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<u>Press Release:</u> September 30th and October 1st, 2016, Trent/Neuse Qualifier – New Bern NC -

North Carolina hosted the Eastern Region NC BASS Nation state championship at The Trent/Neuse River on September 30th and October 1st with 106 anglers vying to represent the NC BASS Nation at the 2017 BASS Regional hosted by B.A.S.S. all hoping to continue on the road to qualify for a shot at the BASS MASTER CLASSIC!

Adam Haithcock (Lucky Strike Bass Masters) had some of those LUCKY STRIKES and won the Boater Division with a total weight of 28.49 pounds. Adam is an awesome fisherman and will lead the Eastern Regional qualifiers to the next level. This is his first win with the NCBN.

Steve Vann (Bass Masters of Indian Springs) was second with 24.41, Richard Cooper (Reel'em In Bass Masters) qualified for his second consecutive state team finishing third with 19.86 pounds, Adam Petty (Sandy Creek) finished fourth with 19.25 and Jeremy Sabo (Holly Springs) finished 5th with 18.97 pounds. Top four boaters have qualified for the 2017 State Team.

Jon Owsley (Team Bass Masters) won the Non-Boater Division with a total weight of 14.96 pounds. Vern Townsend (OBX Bassmasters) was second with 13.19 pounds, Scott Spencer (NC BASS Heads) finished 3rd place with 12.38, Robert Farley was 4th with 11.69 pounds, and Adam Richardson was 5th was fifth with 9.80. The Top three non-boaters have qualified for the 2017 State Team.

The NC BASS Heads team claimed the team title with 68.68 pounds, Lucky Strike was second with 60.01 pounds.

Triton Big Fish Honors were Day 1 Cliff Hoggard 4.68lbs (boater) ; Jesse Spell 3.89 (non-boater)

Day 2 Lowrance Big bass award (boater) Adam Haithcock 5.01 (non-boater) Jonathon Lanier 5.02

Special thanks go out to George Conway, Lori Murray, Greg and Kim Howard and Lenny and Vicky Smathers for their hard work during the tourney.