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Captions for: Fish don’t talk, but we can

* Under the Bridge Productions-Girl with bass: New fishing regulations for bass will make it easier for anglers to keep track of the rules and concentrate on enjoying fishing. Photo compliments of Under the Bridge Productions.
* Under the Bridge Productions-Boy with bass: New fishing regulations for largemouth bass will remove most minimum sizes, allowing anglers that choose to harvest small, easily replaced bass to harvest them, while recycling more quality-sized bass that are harder to replace.
* Shoal Bass: Shoal bass are beautiful and relatively rare fish adapted to specific conditions in northwest Florida rivers. A new conservation zone in the Chipola River between Johnny Boy Landing and Peacock Bridge will be catch-and-release-only for shoal bass to help ensure a vibrant population.
* JamesWirtz-8-10: James Wirtz shows the proper way to document a bass for TrophyCatch. TrophyCatch ([www.TrophyCatchFlorida.com](http://www.TrophyCatchFlorida.com)) rewards anglers who catch, document and release a bass 8 pounds or heavier.
* ChandlerCornelius-8-4: Chandler Cornelius shows off an 8-pound bass that typifies why anglers from around the world come to Florida to fish for trophy bass. New rules will help ensure quality bass fishing for the future.
* Largemouth Bass Regulations Graphic: Starting July 1, the statewide rule will allow you to harvest up to five black bass daily, including largemouth bass. There is no minimum size, but only one bass 16 inches in total length or longer may be kept daily.
* Riverine Bass Regulations Graphic: Starting July 1, anglers can still keep up to 5 black bass daily, with a minimum length of 12 inches for the riverine species (Suwannee, shoal, Choctaw and spotted). Only one of the bass that are kept may be 16 inches in total length or longer.