

FLW Nation's River Bass Tournament, 2012

Partners: [FLW](#), [Living Classrooms](#), [US Fish and Wildlife Service](#)

Partnership Type: Contribution

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers partnered with the FLW-WalMart bass fishing tour, Living Classrooms DC, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to host 300 students from various metro Washington, DC schools in the 2012 Nation's River Bass Tournament. The event took place on May 18 at the National Harbor on the Potomac River.

There were a range of activities that the students participated in. With the help of Bobber the water safety dog, the Corps conducted water safety educational programs and had the students running up and down the sandy beach in a fun life jacket relax exercise. U.S. Fish and Wildlife gave presentations on environmental stewardship, special status species and invasive species.

Nineteen of the students had the opportunity to participate in the annual Nation's River Bass Tournament. These students arrived at the National Harbor Pier bright and early in order to take-off at 7 a.m. Local volunteers brought their boats in order to help with this tournament. At 11 a.m. all the students came to weigh-in on the FLW stage. The top three places received prizes for their big catches. The ASA (CW) Jo-Ellen Darcy attended the event and presented the second place prize to some very happy students.

This event was the fourth in a series of 2012 FLW bass tournaments that the Corps will be participating in. FLW contributed free booth space at each of their event expos, providing excellent exposure for the Corps recreation program, as well as an opportunity to reach a key target audience of males 18-35 with water safety messages.



