

Fishing tourney returns to area

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SENECA — A major fishing tournament is set to return to Lake Hartwell for three days next week.

The 2020 Toyota Fishing League Worldwide Series will run from March 3-5 as regional fishing pros and co-anglers compete for a top prize of up to \$65,000.

"The fish are still in their wintertime patterns — we haven't had much warm weather yet, and we've even had some snow recently — so I think we're going to see a good mixture of fish caught out of ditches and stuff like that. Any areas where they can chase the bait up shallow," circuit pro David Williams said.



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Williams has eight top-10 finishes in FLW competition on Lake Hartwell.

"Finding the baitfish will be the key in this tournament," Williams added. "We're going to see anglers throwing a lot of crankbaits, swimbaits, jigs and shaky-head rigs. Within the next few weeks we'll start to see fish move up shallow, but the normal wintertime patterns will be in play for this one."

Visit Oconee SC is hosting the event, which will take off from the

Clemson Beach and Recreation Area located at 275 YMCA Circle in Seneca at 7 a.m. each day of competition.

"The economic impact of this event is significant to our community," Visit Oconee sales/event manager Charlotte Waters said. "We wish all the anglers a memorable and safe time throughout the event on Lake Hartwell, and we hope to show them why Oconee County is well known for our natural resources and outdoor adventure."