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Classic Qualifier Blake Sylvester Joins KastKing Pro Team

Sylvester to fish 2021 Bassmaster Classic and B.A.S.S. Opens with KastKing Products.

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New Year, New Website. New

KastKing Launches New Website

2021 welcomes a new feature laden kastking.com site for KastKing fans.

With the start of 2021 KastKing (www.kastking.com) has created a new website under the same kastking.com url. In a letter sent to their customers on New Year's Eve KastKing said in part, "2020 has come to an end and we can all agree that we're ready for a fresh start in 2021! We're wishing you a Happy New Year, first!..."

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B.A.S.S. Announces 2021 Bassmaster Elite Series Schedule

Bassmaster Elite Series will open its 2021 tournament slate Feb. 11-14 on the St. Johns River in Florida...

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Iowa Research Leads the Way for Better Walleye Fishing

Anglers enjoy walleye in two places: on the end of a line beneath glassy water and crackling in hot spattering oil lathered in batter. Walleye possess inherent sporting qualities and their value as table fare is beyond compare.

Fishery management biologists have intense interest in walleye conservation and that interest is manifest in recent research in tag retention funded through excise taxes paid by manufacturers of fishing gear and on motor boat fuels. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program administers such research grants via Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration....

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KastKing Has a New High Capacity Baitcaster

The large capacity KastKing Royale Legend II 200 size baitcasting reels feature a wider frame with larger capacity spools that hold up to 130 yards of 17 lb mono line and deliver 22 lbs of drag. This configuration is a perfect fishing reel for large swimbaits, deep diving crankbaits, muskie size lures, catfish and salmon/steelhead fishing and a host of other applications. Engineered as a fresh and saltwater fishing reel the KastKing Royale Legend II 200 baitcasters offer a great opportunity to inshore anglers.

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Listen To KastKing On The Line

KastKing has taken another step in its social media presence with the launch of ***KastKing On The Line***, an ongoing podcast series of interviews with personalities in recreational fishing and the fishing tackle industry.



Listeners can find **KastKing PodKast** on the free-download Spotify app or Apple Podcasts (formerly iTunes), Google Podcasts, Stitcher, iHeartRadio, and others. Video versions of the interviews will be uploaded to the KastKing YouTube channel on a weekly basis.

It is a series of podcasts for your educational and entertainment experience, hosted by Nikki and produced by KastKing creative talents.

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He Likes It With Salt

by Capt Brian Boxx

2020 is in the past! CAN I GET AN AMEN!!! 2021 does not have large shoes to fill. Let's ring in the New year, with some new gear! It's time to spend that holiday gift money. Get more bang for your buck with the affordable innovation of KastKing fishing products. KastKing is a US based company headquartered in Garden City, New York and is making waves through the fishing industry...

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Editor's Note: Full Disclosure - Capt Brian is a KastKing sponsored Pro Guide. He started using KastKing fishing tackle based on his own testing and research long before being affiliated with the brand. He uses KastKing gear aboard his charter business [Reel Salty Endeavours LLC](#).



Red Drum and Speckled Trout Now In Delaware

Just as we were getting used to sheepshead, triggerfish and pompano, red drum and speckled trout begin to show up in Delaware. While not in great numbers yet, their presence is just another example of the rising water temperatures in the ocean and bays.

The red drum, or channel bass, are also the result of a very successful conservation program that has increased their biomass to the extent that they are expanding their range. Some may remember the craze for blackened redfish that swept the country and resulted in a concerted effort by commercial fishermen to fill the orders they had for all the red drum they could catch...

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Change of Pace

MLF Bass Pro Brent Chapman tries out the new KastKing Konvert Ice Rods while in Colorado. Pictured L – R Brent Chapman, KastKing Brand Ambassador Christin Kruger, KastKing VP of Business Development Al Noraker.



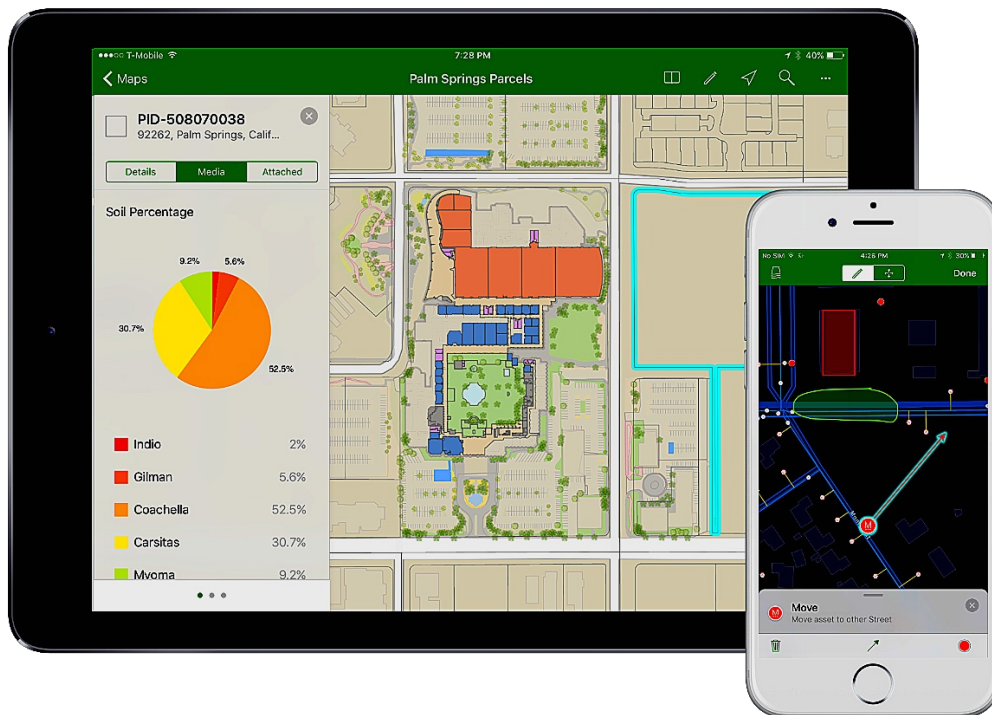
Oh Fishmas Tree!

Give this year's Christmas tree another life after the yuletide celebrations by donating it to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Habitat for the Holidays program.

The long-held tradition of cutting down or purchasing a real Christmas tree for the holiday season has seen a huge increase throughout American homes this year. When the eggnog is finished and the last of the holiday feasts are over, many of these trees are destined to sit next to the road until the sanitation department picks them up... until now...

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Editor's Note: Check with your state's fish and wildlife department about regulations before dumping trees in your lake.



Smartphone Apps For Ice Fishing

Advancements in technology, easily retrieved on the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's website, allow ice anglers access to more than 200 lake contour maps, providing yet another tool in the angler's tackle box.

“Back when we first started mapping in the early 2000s, anglers pretty much had to print a paper lake contour map at home and take it with them to help navigate and find the underwater features,” said Jerry Weigel, Department fisheries production and development section supervisor.

Times have changed.

Anglers now have access to two free smartphone mobile apps on the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov, both of which provide interactive functionality and work with a phone's GPS.

One option, Weigel said, is ESRI ArcGIS Explorer, which requires cellular service to work in the field.

“When you're out on the lake and you have the app running, it literally has the lake contour lines and everything,” he said. “It'd be the exact same thing you would do with your Lowrance GPS or young Hummingbird GPS when you're navigating open water in the summer.”

Considering cellular service is iffy, at best, on about 30% of North Dakota's fishing waters, there are benefits to downloading maps to your mobile device before leaving home using the Avenza Geospatial PDF app.

“With this electronic fishing map information and you see there's a sunken island out there, you can literally drive right to it on the ice using either of the two technologies,” Weigel said.

Weigel added that there is something anglers need to keep in mind when using this GPS technology on their favorites fishing waters.

“They imply they're absolute,” he said. “In other words, when it says it's 15 feet deep, we say that there's 15-foot depth in that general area. But folks need to keep in mind that their GPS's are plus or minus 10 feet at the best.”

What's more certain, if Mother Nature allows, are the opportunities afforded ice anglers this winter across North Dakota's landscape.

“There have never been stronger populations of fish than there is now,” Weigel said. “It's amazing. And we literally have twice the number of fishing lakes as there once was.”

Becker Pond Produces Idaho Record Tiger Trout

Gatlynn Mayes hooked this huge, 4.8-pound tiger trout at Becker Pond in Idaho Falls and set the new certified weight record for the species. Mayes brought in the 24-inch long tiger on Dec. 16 to be weighed and measured after a day of ice fishing with his father.

The previous record for tiger trout was caught in 2018 and came out of Deer Creek Reservoir with a weight of 4.04 pounds.

A tiger trout is a sterile hybrid between a brook trout and a brown trout. They are uncommon in Idaho and stocked in a limited number of locations, including:

Clearwater Region
Deer Creek Reservoir

Upper Snake Region
Jim Moore Pond

Big Lake (Big Lost drainage)

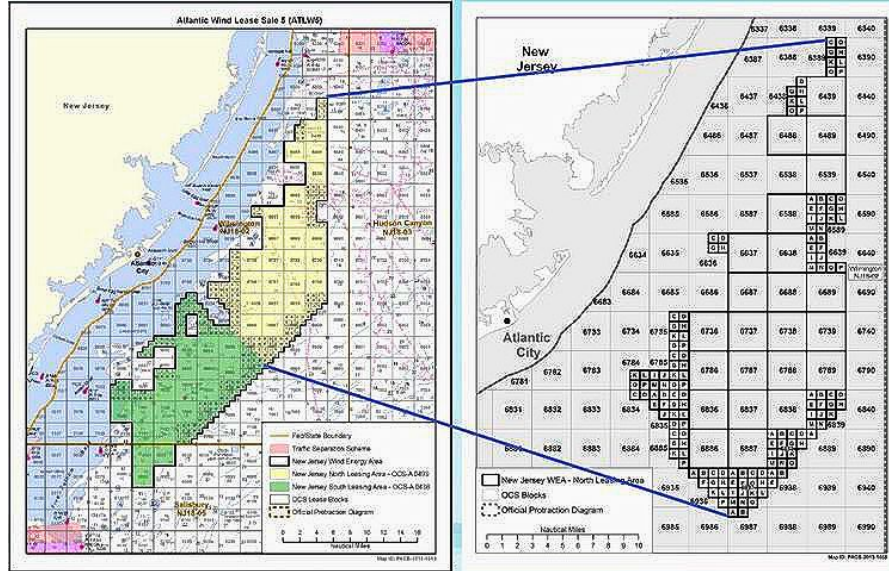
Becker Pond

Salmon Region
Wallace Lake (Panther Cr. Basin)

Nez Perce Lake (Lemhi Basin)

Merriam Lake (Pahsimeroi Basin)





Commercial Wind Farm Developer vs Angling Community

This could get dicey...

Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind LLC, will be holding a public meeting on January 13, 2021 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. A followup meeting will take place on January 20, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Atlantic Shores successfully bid and secured the rights to develop the commercial wind lease area 0499 which includes 183,353 acres off the New Jersey coast from Island Beach State Park down to Great Egg Inlet. Depending upon the available output per turbine, anglers can expect to see approximately 175-200 turbines in 0499 upon full build out. The purpose of the virtual meeting will be to introduce Atlantic Shores to stakeholders, outline the plans for commercial wind lease area 0499 and to gather input from the recreational fishing industry. This meeting will be an opportunity for fishermen to provide input and open a dialogue directly with the Atlantic Shores team with regard to this area and project. RFA is encouraging anglers to participate in the meeting to get a better understanding of the project and how it may impact the recreational fishing industry. More information about this meeting can be found on the *Atlantic Shores website*.

In 2015, Atlantic Shores won a competitive bid to construct and operate a commercial offshore wind facility for the purpose of electricity generation in lease area 0499. Wind lease area 0499 is one of 16 current lease areas identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) from Massachusetts down to North Carolina. These wind development areas were identified through a lengthy site assessment process conducted by the Department of Interior in 2011. Leases to develop these areas were issued to qualified developers with lease payments based on the size of the area and for a term of 25 years of operation. It is important to understand this background and that the issuance of the current leases went through the appropriate regulatory process and are legally binding. Meaning, offshore wind is likely coming and anglers and groups such as the RFA have a responsibility to take advantage of any opportunity to provide input when possible. That input can be critical to help minimize negative impacts to fish, fishing grounds and fishermen as offshore wind facilities are designed, constructed and put into operation.

The January 13th public meeting will be an opportunity to provide input as Atlantic Shores considers the design, layout and scale of their offshore wind array. The meeting will also be a chance to speak with Capt. Adam Nowalsky who is currently working with Atlantic Shores and serving as a conduit between recreational fishermen and the development team. Information that has been gathered from our sector over the past few months will be presented at the meeting and Atlantic Shores will look to expand the scope of that input through these outreach meetings. Adam is the first recreational-specific fisheries representative hired by an offshore wind developer. RFA acknowledges this action and sees it as positive step in gathering meaningful input from our sector which stands to be the most effected stakeholder group with regard to offshore wind development.

For questions about the events, contact Doug Copeland@edf-re.com or Capt. Adam Nowalsky at (609) 618-0366.

White Bass Class

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Fishing for white bass – particularly during the spring spawning run – is an activity that's special to many Missouri anglers.

People can learn more about how to hook this popular fish at a Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)

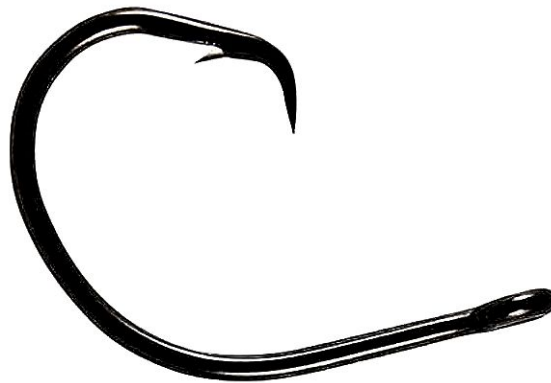
free virtual program “Naturalist Notes Virtual Series: White Bass.” This online program will be from 10-10:30 a.m. on Jan. 12 and is being put on by the staff of MDC’s Springfield Conservation Nature Center. This program is designed for all ages.

MDC Naturalist Alan Reed will discuss lure options, fishing techniques, and where to look for white bass when they start making their spring spawning runs. Though this program is free, registration is required to participate using the link above. Registrants must provide an e-mail, so a program link can be sent to them. This program will include a chat-based question-and-answer period where participants can interact with the presenters.



People can register for this program at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/175654>

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding virtual programs. A listing of these programs can be found at mdc.mo.gov/regions.



New Circle Hook Regs For Atlantic Reef Fish

Anglers using hook-and-line with natural bait to target reef fish like snapper or grouper from a vessel in Atlantic state waters are now required to use non-stainless-steel, non-offset circle hooks north of 28 degrees north latitude (near Melbourne) and non-stainless-steel hooks south of 28 degrees north latitude.

These changes are consistent with requirements in Atlantic federal waters that recently took effect and, along with emphasizing best fishing practices through educational resources and strategic messaging, will help empower anglers to conserve fisheries for the future.

Non-stainless-steel, non-offset circle hooks are already required when fishing for reef fish in Gulf state waters and have been a successful tool in increasing the survival of released fish.

Allowing the use of other types of non-stainless steel hooks south of 28 degrees north latitude accommodates for regionally important south Florida fisheries, such as yellowtail snapper, in which the use of J-hooks allows for greater efficiency and reduces discard mortality.

To learn more about proper fish handling techniques, visit MyFWC.com/FishHandling.

About KastKing:

KastKing (www.kastking.com) brings a fresh, innovative approach to anglers by offering quality fishing tackle products at the best prices through Affordable Innovation. KastKing's goal is to exceed expectations through outstanding customer service and superior product value to their customers. KastKing is continually expanding its product lines, which include KastKing (an ICAST Award Winning Manufacturer) fishing line, fishing reels (baitcasting reels, spinning reels, and conventional reels), fishing rods, fishing accessories, fly-fishing rods, fly reels and other fly fishing gear, to meet individual fishing equipment needs from amateur to bass pro for freshwater bass fishing, trout fishing, saltwater surf fishing, ice fishing, for virtually every fish species. KastKing is headquartered in Garden City, Long Island NY, USA and sells fishing tackle products globally in more than 150 countries.

About Extremus

For the Extreme In All of Us!

Extremus is the sister brand of KastKing, which is a well-known brand providing superior fishing tackle to anglers. Extremus is creating innovative products for extreme camping, hiking, hunting and other outdoor activities, and also, at-home activities.

Extremus appeals to your inner Extreme persona. From backyard BBQ enthusiasts to those on extreme outdoor adventures, Extremus outdoors products are built for the challenges you face. Whether you're an urbanite on a weekend getaway, an extreme sports participant, or an avid outdoors person, Extremus gear is the right choice for you.



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