

Fishing Facts & Fancies

Anglers Find Vacation Destination Reels Them In TM

(NAPSA)—World famous theme parks, unique attractions and challenging golf courses are just a few of the reasons people visit one of Florida's top vacation destinations. Now a unique contest may give them thousands of reasons more.

Family and individual vacationers can hook thousands of dollars during the Big Fish Open, part of the Anglers Challenge being held this fall, in Kissimmee-St. Cloud, Florida (next to the Walt Disney World Resort).

The Big Fish Open is a catch and release weekly competition for adult and junior bass and crappie anglers. Participants with the largest weekly catch in each adult division win \$1,000. Junior anglers, age 17 and younger, compete for \$1,000 savings bonds every week. For out of state visitors, the bait gets even better—a \$500 weekly bonus.

Adult anglers with the largest bass and crappie recorded during the eight-week period—which begins October 22 and continues weekly through December 16—win \$10,000 each. The grand prize for junior anglers is a \$1,000 savings bond. Anglers who break the Florida record for the largest bass (17.27 pounds) or crappie (3.83 pounds) can win \$100,000.

Anyone registering in the Big Fish Open is automatically entered in a drawing to win a fully rigged \$42,000 Ranger Bass Boat currently used by Kissimmee-St. Cloud professional angler Terry Segraves.

Supported by the appeal of the neighboring Walt Disney World Resort, Kissimmee-St. Cloud is one



Your big fish may mean big money. A fishing competition gives Florida vacationers the chance to reel in some big prizes.

of the world's most popular travel destinations.

But, for professional and recreational fishing fans alike, it's the record-breaking large mouth bass that tip the scales in Kissimmee-St. Cloud's favor. For many, the area's reputation for big fish was firmly sealed when the world's top pros competed in January's Florida BassMaster Top 150 tournament that produced four days of monster catches and several B.A.S.S. records.

Kissimmee-St. Cloud is serviced by a host of fishing camps, guides, marinas and tackle shops that promote responsible fishing so serious and recreational anglers can continue to enjoy the sport.

For more information on the Big Fish Open and fishing in Kissimmee-St. Cloud, call 1-800-333-KISS (5477) or visit www.floridakiss.com.