**AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

**SYLLABUS**

**1. Course Number: PHED 1600 003 001**

**Course Title: Competitive Fishing**

**Credit Hours: 2**

 Two semester hours credit

**Prerequisites: N/A**

**2. Term : Fall Semester 2012**

**Day/Time MW: 3:00-4:15**

**Instructor : Jann B Swaim**

**Office Address: 107 Samford Hall**

**Contact Information: swaimjb@auburn.edu**

**Office Hours: on appointment**

**3. Texts or Major Resources:**

*“Fishing with Confidence” by JohnWarren*

*“Tournament Fishing” by Alabama DCNR (pdf file).*

**4. Course Description:**

The course is designed to provide each student with a basic understanding of local, regional, and national tournaments and the tools to look at the lakes in depth where the tournaments are fished.

**5. Student Learning Outcomes:**

 Upon completion of the course the student should have a working knowledge of lake contours, GPS positioning and the relationship to contour lines. An understanding of weather patterns and how weather affects a fishery, to be able to look at aerial of a lake to determine the lake level based on time of year utilizing seasonal patterns.

**6. Course Content Outline:**

***Course Fee: $100.00, Due: 29 August***

***Course Syllabus and Outline PHED 1600 003 (17717)***

***Competitive Fishing***

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[www.dcnr.state.al.us/](http://www.dcnr.state.al.us/)

[www.bassmaster.com](http://www.bassmaster.com)

[www.flwoutdoors.com](http://www.flwoutdoors.com)

**20 August**

Introduction and history of competitive bass Fishing

* Ray Scott and BASS
* The first Classics (1971-1974)

Highlights for semester;

* Levels of Competitive fishing
* Practice makes for perfection
* Dock Talk, what are the rumors
* Mapping (satellite, topo, map cards and GPS)
* Sonar Imaging
* Conversations with the pros
* The season cycle of the bass
* What makes for a productive lake

**22 August**

 \*The first tournaments

 \*Catch and release

 \*The first boats and sonars

 \*The first Classics (1971-1974)

 \*Undisclosed locations

 \* No prior knowledge or advantage of the water

 **27 August**

* Casting day meet on Coliseum floor

 **29 August**

* Different Organizations

 \*FLW Outdoors ([www.flwoutdoors.com](http://www.flwoutdoors.com))

 \*FLW Tour

 \*FLW Series

 \*Everstart Series

 \*BFL Weekend Series

 \*B.A.S.S. ([www.bass.com](http://www.bass.com))

 \*Elite Series

 \*Opens

 \*Weekend Series

 **05 September**

* Where do we begin with practice……….tools online
* Prior to going to the lake

 \*Online mapping

 \*Bing

 \*Bing Terraserver

 \*Hybrid Maps from BASS.com

 \*Online lake information (Alabama, Georgia Power Co)

 \*Paper maps (topographical lines)

 **10 September**

* Sonar Equipment

 \*chartplotters

 \*Imaging/cameras

 \* GPS

**12 September**

* NO CLASS

 **17 September**

* Breaking down a lake (Part I)

 \*Maps, Contour Lines, and Seasonal patterns/movements

 \*ledges, channels, ditches, and flats

 \*Sun angle and shoreline

 **19 September**

* Breaking down a lake (Part II)

 \*Baits/colors and types

 **24 September**

* TIME OUT: A conversation with Greg Vinson

 **26 September**

 \*Daily Changes In Practice Conditions/Weather and documentation

\*A place to start

\*Daily log

\*Trends (patterns and movement)

\*Temperature changes

\*Barometric pressure changes (movements of fronts)

 **01 October**

* Breakdown into two person groups to develop a practice plan and tournament plan for/BASS/Southern Open/Smith Lake, Al.

**03 October**

* Part 2 of breaking down Smith lake
* Presentation of Plans

 **08 October**

* Continuation of Smith Lake; results of Tournament

**10 October**

* Casting day meet on Coliseum floor

 **15 October**

* Collegiate Fishing: Then and Now

**17 October**

* Casting day meet on Coliseum floor

**22 October**

* Time Out for Sponsorships/Bass Pro Kelly Jaye

 \*obligations and responsibilities

 **24 October**

* Breakdown of LAKE QUACHITA, AR. (Everstart Championship)

**29 October**

* Continue with the LAKE QUACHITA and presentation

**31 October**

* Review the results of the LAKE QUACHITA event

**05 November**

* Where is all the money ??

 \*National events

 \*Regional events

 \*Local events

 **07 November**

* DNR BAIT report; planning, review, comparisons to lakes in Alabama
* Setting up a log book

**12 November**

* Casting day; meet on the Coliseum floor with your rod/reel

**14 November**

* Line, rods, reels, and knots

**26 November**

* Batteries, wiring, livewells, gas, and ethanol

 **28 November**

 Final Exam

**7. Assignments/Projects:**

*Participate in the skills sessions per dates shown above*

**8. Rubric and Grading Scale:**

A. Grading scale is based on attendance and the final exam

 \* Departmental policy is upon eight absences (excused/unexcused) a student receives an FA (failure with abences)

B. Class policy is upon seven absences (excused/unexcused) a student receives one letter grade lower for the semester.

C. Final exam counts for the remaining part of the grade

**9. Class Policy Statements:**

A. Attendance: Although attendance is not required, students are expected to attend all classes, and will be held responsible for any content covered in the event of an absence. 1. If an instructor chooses to require attendance, the attendance policy must be consistent with the university attendance policy outlined in the *Student Policy eHandbook*. Instructors may not invoke grade penalties for appropriately documented excused absences.

2. ***Distance learning courses:*** *If attendance is required, indicate how this requirement will be handled in a distance learning environment.*

B. Excused absences: Students are granted excused absences from class for the following reasons: illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student’s immediate family, the death of a member of the student’s immediate family, trips for student organizations sponsored by an academic unit, trips for university classes, trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events, subpoena for a court appearance, and religious holidays. Students who wish to have an excused absence from class for any other reason must contact the instructor in advance of the absence to request permission. The instructor will weigh the merits of the request and render a decision. When feasible, the student must notify the instructor prior to the occurrence of any excused absences, but in no case shall such notification occur more than one week after the absence. Appropriate documentation for all excused absences is required. Please see the *Student Policy eHandbook* for more information on excused absences.

C. Make-Up Policy: Arrangement to make up a missed major examination (e.g., hour exams, mid-term exams) due to properly authorized excused absences must be initiated by the student within one week of the end of the period of the excused absences(s). Except in unusual circumstances, such as the continued absence of the student or the advent of university holidays, a make-up exam will take place within two weeks of the date that the student initiates arrangements for it. Except in extraordinary circumstance, no make-up exams will be arranged during the last three days before the final exam period begins.

D. Academic Honesty Policy: All portions of the Auburn University student academic honesty code (Title XII) found in the *Student Policy eHandbook* will apply to university courses. All academic honesty violations or alleged violations of the SGA Code of Laws will be reported to the Office of the Provost, which will then refer the case to the Academic Honesty Committee.

E. Disability Accommodations: "Students who need accommodations are asked to electronically submit their approved accommodations through AU Access and to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternate time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail. If you have not established accommodations through the Office of Accessibility, but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Accessibility, 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT)."

F. Course contingency: If normal class and/or lab activities are disrupted due to illness, emergency, or crisis situation, the syllabus and other course plans and assignments may be modified to allow completion of the course. If this occurs, and addendum to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original materials.

G. Professionalism: As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College’s conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are listed below: o Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices

o Contribute to collaborative learning communities

o Demonstrate a commitment to diversity

o Model and nurture intellectual vitality

H. AU eValuate Fall Semester evaluation dates:

Open:   November 29, 2012 (8:00 am)

Close:   December 2, 2012 (11:59pm)