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## NEWS RELEASE

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# Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit Federal Ammunition Stop 5 Presented by Lucas Oil Set for Potomac River

*163 Professional Anglers Descend on Marbury to Compete for up to \$135,000 – Season Purse Exceeds \$6.4 Million*

**MARBURY, Md. (June 9, 2021)** – Major League Fishing (MLF), the world’s largest tournament-fishing organization, is set to visit Marbury, Maryland, next week, June 17-20, for the [MLF Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit Presented by Bad Boy Mowers, Federal Ammunition Stop 5 Presented by Lucas Oil at the Potomac River](#). In its 26<sup>th</sup> season, the circuit (formerly known as the FLW Tour) features a roster of the world’s best bass-fishing professionals competing across six regular-season events, each with a top award of up to \$135,000. The field also competes for valuable points to qualify for the 2021 Tackle Warehouse TITLE Presented by Mercury – the Pro Circuit Championship.

This is the fifth event of the 2021 season, hosted by the Charles County Board of Commissioners, offering competitors a total purse of more than \$900,000 and marking the seventh time the Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit has visited the tidal river.

“Charles County is home to more than 300 miles of shoreline for outdoor recreation and enjoyment,” said Commissioner Thomasina O. Coates, M.S. (District 2). “I am happy to welcome the Major League Fishing tournament back to our area and pleased to continue this partnership. It is events such as these that promote tourism and support the economic base in our community.”

The Pro Circuit last stopped at the Potomac in 2017, where Wisconsin veteran pro [Tom Monsoor](#) hoisted the trophy in his first major Tour win, bringing a four-day total of 66 pounds, 11 ounces to the stage. Prior to that, in 2015, Texas pro [Clark Wendlandt](#) – a three-time Angler of the Year (AOY) – won his fourth career Pro Circuit event on the fishery bringing in 60 pounds even. Washington pro [Luke Clausen](#), a former FLW Cup and Bassmaster Classic champion, holds the record for the heaviest four-day winning weight on the Potomac River with a total of 69 pounds, 14 ounces back in 2011.

“The fishery is very healthy with a tremendous population of largemouth bass that are pretty eager to bite, so it should be a fun tournament,” said Pro Circuit angler [Todd Walters of Kernersville, North Carolina](#), who finished in second-place in the MLF Toyota Series event held on the Potomac River in 2020. “Everyone is really looking forward to this event.”

The Potomac River is a tidal fishery, running roughly north to south into the Chesapeake Bay, with water that fluctuates a couple feet per day. Due to the constant ebb and flow, fishing is almost always shallow, either in the grass and pads or around hard cover such as rock and wood.

“The water is in really good condition,” said Walters. “The grass is just starting to grow about 2 to 4 feet off the bottom so that’s where you’ll find most of the bass. There were still some fish guarding fry and a few on beds a few weeks ago, but I’m sure that will change by the time the tournament begins.”

While there are a few sections of the main river that come into play, the bulk of the damage tends to be done in the mouths of the creeks, with some hot creek arms attracting a ton of fishing pressure.

“This is an area that I’m familiar with and that I’ve fished before – it has a tremendous population of largemouth bass and they are going to bite at some point in the day. It just depends on the tide during the tournament,” said Walters. “On the Potomac River, 90% of the fish are in 10% of the water, so it will fish small. But, there are plenty of fish in those areas to be able to handle the 163 boats in the field and everyone should catch some fish.

“I expect to see guys dropshotting (Yamamoto) Senkos in a slack tide, then when the water’s moving, they’ll be throwing swimjigs, ChatterBaits and shallow-running crankbaits,” continued Walters. “You’re always going to have some dock fish, and you can catch them flipping jigs and creature baits. I didn’t see any areas with matted grass where you’d need to punch it, but I expect to see guys flipping their jigs and creature baits in those thicker grass beds when the tide’s slack.”

Walters said he believes it will take 13 to 14 pounds per day to make it into the final round on Championship Sunday and anticipates a four-day total of 70 to 75 pounds will win the event.

Anglers will take off at 6:30 a.m. ET, Thursday through Sunday, from Smallwood State Park, located at 2750 Sweden Point Road in Marbury. Weigh-ins will also be held at the park daily at 3 p.m. Fans are welcome to attend the event or follow the action online through the *MLF NOW!* live stream and coverage at [MajorLeagueFishing.com](http://MajorLeagueFishing.com).

In Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit competition, the full field of 163 anglers compete in the two-day opening round on Thursday and Friday. The top 50 pros based on their two-day cumulative weight advance to Saturday. Only the top 10 pros continue competition on Sunday, with the winner determined by the heaviest accumulated weight from the four days of competition.

The [Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit Presented by Bad Boy Mowers, Federal Ammunition Stop 5 Presented by Lucas Oil at the Potomac River](#) will feature live on-the-water coverage and a two-hour action-packed television show that will premiere on the Outdoor Channel on Sunday, August 29 from 7 to 9 a.m. ET and re-air on the Sportsman Channel this fall. Weigh-ins will be streamed daily and fans can catch live on-the-water action all day Saturday and Sunday, June 19-20 on *MLF NOW!* beginning at 7 a.m. ET at [MajorLeagueFishing.com](http://MajorLeagueFishing.com).

The 2021 season culminates with the Tackle Warehouse TITLE Presented by Mercury, the Pro Circuit Championship, where the top 48 pros in the points standings plus 2020 TITLE Champion Rusty Salewske of Alpine, California, and 2020 AOY Ron Nelson of Berrien Springs, Michigan, will compete for at top prize of \$235,000. The 2021 TITLE will be on the Mississippi River in La Crosse, Wisconsin on Aug. 17-22, and is hosted by Explore La Crosse.

For complete details and updated information visit [MajorLeagueFishing.com](http://MajorLeagueFishing.com). For regular updates, photos, tournament news and more, follow the Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit presented by Bad Boy Mowers on the MLF BIG5’s social media outlets at [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

### **About MLF BIG5**

MLF BIG5 is part of MLF, the world’s largest tournament-fishing organization. It provides anglers of all skill levels the opportunity to compete for millions in prize money across five tournament circuits featuring a five-biggest-fish format. Headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with offices in Benton, Kentucky, MLF and its partners conduct more than 290 bass-fishing tournaments annually around the world, including the United States, Canada, China, Italy, South Korea, Mexico, Namibia, Portugal, South Africa, Spain and Zimbabwe.

MLF tournaments are broadcast on Outdoor Channel, Sportsman Channel, World Fishing Network, MyOutdoorTV, Discovery and CBS Sports while MLF Bass Fishing magazine delivers cutting-edge tips from top pros to the world’s most avid bass anglers.



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## EVENT DETAILS

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**WHAT:** Takeoff – MLF Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit Presented by Bad Boy Mowers, Federal Ammunition Stop 5 – Potomac River Presented by Lucas Oil

**WHEN:** Thursday – Sunday, June 17-20, 6:30 a.m. ET\*

**WHERE:** Smallwood State Park, 2750 Sweden Point Road, Marbury, Maryland

**INFO:** The MLF Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit presented by Bad Boy Mowers, Federal Ammunition Stop 5 – Potomac River will visit Maryland for the fifth event of its 26<sup>th</sup> season. Media is invited to join us as 163 of the world's best bass-fishing pros launch wrapped boats from the park at 6:30 a.m. to compete for up to \$135,000 cash. The event will feature live on-the-water coverage and a two-hour action-packed television show that will premiere on the Outdoor Channel on Sunday, August 29 from 7 to 9 a.m. ET and re-air on the Sportsman Channel this fall. Multiple opportunities for interviews, photographs, videography, morning show live hits and more.

**WHAT:** Weigh-in – MLF Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit Presented by Bad Boy Mowers, Federal Ammunition Stop 5 – Potomac River Presented by Lucas Oil

**WHEN:** Thursday – Sunday, June 17-20, at 3 p.m. ET

**WHERE:** Smallwood State Park, 2750 Sweden Point Road, Marbury, Maryland

**INFO:** Media is invited to join us for the Weigh-In of the biggest fish of the competition day – The Pro Circuit last stopped at the Potomac in 2017, where Wisconsin veteran pro [Tom Monsoor](#) hoisted the trophy in his first major Tour win, bringing a four-day total of 66 pounds, 11 ounces to the stage. Prior to that, in 2015, Texas pro [Clark Wendlandt](#) – a three-time Angler of the Year (AOY) – won his fourth career Pro Circuit event on the fishery bringing in 60 pounds even. Washington pro [Luke Clausen](#), a former FLW Cup and Bassmaster Classic champion, holds the record for the heaviest four-day winning weight on the Potomac River with a total of 69 pounds, 14 ounces back in 2011.

Weigh-ins will be live streamed daily starting at 3 p.m. ET on Thursday – Sunday. Fans are encouraged to follow the live on-the-water action all day Saturday and Sunday, June 19-20 on *MLF NOW!* beginning at 7 a.m. ET at [MajorLeagueFishing.com](http://MajorLeagueFishing.com).



## PRO FIELD

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**Federal Ammunition Stop 5 at Potomac River Presented by Lucas Oil**  
**Marbury, Md.**  
**June 17-20, 2021**

Name	City	State	Name	City	State
Shannon Abbott	Oceanside	Calif.	Randy Despino	Colfax	La.
Jason Abram	Piney Flats	Tenn.	Tommy Dickerson	Orange	Texas
Barron Adams	Mineral Bluff	Ga.	Scott Dobson	Clarkston	Mich.
Casey Ashley	Donalds	S.C.	Bradley Dortch	Atmore	Ala.
Scott Ashmore	Broken Arrow	Okla.	Josh Douglas	Isle	Minn.
Tai Au	Glendale	Ariz.	Kurt Dove	Del Rio	Texas
Adrian Avena	Vineland	N.J.	Dakota Ebare	Denham Springs	La.
Evan Barnes	Hot Springs	Ark.	Jon Englund	Farwell	Minn.
Clayton Batts	Butler	Ga.	Charlie Evans	Berea	Ky.
Bradford Beavers	Summerville	S.C.	Ron Farrow	Rock Hill	S.C.
Matt Becker	Finleyville	Pa.	Mark Fisher	Wauconda	Ill.
Zack Birge	Blanchard	Okla.	Trevor Fitzgerald	Bellevue	Fla.
Daryl Biron	South Windsor	Conn.	Cole Floyd	Leesburg	Ohio
Jason Blair	West Palm Beach	Fla.	Tim Frederick	Leesburg	Fla.
Mark Blevins	Palatka	Fla.	Shinichi Fukae	Palestine	Texas
Greg Bohannon	Bentonville	Ark.	Anthony Gagliardi	Prosperity	S.C.
Terry Bolton	Benton	Ky.	Nick Gainey	Charleston	S.C.
Josh Bragg	Jacksonville	Ala.	Jacopo Gallelli	Florence	Italy
Aaron Britt	Yuba City	Calif.	Grant Galloway	Houlka	Miss.
Grae Buck	Green Lane	Pa.	Kyle Gelles	Pingree	Idaho
Miles Burghoff	Soddy-Daisy	Tenn.	Matt Greenblatt	Port St Lucie	Fla.
Josh Butler	Hayden	Ala.	Chad Grigsby	Maple Grove	Minn.
Jon Canada	Helena	Ala.	Kyle Hall	Granbury	Texas
Joey Cifuentes	Clinton	Ark.	Dylan Hays	Hot Springs	Ark.
Ramie Colson Jr.	Cadiz	Ky.	Dion Hibdon	Versailles	Mo.
Justin O'Brian Cooper	Zwolle	La.	Lawson Hibdon	Versailles	Mo.
Kyle Cortiana	Coweta	Okla.	Billy Hines	Vacaville	Calif.
John Cox	Debary	Fla.	Brett Hite	Phoenix	Ariz.
Mitch Crane	Columbus	Miss.	Jamie Horton	Centerville	Ala.
Lance Crawford	Broken Bow	Okla.	Miles Howe	San Juan Capistrano	Calif.
Ryan Davidson	Branchland	W.V.	Cody Huff	Ava	Mo.
Alex Davis	Albertville	Ala.	John Hunter	Shelbyville	Ky.
Darrell Davis	Dover	Fla.	Clabion Johns	Social Circle	Ga.

Name	City	State	Name	City	State
Danny Kirk	Bartow	Ga.	Tom Redington	Royse City	Texas
Brad Knight	Lancing	Tenn.	Matt Reed	Madisonville	Texas
Takayuki Koike	Ohtsu	Japan	Clark Reehm	Elm Grove	La.
Jason Lambert	Michie	Tenn.	Jimmy Reese	Witter Springs	Calif.
Bobby Lane	Lakeland	Fla.	Skeet Reese	Auburn	Calif.
Cal Lane	Gunntersville	Ala.	Jason Reyes	Huffman	Texas
Christopher Lane	Guntersville	Ala.	Darrel Robertson	Jay	Okla.
Brian Latimer	Belton	S.C.	Ricky Robinson	Greenback	Tenn.
Jeremy Lawyer	Sarcoxie	Mo.	Dean Rojas	Lake Havasu City	Ariz.
Nick Lebrun	Bossier City	La.	Rusty Salewske	Alpine	Calif.
Jason Lieblong	Conway	Ark.	Ryan Salzman	Huntsville	Ala.
Richard Lowitzki	Hampshire	Ill.	Casey Scanlon	Eldon	Mo.
Justin Lucas	Guntersville	Ala.	Colby Schrumph	Highland	Ill.
Terry Luedtke	Burton	Texas	Chase Serafin	White Lake	Mich.
Erik Luzak	Fenelon Falls	Canada	Braxton Setzer	Wetumpka	Ala.
Kevin Martin	Crown City	Ohio	Spencer Shuffield	Hot Springs	Ark.
Lendell Martin Jr	Nacogdoches	Texas	Charles Sim	Wasaga Beach	Canada
Mike McClelland	Blue Eye	Mo.	Blake Smith	Lakeland	Fla.
Bill McDonald	Greenwood	Ind.	Derrick Snavely	Piney Flats	Tenn.
Brandon McMillan	Clewiston	Fla.	Matthew Stefan	Junction City	Wis.
Jared McMillan	Belle Glade	Fla.	Tyler Stewart	West Monroe	La.
Kevin Meeks	Smyrna	Tenn.	Troy Stokes	Brownstown	Mich.
Cody Meyer	Star	Idaho	Wesley Strader	Spring City	Tenn.
Colby Miller	Elmer	La.	Laramy Strickland	Bushnell	Fla.
Kerry Milner	Fisher	Ark.	Mike Surman	Boca Raton	Fla.
Kurt Mitchell	Milford	Del.	Scott Towry	Lawrenceburg	Tenn.
Tom Monsoor	La Crosse	Wis.	Rusty Trancygier	Hahira	Ga.
Troy Morrow	Eastanollee	Ga.	J. Todd Tucker	Moultrie	Ga.
Brandon Mosley	Choctaw	Okla.	Jim Tutt	Longview	Texas
Jim Moynagh	Shakopee	Minn.	Jason Vance	Battle Ground	Ind.
Robert Nakatomi	Sacramento	Calif.	John Voyles	Petersburg	Ind.
Michael Neal	Dayton	Tenn.	David Walker	Sevierville	Tenn.
Chris Neau	New Orleans	La.	Jacob Wall	New Hope	Ala.
Corey Neece	Bristol	Tenn.	Todd Walters	Kernersville	N.C.
Jim Neece Jr.	Bristol	Tenn.	Chad Warren	Sand Springs	Okla.
Ron Nelson	Berrien Springs	Mich.	Jimmy Washam	Covington	Tenn.
Dicky Newberry	Houston	Texas	Joshua Weaver	Macon	Ga.
Cody Nichols	Fayette	Ala.	Joseph Webster	Winfield	Ala.
James Niggemeyer	Van	Texas	Kyle Weisenburger	Columbus Grove	Ohio
Larry Nixon	Quitman	Ark.	Joe Wieberg	Freeburg	Mo.
Lane Olson	Sherwood	Ore.	Jesse Wiggins	Logan	Ala.
Jake Ormond	Sterlington	La.	Scott Wiley	Bay Minette	Ala.
Jordan Osborne	Longview	Texas	David Williams	Maiden	N.C.
Dave Parsons	Yantis	Texas	Jason Wilson	Lincolnton	N.C.
Cody Pike	Powhatan	Va.	Tyler Woolcott	Port Orange	Fla.
Keith Poche	Pike Road	Ala.	Gary Yamamoto	Palestine	Texas
Pete Ponds	Madison	Miss.	Steve York	Bronson	Mich.
Randy Ramsey	Burlington	Mich.			