



Lock C (Fulton) 2017

REEL FACTS

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General Information: Lock C, also known as the Fulton pool, is a 1,642-acre pool on the Canal Section of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway (TTW). It is located in Itawamba County, immediately below Lock D. Lock C is 7 miles (24 miles of shoreline) long with a mean depth of 8 ft. and maximum depth of 22 ft. As with all of the TTW Canal Section impoundments, the west side of the entire pool is a levee. Primary management authority for reservoir maintenance and operations is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Location: Within Itawamba County just West of Fulton, along the Rankin Highway.

Fishery Management: Largemouth and Spotted Bass, crappie, bream, and catfish.

Purchase a Fishing License: <http://www.mdwfp.com/license/fishing-license.aspx>

Amenities

- 2 public boat ramps with courtesy piers and parking lots
 - Peppertown (West)
 - Whitten Center (East)
- Picnic Areas
- Fishing Pier (Whitten Center)
- Restrooms (Whitten Center)
- Campground, 60 sites (Whitten Center)
- Marina with electric hookup

Creel and Size Limits

- Black bass (largemouth, spotted): 10 bass (combined) per day per angler.
- Crappie: 9 inch minimum length limit and 30 crappie limit per day per angler.
- Bream: 100 bream (combined) per day per angler.
- Catfish: No limit.
- Other creel limits can be found at <http://www.mdwfp.com>

Regulations

Yo-Yo's, Jugs, and Trotlines

- No more than 25 jugs and no more than 25 yo-yos may be fished per person. No more than 2 hooks are allowed on each device. Trotlines may have no more than 100 single hooks.
- Each jug or yo-yo must be tagged or marked with angler's name and address.
- The area between the Rankin Lock (Lock D) downstream to mile marker 398 on Lock C is closed to trotlines, throw lines, set hooks, limblines, FFFD's, jugs and yo-yos.

Handgrabbing

- Hand grabbing season for catfish is open May 1 to July 15 each year.
- It is illegal to place any cavity-type structure, intended to be used for hand grabbing purposes in the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

Fishing Tips

Black Bass

- Target channel drop offs and grass lines during the summer using plastics.
- In the spring, target the standing timber along the east side with spinnerbaits and t-rigged plastics.

Crappie

- Try the standing timber near Midway Marina and the Whitten Center using jigs or minnows.

Bream

- Fish near the timber along the east side and near the Whitten Center ramp along the grass edges.

Catfish

- Target edges of shallow flats with chicken liver.
- During the summer, target the rip-rap near each lock and dam or the main navigation channel.



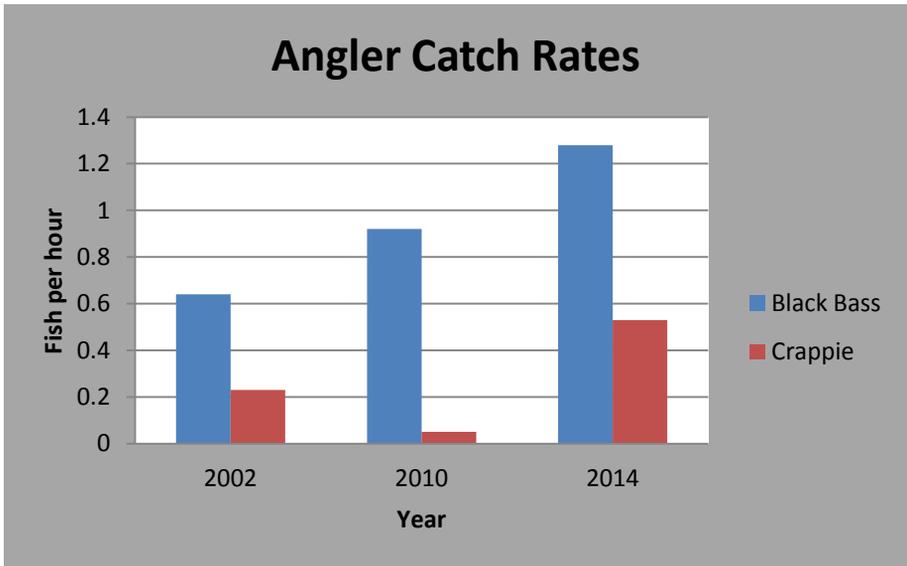
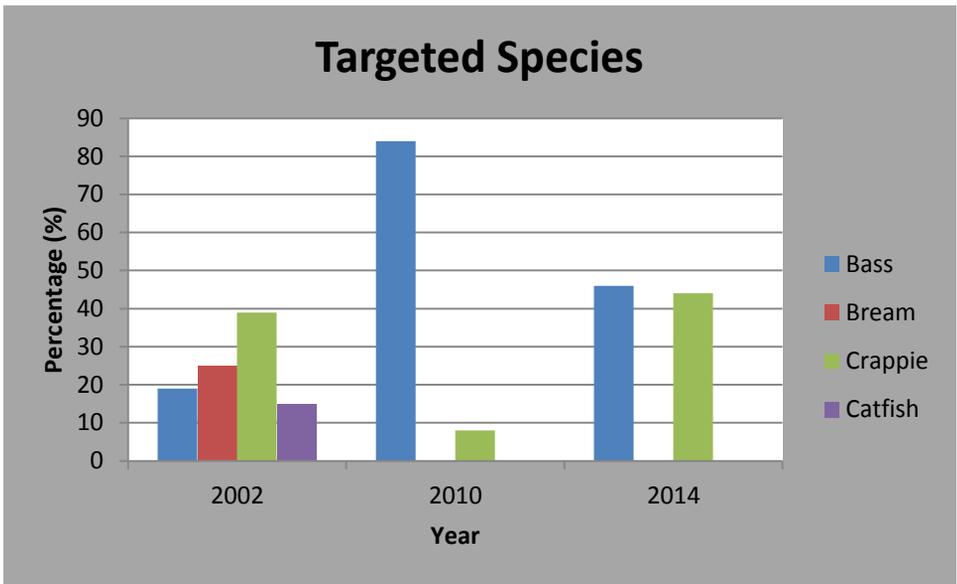
Left and Below: A trophy Spotted Bass that was weighed in during a tournament out of the Peppertown boat ramp back in early 2015. This particular bass weighed 7.22 pounds. Spotted bass are fairly common up and down the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway as it falls within their historical range. Although not as plentiful as Largemouth Bass, quality fish like this one routinely show up every year from anglers who fish around the locks and dams.



Right: Located in Itawamba County, Lock C (Fulton Pool) extends 7.4 miles from Lock D (mile marker 398.4) to Lock C (mile marker 391.0). Midway Marina, a full service marina, is located at mile mark 394, just north of Fulton. In recent years, Lock C has become popular for both bass and crappie tournament anglers. It has hosted numerous local bass fishing tournaments and several national tournaments for crappie.



Right: Percentage of anglers targeting black bass (Largemouth and Spotted), crappie, bream, and catfish at Lock C. Bass and crappie remain the most targeted species since 2002. Catfish are also commonly targeted throughout the entire waterway. Few of the canal section lakes support popular bream fisheries due to the lack of habitat.



Left top: Angler catch rates for bass (largemouth and spotted) and crappie at Lock C based on spring creel surveys. Catch rates for bass have steadily risen over the years while crappie catch rates have fluctuated. These two species are the most popular among anglers fishing Lock C.



Left bottom: The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway (TTW) was completed in 1984 and is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is still the largest earth moving project in U.S. history. The navigation channel throughout the TTW is maintained at 300 feet wide and a minimum of 9 feet deep.

Have you been interviewed on Lock C in 2014?	%
Yes	13
No	87
Do you read and/or plan your fishing trips around the weekly MDWFP fisheries reports?	
Yes	10
No	90
Do you harvest bass?	
Yes	58
No	42
Do you tournament fish?	
Yes	48
No	52
Home County	
Itawamba	57
Lee	18
Other MS Counties (3)	21
Non-Resident (AL)	4



Above: Creel surveys provide a good opportunity to collect information and opinions from anglers. Eighty-seven percent of the anglers were interviewed only one time during spring 2014 which shows that many different anglers fish at Lock C. Although there is not a specific fishing report for Lock C, only 10% of the anglers used MDWFP fishing reports to plan their trips. Fifty-eight percent of the anglers reported keeping bass. This is high compared to anglers surveyed at other water bodies. Just over half of all the anglers (52%) interviewed participated in tournaments. In 2014, Lock C hosted anglers from 5 different counties in Mississippi with the majority of the anglers being from Itawamba County (57%).

Right: Crappie fishing on the canal section has increased in popularity over recent years. So much so that it has hosted tournaments sponsored by some of the national tournament trails. The average size crappie harvested from Lock C in 2014 by anglers was approximately 10.3 inches.

