

Hoffman Claims Lake Wisconsin Victory, Crown Field Set as WISCO BASS Regular Season Concludes

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The road to the WISCO CROWN reached its final regular-season stop Sunday on Lake Wisconsin, and while anglers were greeted with beautiful late-summer weather, the fish proved far less cooperative.

Fishing out of Lucky's Lodge in Lodi, competitors faced a stingy Lake Wisconsin that refused to give up easy limits. In a tournament where every bite mattered, **Casey Hoffman** rose above the field with a winning weight of **15.10 pounds**, claiming the Round 4 title and cementing his place among the top performers of the 2026 WISCO BASS Single Series season.

Lake Wisconsin has long been known for producing both quality largemouth and smallmouth bass, but Sunday's event was a grind from start to finish. Consistent weather and manageable conditions allowed anglers to execute their game plans, yet the bass never fully cooperated. Many competitors reported long stretches between bites and were forced to rely on key adjustments throughout the day.

Hoffman's winning performance showcased the patience and adaptability required to succeed on a challenging Lake Wisconsin. On a day when breaking into the mid-teens was enough to separate an angler from the rest of the field, his 15.10-pound limit proved to be the benchmark no one could reach.

The victory adds another impressive chapter to Hoffman's WISCO BASS résumé and comes at a crucial point in the season as anglers transition from the regular season into championship mode.

A Tough Finish to the Regular Season

Round 4 marked the final stop of the 2026 WISCO BASS Single Series regular season. The Lake Wisconsin event represented the last opportunity for anglers to improve their Angler of the Year standing and secure one of the coveted invitations to the WISCO CROWN on the Minocqua Chain.

Throughout the day, anglers battled fluctuating fish behavior, scattered schools, and the pressure of knowing every ounce could determine whether their season would continue. The tension was evident at weigh-in as competitors watched the scales with championship aspirations hanging in the balance.

The Lake Wisconsin finale delivered exactly what tournament organizers hoped for—a dramatic finish to an increasingly competitive season.

The Road to the WISCO CROWN

With Round 4 now complete, the focus immediately shifts to the **2026 WISCO CROWN**, scheduled for September 12-13 on the Minocqua Chain. The championship event will feature the **Top 50 anglers in the final Angler of the Year standings**, making it the most prestigious event on the WISCO BASS calendar.

The AOY race has been one of the biggest storylines all season. From Lake Winnebago to Green Lake, Manitowish Chain, and now Lake Wisconsin, anglers have accumulated points through four tournaments in pursuit of a championship berth.

Making the Top 50 is an accomplishment in itself. It rewards season-long consistency rather than a single standout performance and reflects an angler's ability to adapt to vastly different fisheries throughout Wisconsin.

For those who found themselves safely inside the cut line heading into Lake Wisconsin, Sunday's event was about improving championship positioning. For others hovering near the bubble, every fish carried enormous significance.

The final standings now determine which anglers will have the opportunity to compete for WISCO BASS's most coveted title.

Championship Expectations

The Minocqua Chain has earned a reputation as one of Wisconsin's premier bass fisheries and provides a fitting stage for the season finale. The two-day championship will bring together the best anglers from across the state, each looking to cap off their season with a CROWN victory.

Momentum will certainly be a factor entering the championship, and Hoffman carries plenty of it after his recent Lake Wisconsin and Fox Lake victories. However, history has shown that once the field is reduced to the Top 50, regular-season results matter little. Every angler starts with a fresh opportunity to make their mark.

The combination of elite competition, championship pressure, and one of Wisconsin's most scenic fisheries promises a memorable conclusion to the 2026 season.

Looking Ahead

As the sun set on Lake Wisconsin, one chapter of the season came to a close while another began.

Casey Hoffman leaves Lodi as the Round 4 champion after conquering a difficult bite and proving once again that consistency wins tournaments. Meanwhile, the rest of the field now turns its attention north toward Minocqua, where the Top 50 anglers in the Angler of the Year standings will battle for WISCO BASS glory. Full AOY standings can be found at www.wiscobass.com/single-series.

The regular season is complete.

The field is set.

The WISCO CROWN awaits.

Photo Gallery

For event photos, weigh-in coverage, and highlights from Round 4 Lake Wisconsin, visit the official WISCO BASS Facebook page and PHYX TV. WISCO BASS regularly shares tournament images, weigh-in photos, and behind-the-scenes content from every stop on the trail.

