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### **Bowfishing Association Hosting Director's Shoot Aug. 7**

SPRING VALLEY, IL – The Bowfishing Association of Illinois, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), will host the first annual “Time on the Water Director’s Shoot” on Aug. 7 at Time on the Water Outdoors in Spring Valley, Illinois.

The shoot hours are Aug. 7 from 5 a.m. until noon, with a “Big 6” format in which the heaviest stringer of six silver carp will win. Only silver carp may be entered. The grand prize is \$5,000 with additional cash prizes to be paid depending on the number of participant entries.

The Director’s Shoot will be held in conjunction with the Innerloc Illinois State Bowfishing Championship that will also take place at Time on the Water Outdoors in Spring Valley beginning at 9 p.m. on Aug. 7 and concluding at 4 a.m. on Aug. 8. The state bowfishing championship will be a split format shoot (Numbers and Big 30).

The entry fee is \$30 per shooter for either of the shoots, or \$40 per shooter for both shoots. Teams may have one, two or three shooters.

During last year’s championship, bow anglers removed 25,000 silver carp from the Illinois River. Fish taken during the tournaments will be processed into high grade emulsion fertilizer.

Throughout the weekend, the first annual Midwest Bowfishing Festival will be held during the tournaments. Manufacturers, suppliers and clubs from across the country and the IDNR will have representatives on hand to talk about bowfishing and the problems related to Asian carp. There will also be an archery range for visitors to try bowfishing gear. Admission is free for festival and tournament weigh-in spectators.

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