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LAKE SAM RAYBURN TEXAS TO HOST THE NATIONS TOP GRASSROOTS ANGLERS FOR THE 2024 TBF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

FOR RELEASE - Ponca City, OK. (November 21, 2023) – The Bass Federation (TBF) announced today that the nation’s top grassroots anglers will get their chance to “Live Their Dream” at the 2024 TBF Federation National Championship to be held on Lake Sam Rayburn, Texas, March 27-29, 2024.

“The Federation National Championship has been held on many storied bodies of water over the decades but never on Lake Sam Rayburn in Brookland, Texas.” Stated Robert Cartlidge, TBF Federation National President. “Sam Rayburn is a “Bucket List Lake” anglers will have the chance at a fish of a lifetime.”

Timing is everything, and late March on “Rayburn” could fall right on top of the spawn, it will take a solid weight to win, but with so many big fish in the system anyone can come from behind to do it, which means no one is out of it until the last fish is weighed. The legendary impoundment is very diverse and will fit any fishing style. TBF anglers competing in the “no entry fee” event will also enjoy stellar payouts where the prize purse will push \$400,000.00 in cash and prizes due to the growth and success of the Federation’s close-to-home low cost TBF National Semi-Finals program that qualified all the anglers to get here.

Competitors have qualified at 21 close-to-home district competitions in the TBF’s National Semi-Final system that span the traditional seven TBF geographical divisions. The framework is designed to make it easier for TBF anglers to fish premier events by minimizing travel time and expenses.

One hundred and four of the very best grassroots Anglers in North America have qualified (52 as boaters and 52 as non-boaters) to compete in the 2024 National Championship and all 102 will fish the first two days of the event and only the 7 Division Champion boaters and 7 Division Champion co-anglers will compete on the third and final day for the *Living Your Dream* Prize packages and the National Champion boater and co-angler titles. In addition to the cash prizes, all anglers will receive a

TBF National Championship

hotel room stipend from TBF for the actual event days as a part of their qualifying prize. Additionally, all Boaters will receive a cash fuel stipend to help offset their boat costs. All 14 finalists can earn a *Living YOUR Dream* prize package of various sizes, and can advance to the 2024 BFL All-American if they are qualified.

The National champions and overall winners will leave with the coveted TBF National Champion Boater and National Champion Co-angler Titles and a *Living Your Dream* (LYD) package. The boater National Champion's LYD package is valued in excess of a whopping \$125,000 in cash and prizes including a brand-new Ranger Z520 powered by Mercury 250HP outboard engine, rigged out and all their own to KEEP! PLUS, a \$20,000 CASH prize, paid entry fee stipend into whatever they want to fish and much more!

The Federation strongly believes in the value of co-anglers, so the 2024 National Champion Co-Angler LYD package will be worth over \$30,000, including 20K cash PLUS set paid entry stipends into the circuit of choice, and more!

All activities will take place a Umphreys Family Pavilion and are free and open to the public. You can follow all the action with daily live weigh-ins and live leaderboard on www.Bassfederation.com

Coverage of the TBF National Championship will be broadcasted in high definition in the Federation Angler TV block on the Pursuit Channel, on Outdoor Action TV and streamed live from the Brookeland Texas, Lake Sam Rayburn on www.Bassfederation.com

About TBF

The Bass Federation Inc. is the oldest and largest, organized grassroots angling organization in America and a member of the freshwater fishing hall of fame. Anchored by the leadership of the state federations, TBF is 100 percent owned by those it serves and is dedicated to the sport of fishing. TBF affiliated state federations and their member clubs conduct more than 20,000 fishing, youth and conservation events at the local level each year and have provided the foundation for the entire bass fishing industry for 50 years. The Bass Federation is proud "Partners in Fishing" with industry-leading companies including Ranger Boats, Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Lew's, Strike King T-H Marine, Rapala, Sufix, VMC, Rapala Crush City baits, MLF, Power Pole, and FacultyOffFishing.com. For more information about The Bass Federation, visit bassfederation.com, or call 580-765-9031. Look for TBF on facebook at Facebook.com/thebassfederation and on twitter at Twitter.com/bassfederation.

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