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> BASS ANGLERS OF HARDEE Re:

COUNTY, INC.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find original and copy of Articles of Incorporation for BASS ANGLERS OF HARDEE COUNTY, INC., a Florida Not For Profit Corporation. Please file the original and return a certified copy to us in the enclosed envelope.

Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover the cost.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Paralegal:

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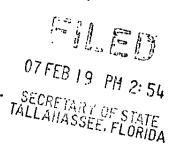
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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of BASS ANGLERS OF HARDEE COUNTY, INC. a Florida Not For Profit Corporation



Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida Not For Profit Corporation adopts the following articles of incorporation:

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation is BASS ANGLERS OF HARDEE COUNTY, INC.

### **ARTICLE II - DURATION**

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

# **ARTICLE III - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation shall be: 1405 U.S. Highway 17 South, Wauchula, Florida 33873.

### **ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE**

The corporation is organized for the purpose of promoting the sport of bass fishing, stimulating public awareness of bass fishing as a major sport, returning tournament bass fishing to Hardee County, Florida, and transacting any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and any amendments thereto.

#### **ARTICLE V - MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation.

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# **ARTICLE VI - INITIAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

The names and addresses of the initial directors and officers of the corporation are as follows:

Name:	Address:	<b>Position</b>
Anthony Scheipsmeier	211 Austin Lane, Bowling Green, FL 33834	Director, President
Joe Mullins	P.O. Box 2665, Wauchula, FL 33873	Director, Vice President
Kevin White	P.O. Box 1273, Bowling Green, FL 33834	Director, Treasurer
Ricky Wyatt	P.O. Box 159, Bowling Green, FL 33834	Director, Secretary, Tournament Director

### ARTICLE VII - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and street address of the initial registered agent for the corporation is: John W. H. Burton, 501 West Main Street, Wauchula, Florida 33873.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is Joe Mullins, P.O. Box 2665, Wauchula, FL 33873.

#### **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws and any limitations set forth in the Not For Profit Corporation Act of Florida described above concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, the Bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the board of directors or by following the procedure set forth in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as set forth in Chapter 617 Florida Statutes, and any amendments thereto.

# ARTICLE XI - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

On the dissolution, liquidation, or winding up of this corporation, its properties and assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a not for profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 15th day of February, 2007.

INS, Incorporator

OTER ON THE

STATE OF FLORIDA: COUNTY OF HARDEE:

day of February, 2007, before me, a notary public personally appeared JOE MULLINS, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the instrument within, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes contained therein. He is personally known to me and did take an oath.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Wauchula, Florida.

> BRENDA K. SUTTON MY COMMISSION # DD 192480 EXPIRES: March 31, 2007

State of Florida at Large My Commission Expires:

# **ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for BASS ANGLERS OF HARDEE COUNTY, INC. at the place designated in these articles, I hereby accept the appointment as its registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. Furthermore, I agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

JOHN W. H. BURTON, Registered Agent