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Subject: RE: Advocacy for Recreational Angling in the Development of Alabama Water Policy

Dr. Hobson: Thank you for your advocacy for recreational anglers in Alabama. I did not receive a copy of the "Water Management Issues in Alabama" report to the Governor, but was asked by Stan Cook and others to comment. Sadly, I never followed up to get a copy.

I did, however, get a copy of your letter to Dr. Bennett L. Bearden, Chairman, Alabama Water Agencies Working Group. Although I can't compare the points you made with what the document suggests, I want to say that I thoroughly agree with your assessment. You have covered every issue that impacts recreational anglers, and not just in Alabama.

Habitat, access and water quality/quantity have all be key issues for B.A.S.S. and our members across the country. In Alabama we are now facing Corps of Engineers lock closures which can severely restrict our tournament waters. Hydrilla management on Lake Guntersville is a constant, and often ugly, struggle.

I hope that the committee gives thoughtful consideration to your input.

I would like to make an opportunity to meet you on my next trip to B.A.S.S. Headquarters in Birmingham.

Best regards,

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