The High School Fishing national champions will each receive a \$5,000 college scholarship to the school of their choice.

Full schedules and the latest announcements are available at FLWFishing.com and HighSchoolFishing.org.

About FLW

FLW is the world's largest tournament-fishing organization, providing anglers of all skill levels the opportunity to compete for millions in prize money in 2017 across five tournament circuits. Headquartered in Benton, Kentucky, with offices in Minneapolis, FLW conducts more than 258 bass-fishing tournaments annually across the United States and sanctions tournaments in Canada, China, Mexico, South Africa and South Korea. FLW tournament fishing can be seen on the Emmy-nominated "FLW" television show, broadcast to more than 564 million households worldwide, while FLW Bass Fishing magazine delivers cutting-edge tips from top pros. For more information visit <u>FLWFishing.com</u> and follow FLW at <u>Facebook, Twitter</u>, Instagram, YouTube and <u>Snapchat</u>.

About The Bass Federation

The Bass Federation Inc., (TBF) is a member of the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame. TBF is owned by those we serve and dedicated to the sport of fishing. The Federation is the largest and oldest, organized grassroots fishing, youth and conservation organization there is. TBF, our affiliated state federations and their member clubs conduct more than 20,000 events each year and have provided a foundation for the entire bass fishing industry for more than 45 years. TBF founded the Student Angler Federation and the National High School Fishing program in 2008 to promote clean family fun and education through fishing. Visit <u>bassfederation.com</u> or <u>highschoolfishing.org</u> and "LIKE US" on Facebook

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