



RENOVATION OF BUSSEY BRAKE RESERVOIR



If you build it they will come.

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BACKGROUND/HISTORY

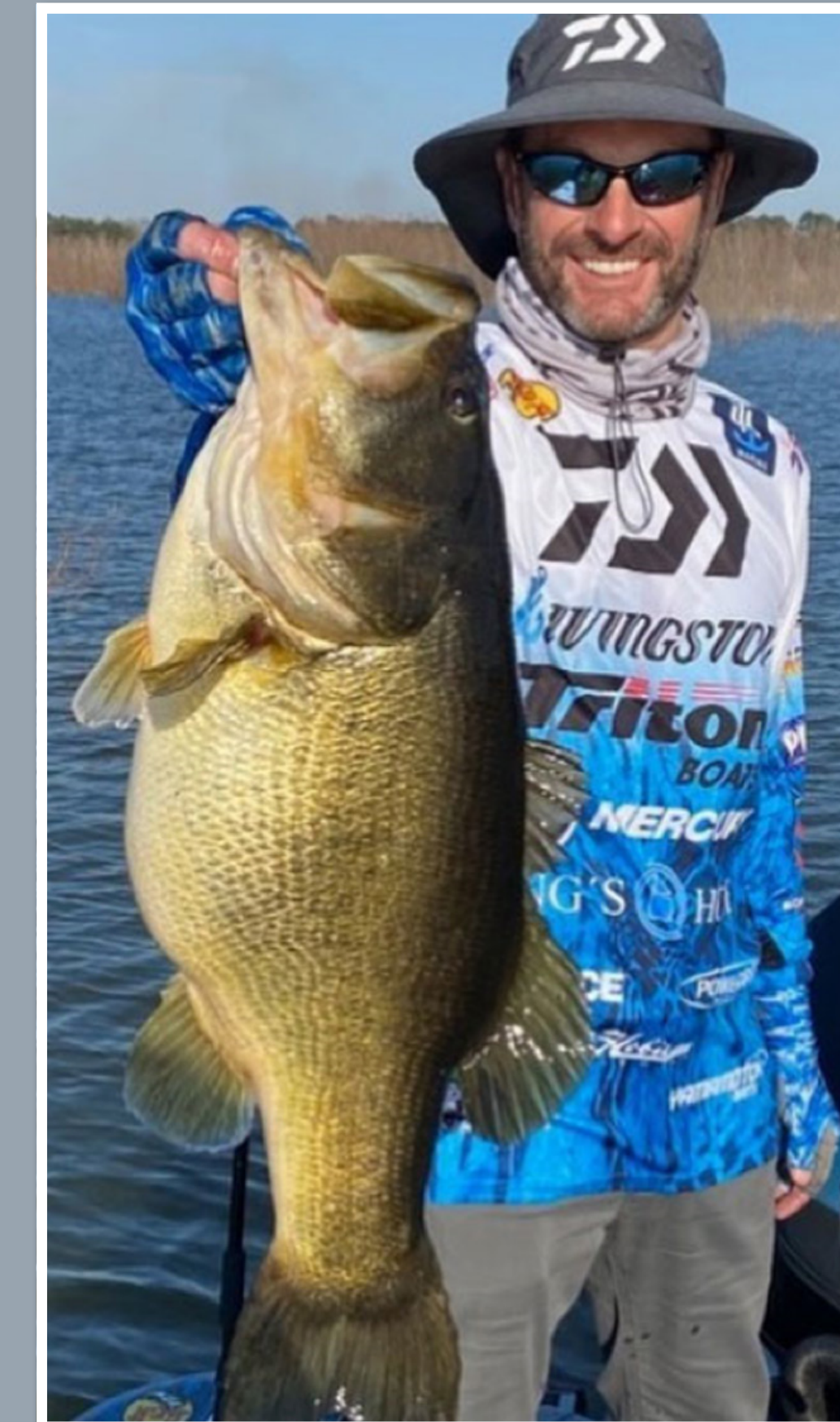
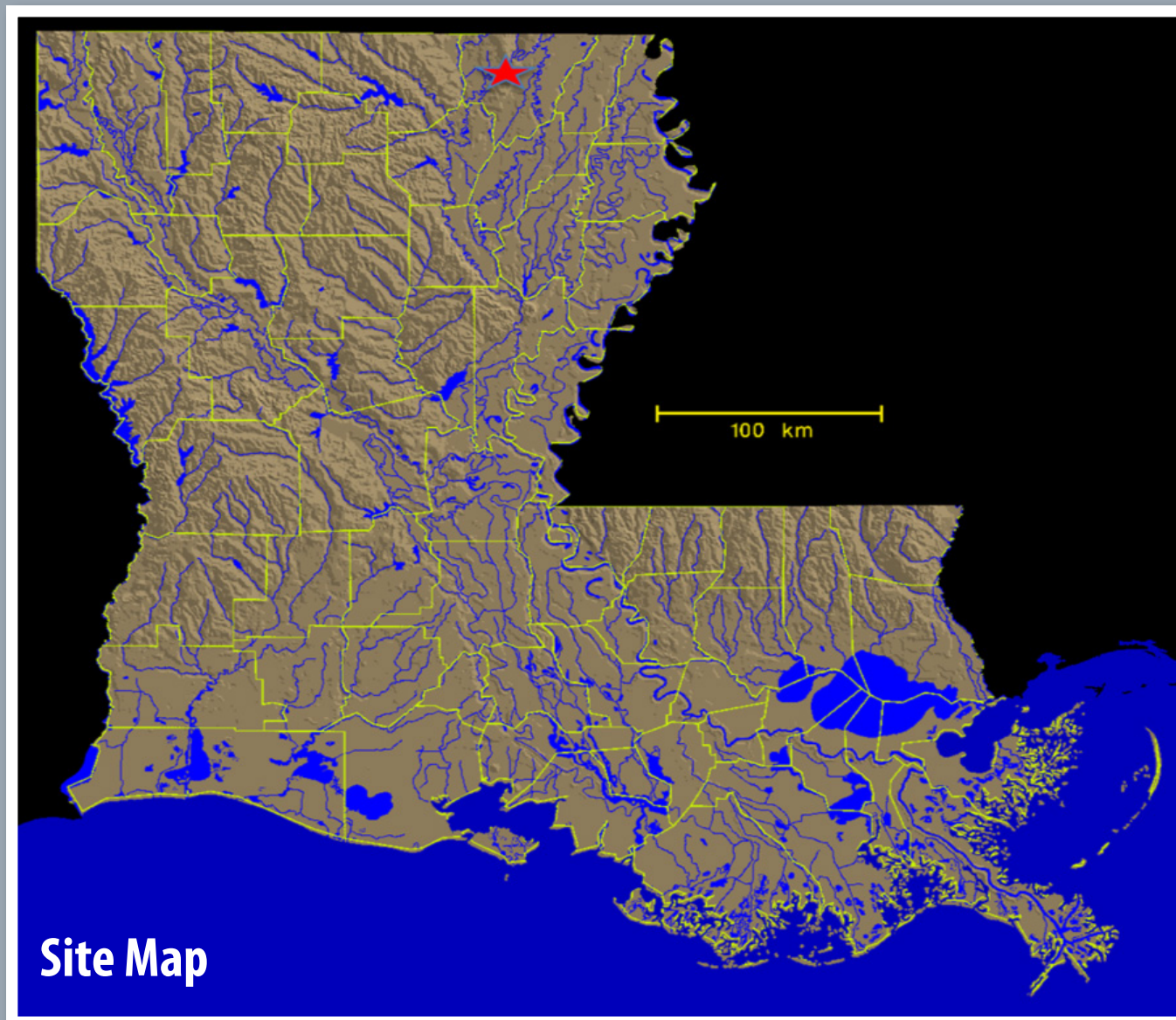
- › Built in 1958; 2,200 acres
- › Water supply for International Paper Mill
- › Located in Morehouse Parish
- › Problem: degraded habitat, fisheries declined, fisheries were not a priority
- › Donated to LDWF in 2013

RENOVATION

- › Purpose: provide a high-quality fishery
- › Major projects:
 - Drawdown
 - Boat lanes
 - Wave breaks
 - New water pump
 - Removal of undesirable fish species
 - Boat dock and fishing piers (partnered with MITA for kids pier)
 - Stocking desirable forage and sportfish species
 - Restrooms
- › Funded by Sport Fish Restoration \$\$

RESULTS

- › Two Major League Fishing tournaments
- › National destination, boost in local economy
- › Big fish
 - Two top-ten record crappie
 - Trophy bass (including the current #8 state record)
- › Average attendance per year
 - 5,500 visits



Pictures of Fish from 2022 & 2023

