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BASS MASTERS CLASSIC

Welcome to *BASS Masters Classic*! The best bass fishing game for the Game Boy Color, *BASS Masters Classic* combines the realism of B.A.S.S. tournament fishing with arcade angling fun for all ages.

BASS Masters Classic offers all the features that serious anglers demand: underwater and strike viewing screens, changing weather conditions, and incredibly detailed fish behavior. With ultra-realistic fishing situations and fickle, hard-fighting bass, players will have the best bass fishing game for anglers on the run.

Let's go fishing!

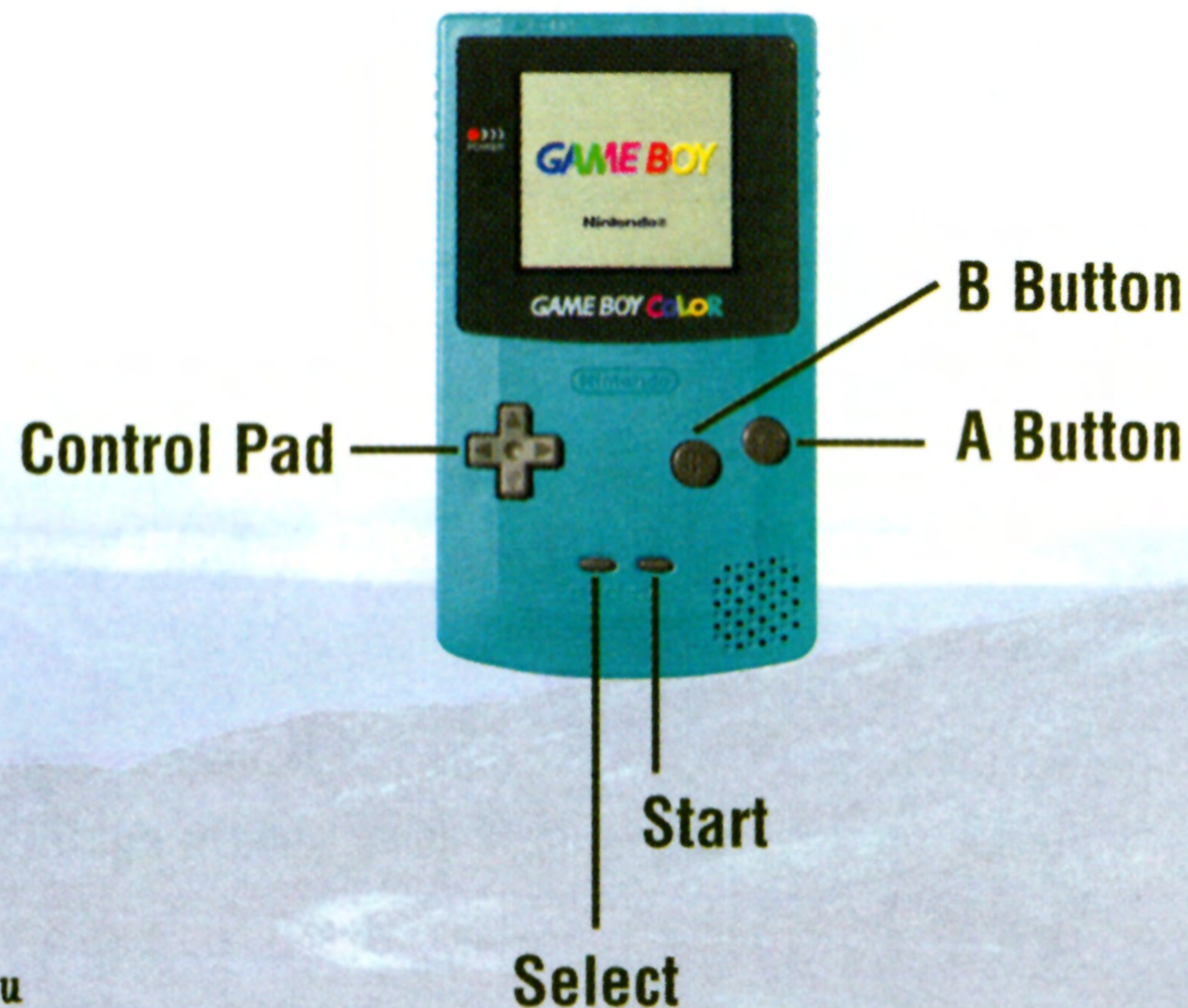


GETTING STARTED

1. Turn OFF the POWER switch on your Nintendo Game Boy. Never insert or remove a Game Pak when the power is on.
2. Insert the *BASS Masters Classic* Game Pak into the slot on the back of the Game Boy. To lock the Game Pak in place, press firmly.
3. Turn ON the POWER switch. The Nintendo logo should appear. (If you don't see it, begin again at step 1.)
4. When the Title screen for *BASS Masters Classic* appears, press Start to proceed.



CONTROLS



MENU SCREENS

- Control Pad $\uparrow/\downarrow$ Highlight options
- Control Pad $\leftarrow/\rightarrow$ Change options
- A Button Confirm options
- B Button Exit to previous menu

FISHING SPOT SELECTION

- Control Pad $\leftarrow/\rightarrow$ Move cursor
- A Button Select Area and Fishing Point
- B Button..... Exit to previous menu
- Start..... Pause game / Save game (Tournament mode)



CASTING

- Control Pad ←/→ Move boat
- Control Pad ↑/↓ Set Casting Range
- A Button Set casting meter in motion, then press again to cast the lure
- B Button..... Cancel cast
- Select Toggle Lure/Live Well menu
- Start..... Pause game

LURE SELECTION

- Control Pad ←/→ Select lure type
- Control Pad ↑/↓ Select lure type
- A Button Select lure
- B Button..... Exit to previous menu

LURE CONTROL

- Control Pad ↓ Set hook in mouth
- A Button Reel-in
- B Button..... Quick reel-in

FISH FIGHT

- A Button Reel in line / Grab fish (at boat)
- B Button..... Release tension on reel
- Start Button..... Pause game



TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Press the Control Pad **↑/↓** to highlight an option and press **←/→** to customize it. Press the A Button after making your selection.

- **ANGLER APPEARANCE** - Select the appearance of your angler. Press the Control Pad **←/→** to choose a male or female and **↑/↓** to select an angler.

After selecting your angler, highlight the **END** option and press the A Button.

ENTRY

NAME **ROBERT**

SEX **MALE** STATE **NY**

SELECT CHARACTER

CHANGE

MALE FEMALE

CHANGE **END**



OPTIONS MENU

Press the Control Pad **↑/↓** to highlight an option and press **←/→** to customize it. Press the A Button after making your selection.

- **BGM** - Toggle background music ON/OFF.
- **BGM TEST** - Listen to the different selections of background music.
- **SFX** - Toggle Sound Effects On/Off
- **SE TEST** - Test the various sound effects.
- **HINT MARK** - Toggle ON/OFF. When ON, Hot Spots are marked on the lake map with a green bass.
- **TOURNAMENT RULES** - View tournament rules.
- **EXIT** - Advance to the Select Game menu.



SELECT GAME MENU

After you have created your angler and customized the game options, you will be taken to the Select Game menu. Press the Control Pad / to highlight a mode, then press the A Button to select. Press the B Button to return to the Title screen.

- **TOURNAMENT MODE** – This is the main one-player game. Fish your way to the BASS Masters Classic against some of the top B.A.S.S. anglers.
- **PRACTICE MODE** – Build up your fishing skills in Practice mode. Customize a full day of bass fishing by selecting lake, time, and weather conditions.
- **OPTIONS** – Customize the game options. See page 7 for more information.



TOURNAMENT MODE

Tournament Mode allows you to compete on the BASSMASTER tournament trail. By placing within the top ranks of the tournaments, you can qualify for the BASS Masters Classic – the granddaddy of all fishing tournaments! To continue using a password, select a Tournament from the Select game menu, you will be given the option to start a new game or enter a password.

BASIC RULES

- **TIME** – Each day starts at 6:00a.m. and ends at 4:00p.m.
- **CATCH LIMIT** – 5 bass
- **SIZE LIMIT** – Minimum 12 inches
- **LATE PENALTY** – 1 lb. for every 5 minutes 4:00p.m., disqualified after 30 minutes



PASSWORD

To continue your progress in the BASS Masters Classic, a password feature has been included. Passwords are given out at the end of the 1st and 2nd days of a tournament. To continue using a password, you have to select Tournament from the Select game menu, you will be give the option to start a new game or enter a password. Enter a password by pressing Control Pad  /  to change places and press Control Pad  /  to scroll through the desired symbols and digits. Once you've entered the entire password press the A button and you will be taken to the next day of fishing.



SELECTING A FISHING SPOT

After reading the tournament rules, select **TOURNAMENT** from the Lake Conditions screen to go right to the lake. Now choose a spot on the lake to fish. Move the Control Pad **←/→** to select a spot, then press the A Button to select.

Once an area has been selected, decide where you would like to fish. Press the Control Pad **←/→** to select a spot, then press the A Button to confirm. To fish a different area on the lake, press the B Button to exit from the boat to the Point and Area Select screens.



GAME SCREEN

Weather Condition -

Displays current weather condition

Water Temperature - Shows water temperature



Lure - Displays your lure

Clock - Shows current time

CASTING

Press the Control Pad $\leftarrow/\rightarrow$ to adjust your boat for a better casting angle. Press the Control Pad $\uparrow/\downarrow$ to adjust your casting range. To cast out, press the A Button. A casting meter will appear. Press the A Button again once the meter reaches the desired distance.

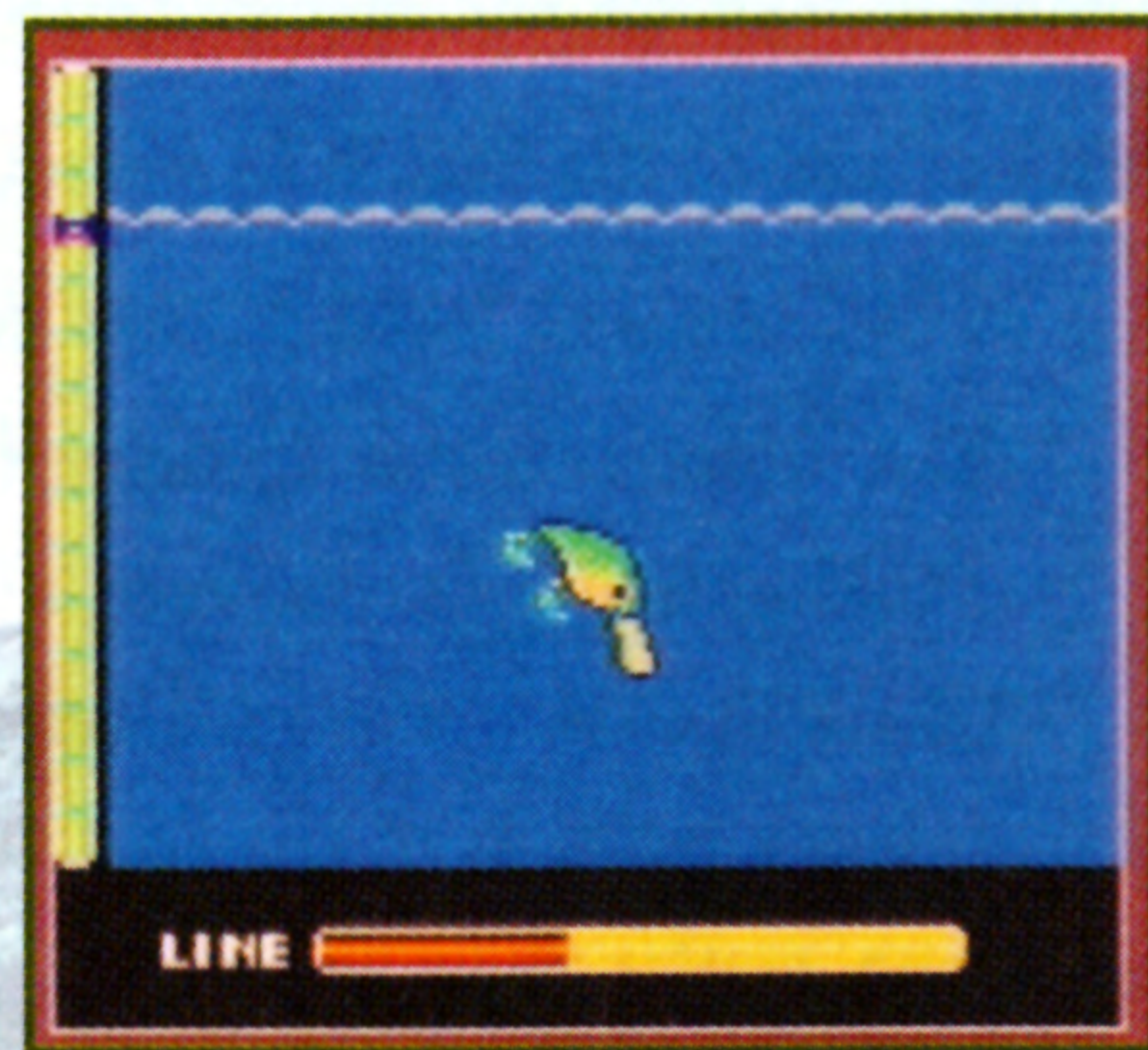


UNDERWATER

Once you have cast out the line, the lure will appear underwater. To reel in, press the A Button. Some lures will activate better if you hold down the A Button, while other lures require you to tap the A Button.

While fishing, play with each lure until it appears to be activated correctly. If not activated at all, some lures will sink to the bottom of the lake and others will float to the top of the water.

When a fish appears on the screen, press the Control Pad ↓ and press the A Button to hook your bass. If you do not press ↓ fast enough, you will not set the hook in the bass's mouth, and it will get away.



With a bass on the line, hold down the A Button to reel it in.

- The Line Out meter shows how much line is out.
- The Tension meter displays the tension of the line. If the Tension meter turns completely red, the line will snap and you will lose the bass. Press the B Button while reeling in to release tension in the reel. When there is less tension in the line, continue to reel in the fish.



BOATING A FISH

After reeling in the bass, you will have to grab it. Press the A Button when the bass gets close to your hand.

Tip: Wait until it swims up close to your hand before you grab it. It might take a few tries but patience and timing are the key.

WEIGH-IN

To weigh-in early, press the B Button to locate the Area Select screen. Highlight the dock house (displayed in the screen above) and press the A Button. Select YES to weigh-in and end the day.



PRACTICE MODE

In Practice mode, you can fully customize a full day of fishing. Press the Control Pad **↑/↓** to highlight an option and press **←/→** to customize it. For details on playing the game, please refer to page 9, "Tournament Mode."

- **LAKE** - Select one of the three lakes.
- **TIME** - Customize the time of day you would like to begin fishing
- **WEATHER (N) / WEATHER(S)** - Customize the weather on either the North or South end of your lake. Choose between Rainy, Sunny or Cloudy for each area.

Highlight **EXIT** and press the A Button to go fishing!



LURE INFORMATION

To change your lure, press Select when you are fishing on the lake. Highlight the word **LURE** and press the A Button to confirm.

- **TOPWATER LURES** are very effective in the morning, in cool to warm water. If the water temperature reads 55 degrees or more, a topwater should be the first lure you throw in. The best technique for topwaters is to reel in the line with a succession of starts and stops.
- **CRANK BAITS** are some of the favorite lures used by B.A.S.S. anglers. They work the best when you bump them against the bottom of the lake or bounce them off stumps. The bass will see them stop and dart, causing a strike reaction. For best results, reel in the line erratically.



- **SPINNER BAIT**s are very versatile lures because they can be used in any type of fishing environment year round. To catch the biggest bass, reel in the spinner bait at a slow to medium speed. Try to keep the spinner bait close to the surface.
- **JERK BAIT**s can be used almost anywhere on the lake. Through, on, around and over cover, and even in open water, jerk baits can help you catch a monster bass. Jerk baits should be reeled in slowly to give the fish a chance to see them. Lighter colored jerk baits are the best bet.
- **JIG**s are considered some of the best type of lures on the market today. They can be used in clear to stained water, water temperatures dipping below 60 degrees, and on bass that are in deep underwater cover. The best way to activate a jig is to keep it looking alive, and to reel in slowly.
- **RIG**s include the two most popular ways of rigging plastic worms – the Carolina and Texas style. Texas rigs are best used in water that has no vegetation such as weeds. Carolina rigs enable the worm to float just off the bottom, tricking the bass into striking your plastic worm.

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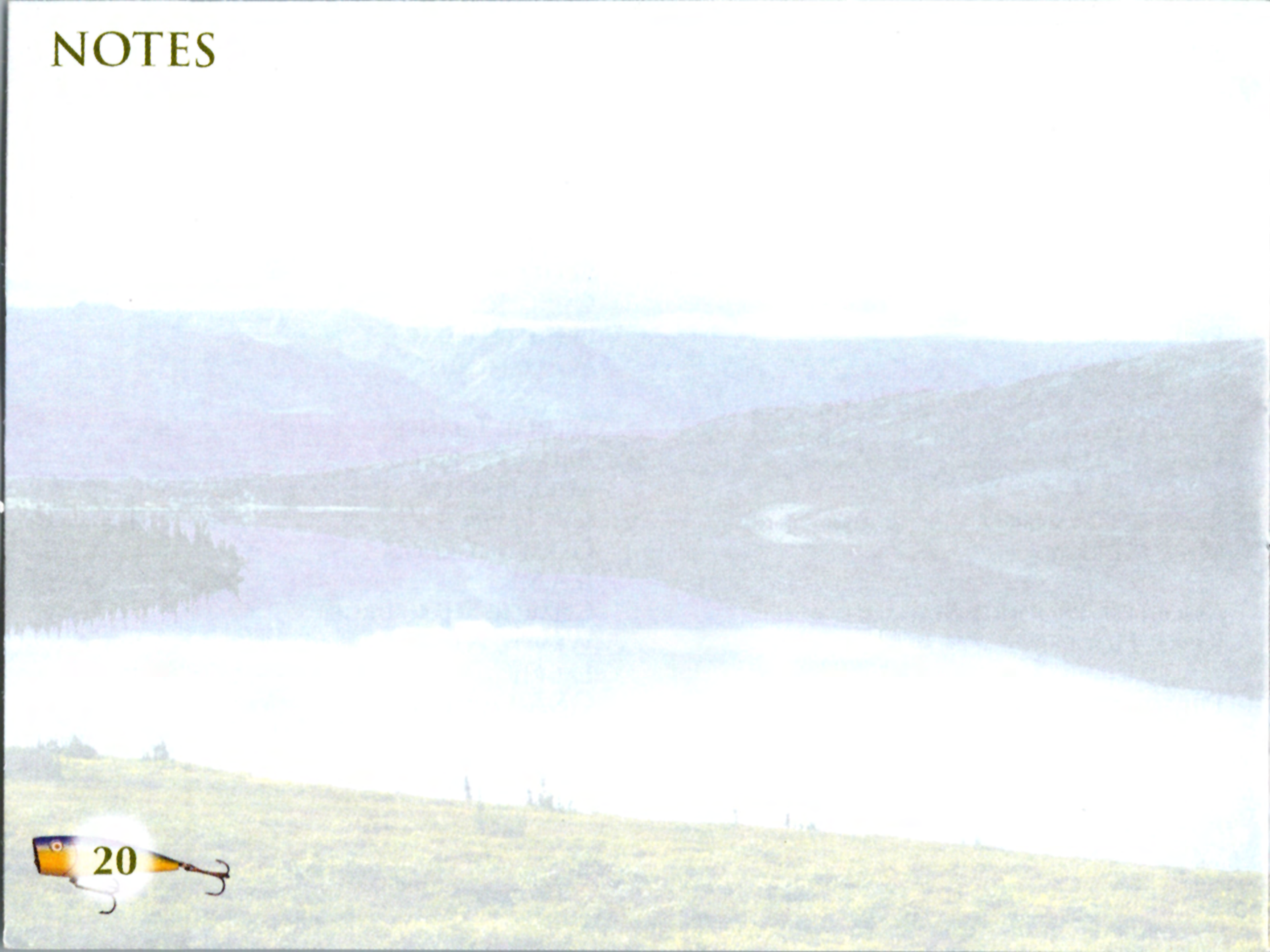
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