

*Remarks for the
Bass Pro Shop Announcement
June 27, 2003*

- Recognize Sen. Dean Kirby, Mayor Jimmy Foster, Chip Miskelly, Noel Daniels
 - Special recognition to Johnny Morris and Jim Hagle with Bass Pro
 - Also Murray Wikol with Bloomfield Equities
 - Appreciate the commitment you're all making to this exciting new partnership we're announcing today

- Proud to welcome Bass Pro to Mississippi
 - My son is glad you're here

- I have to say I share his enthusiasm
 - Like so many Mississippians, I love the outdoors
 - Enjoy hunting / fishing with my kids
 - Story of Jordan / 15-point buck

- Teddy Roosevelt, who we all know once hunted in Mississippi, said it well
 - “The chase is among the best of all national pastimes”

- Want to keep the chase going strong in Mississippi
 - Ensure future generations have opportunities to fish, hunt and enjoy Mississippi’s outdoors

- We do that by protecting and managing Mississippi's outdoor resources
 - Forests / over 800,000 acres of prime game areas and 38 Wildlife Management Areas
 - 21 prime fishing lakes covering more than 5,000 acres / 175 different species of freshwater fish alone

- We do that by making it easier for hunters to hunt
 - On-line registration for hunting / fishing licenses
 - Conservation officers that keep outdoor sporting safe while helping manage wildlife populations

- We do it by protecting the rights of hunters
 - 2nd amendment is very clear – “right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”
 - I believe in and support that right

- Mississippi is a great place for hunting and fishing
 - Looking forward to picking up some new gear at Bass Pro
 - Looking forward to having Bass Pro as a part of Mississippi