

Press Release



The Bass Federation, Inc. today announced that its 2010 National Championship will be held at Watts Bar in Tennessee. Per tradition, the event will be held in conjunction with an FLW Tour stop – in this case, Ft. Loudoun–Tellico. For the first 2 days of competition, weigh-ins will be held lakeside, while the final-day weigh-in will be held at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Dates for the National Championship are April 22–24, with an official practice April 21. Under the National Championship format, a boater and co-angler represent each state (plus a college division). The overall winning boater and co-angler receive a berth in the Forrest Wood Cup, while individual regional winners receive berths in the BFL All-American.

Additionally, the overall winner receives the Living the Dream package, which includes a \$7,000 prize check, fully paid entry fees for the 2011 FLW Tour, travel-expense funds and the use of a Living the Dream-wrapped Chevy truck and Ranger boat, as well as sponsor merchandise.

TBF president Robert Cartlidge noted: "We're thrilled to be, once again, holding the TBF National Championship presented by The National Guard in conjunction with an FLW Tour event. The two events feed off each other well. Our partners at FLW Outdoors always go above and beyond in support of TBF, and we're both bigger and better because of it. Watts Bar Lake and the Kingston, Tenn. areas are great family destinations with many things to do and see. The TVA has done a lot of hard work to make sure Watts Bar Lake is in great shape. The fishing is as good as it's ever been there, and it should prove to be a great venue to test the mettle of our anglers."

Notable is that Watts Bar was the site of a toxic disaster in 2008, when 1.1 billion gallons of fly-ash slurry spilled into the Tennessee River system from the TVA's Tennessee Kingston Fossil coal plant. We haven't heard much since then about whether it affected the fishing.