

Welcome to Doug Hannon's 21st Century Bass Professor. This disc contains the latest tools and knowledge you need to help you get the most enjoyment out of bass fishing.

## **General Navigation**

From the main menu, you can enter any section of the cd by clicking once on the appropriate button. The help button brings you to this screen, and the About button allows you to set some preferences (see below for more on this option). Quit exits the Bass Professor.

From any area of the cd, you can go to other sections using the menu bar at the top of the screen. Click on Go To and hold the mouse button down to reveal a menu of options. Choosing any option takes you to that section of the disc. Choosing Main Menu returns you to the main screen. Also on the menu bar at the top of the screen are options for help and to quit. Clicking on Help brings you to the help information for that section of the disc. Quit exits the Bass Professor.

The Bass Professor's preferences can be adjusted by clicking on the About button on the left hand side of the main menu screen. On the About screen, you will find settings for your web browser, the location of Adobe Acrobat on your computer, and an option to tell the Bass Professor whether to play the introduction at startup. You can select your web browser or Acrobat by clicking on the appropriate Locate button. Clicking Clear erases that preference. To turn the introduction on or off, click once on either Yes or No next to Play Intro.

Note that to view the web page, you must have a web browser installed on your computer. You need to establish a connection to the web in order for the web link to find the Bass Professor page on-line.

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## **Field Guide**

The Field Guide provides fishing tips and techniques for various water, weather, seasonal, and daytime conditions. The information provided in this section is derived from Doug Hannon's books.

The Field Guide is divided into two sections, Conditions and Tip Choices.

Select the conditions you plan to fish from the four pull-down menus on the left. You can choose Season, Weather, Time of Day, and Water Clarity.

Season choices are Early Spring (pre-spawn to spawn), Late Spring (spawn to post-spawn), Summer, Fall, and Winter.

Weather choices are Sunny-Clear (any blue sky visible), and Overcast (sky completely overcast).

Time of Day selections are Morning (dawn to 10:00 a.m.), Mid-Day (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Afternoon (4 p.m. to dusk), Evening (dusk to dark), and Night (after dark).

Water Clarity can be clear ( more than 4 feet visibility), or Murky (less than 4 feet visibility).

To change to another season, use the mouse to click on the box next to season, hold and drag to a different choice. Repeat these steps using the click, hold, pull-down technique for each of the other categories; Weather, Time of Day and Water clarity.

The Field Guide provides three choices of locations. To view choices 1, 2, or 3, simply click on the tabs at the top of the tip cards. This action brings that card's information to the front.

The entries on the cards on the right will update automatically as you make your selections. Displayed on the cards you will find water depth displayed in feet, structure types, lures, and Doug's Tip for the particular conditions you have selected.

Doug Hannon's Field Guide includes over fifty videos of bass swimming the structures the Field Guide indicates. These videos are narrated by Doug himself. To view a video, click once on the structure entry on the right side of the screen. The video will start automatically. You can exit the video before its end by clicking once anywhere on the screen.

Finally, the Field Guide includes pictures of all of the listed lures. To view the chosen lures, click once on the lure entry on the right side of the screen. When you are finished with the lure pictures, click once on the screen to clear them.

Doug's Tip is a text field that may be longer than the display box. To view the entire tip, simply click on the up and down arrows on the scroll bar.

The print button in the bottom left corner of the screen will print the conditions and all 3 choices to print simply click on the print button with your mouse.

### **Fisherman's Logbook**

The Fisherman's Logbook is a database that you can use to track your fishing experiences. Each time you fish, add an entry to the database, and gradually, you can build your own library of fishing knowledge. The logbook allows you to Add Entries, Change Entries, Delete Entries, or perform searches.

To add an entry to the Logbook, click and pull down on Entry from the menu bar at the top of the screen. Choose Add Entry. You will be given a blank log entry to fill in. Use the Tab key to jump between fields, or just click on the field you want to enter. The fields with black arrows in them are pull-downs with pre-set values for you to choose from. When you are finished entering data, click the Save button to add your entry to the Logbook. You can press Cancel at any time to delete the record you are working on.

To change information in an entry, go to that entry using the navigation buttons at the bottom of the screen. With the entry on the screen, choose Modify Entry from the Entry pull-down. You will be shown the information. Make any changes by clicking on the field to change. When you are finished, click the Save button to save changes. Clicking the Cancel button at any time undoes any changes you have made and resets the Entry to the last saved version.

To delete an entry, get that information on the screen, and choose Delete Entry from the Entry pull-down. You will be asked to confirm before any deletion is made.

To search the Logbook, choose Search from the Entry pull-down. You will be given a blank logbook entry. Type or pull-down the values you want to search the logbook for. For example, if you want to see every time you have fished Lake Fork, type Lake Fork into the Lake field, and click Search. The Logbook will display only those entries that contain Lake Fork in the Lake name field. Note that searching will only find EXACT matches between what you enter in the search, and what the Logbook contains.

After performing a search, the Logbook only displays the selected entries. To get back to a full list of

entries, choose Show All from the Entry pull-down.

### **Lunar Table of Feeding Activity**

The Bass Professor includes a Lunar Table of Feeding Activity. You can use this to tell you what phase the moon is in, when the last and next times are when the moon is new or full, and when fish are likely to be feeding on a particular day.

To use this section, simply choose the date you want information for by using the pull-down menus for Month, Day, and Year. The Bass Professor contains information for the years 1990 to 2010. You can reset the Lunar Table to the current date by clicking on Today in the menu bar at the top of the screen.

Excellent and Good feeding periods are calculated based on the phase of the moon, and the moon's position in its orbit. Excellent (major) feeding periods occur when the moon is at the highest and lowest points of its orbit, approximately 12 hours and 24 minutes apart. Good (minor) feeding periods occur half way between the major ones.

A full discussion of Doug Hannon's philosophies on the moon and its effect on bass can be found in his book, *Big Bass Magic*, which is on this disc. "There's Magic In The Moon" can be found starting on page 121.

### **Species Identification**

Species Identification provides information about fish and vegetation in North American freshwater lakes. The information consists of an image, and textual description.

You may select from the following choices: Game Fish, Bait Fish, and Aquatic Vegetation. To do so, use the mouse to click on the category you wish to view in the box in the top right corner of the screen. The species list below will display the choices available for that category.

Within the species list, click on the particular fish or plant you would like to identify, and the appropriate image and data will be displayed.

### **Big Bass Magic**

The entire text of Doug Hannon's book, *Big Bass Magic*, is contained on this disc in Adobe Acrobat format. If you do not already have it, the Acrobat Reader is contained on the disc as well.

To view the book, select Big Bass Magic from either the Main Menu button, or the Go To pull-down. If Acrobat is installed in its standard location, The Bass Professor will find it and open the book automatically. If the Bass Professor cannot find Acrobat, you will be asked to Locate or Install Acrobat.

Choose Locate if you know Acrobat is already installed. You will be given a file locator window, and asked to find Acrobat. Please locate and select the *Acroread.exe* file. The Bass Professor will automatically use this and open the book.

Choose Install Acrobat if you want the Bass Professor to install Acrobat. The Bass Professor will quit and launch the Adobe Acrobat installer. Follow the installer's directions to place the reader on your hard drive. Then re-start The Bass Professor, and choose Big Bass Magic.

The Bass Professor saves the location of Acrobat in its preferences. The About screen shows where the currently selected copy of Acrobat is located. If you move Acrobat, or delete it, you can update the Bass Professor from the About window.

Once in the book, you can jump to any section, using the bookmarks listed on the left side of the screen. Or you can click on any entry in the table of contents, which is found on page seven of the book.

**Web Link**

The Bass Professor includes a link to the World Wide Web. To connect to the Bass Professor on-line, you need to have a web browser installed and be connected to your internet service provider. When you select Web Link from either the main menu or the Go To pull-down menu for the first time, you will be asked to locate your web browser. Select the web browser executable, and click open. The Bass Professor will save this as a preference, and will automatically take you to the Bass Professor web site. If you need to change which web browser you're using, click the About button on the Main Menu. On the About screen, you have the option to clear the web browser preference, or to select a new browser.

**Good fishing!**