

And just like that, the **2026 Wednesday Night Series regular season is officially in the books.**

After 13 Wednesday nights of fishing, changing river conditions, close calls, big fish, small fish, Wildcards, Bubble heartbreak and plenty of movement in the standings, we've finally reached the end of the regular season. The **Top 15 Championship field is set**, but it certainly didn't get there quietly.

Week 13 produced only **16 fish from 41 anglers**, but don't let the number of fish fool you. The ones that did come across the scales were some of the best we've seen all season. Those 16 fish weighed **24.99 pounds and averaged 1.56 pounds each**. Twelve of the 16 were over 14 inches, seven were over 15, and two absolute monsters broke the 17-inch mark.

And those big fish couldn't have come at a better time.

There was movement all over the standings before the night was finished. Some teams helped themselves. Some held onto what they had. Others watched the Championship line move around them.

The **Best of 10 format did exactly what it was supposed to do.**

It kept things interesting right down to the final weigh-in.

WEEK 13 TOURNAMENT SPONSOR — WINDOW WORLD OF WYOMING VALLEY

This week's regular-season finale was proudly sponsored by **Window World of Wyoming Valley!** The Week 13 tournament sheet recognizes Window World as our trophy sponsor, and we're happy to have a local Northeastern Pennsylvania business supporting Suskie Bassmasters.

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While they're part of the nationwide Window World family, the Wyoming Valley location is the one serving our own backyard. Window World also has a long history of charitable involvement through **Window World Cares**, including its support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

If you're considering new windows, doors or exterior improvements around the house, keep the businesses that support our club in mind.

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A big thank-you to Window World of Wyoming Valley for sponsoring Week 13, supporting Suskie Bassmasters and helping us close out the 2026 regular season!  

If Week 12 was a good night for quality fish, Week 13 apparently decided to raise the bar.

-  **Anglers:** 41
-  **Fish Weighed:** 16
-  **Total Weight:** 24.99 lbs
-  **Average Fish:** 1.56 lbs
-  **Paid Places:** 4
-  **Wildcard:** 11th Place — \$60

Only 16 fish made it to the scale, but **15 of them — 94% — were over 13 inches**. Twelve fish, or 75%, were over 14 inches, while seven of the 16 were over 15 inches.

The size breakdown tells the story:

-  **12½–13":** 1 fish — 6%
-  **13–14":** 3 fish — 19%
-  **14–15":** 5 fish — 31%
-  **15–16":** 5 fish — 31%
-  **17–18":** 2 fish — 13%

Those two fish in the 17–18-inch class weighed a combined **5.35 pounds**, averaging an impressive **2.675 pounds each**.

Two fish over 2½ pounds on the final Wednesday of the regular season.

Not a bad way to go out.

RIVER & WEATHER CONDITIONS

-  **Wilkes-Barre River Gauge:** 2.2 ft
-  **Water Temperature:** Not Recorded
-  **Water Clarity:** Clear
-  **Air Temperature near 5:30 PM:** Approximately 81°F
-  **Conditions:** Partly Sunny
-  **Wind:** Southwest at 5–10 mph

The river had come up from the previous week, sitting at **2.2 feet on the Wilkes-Barre gauge**, with clear water and a warm September evening for the regular-season finale. Whatever was happening below the surface, there were some good fish willing to cooperate — **seven of the 16 fish weighed were over 15 inches, including two over 17**.

🎲 THIRTEEN WEEKS LATER...

For 13 weeks, every Wednesday gave teams another opportunity to build their season. But when it was all said and done, only each team's **10 best tournament weights** would determine who advanced to the Championship.

That made Week 13 a very different tournament depending on where you were sitting in the standings.

Some teams were already comfortably in. Some were trying to improve their Championship position. Some needed to replace one of their smaller weights. And for the teams sitting around that 15th-place line, there wasn't another Wednesday coming to fix it.

This was it.

Farther down the standings, things weren't nearly as settled. The Championship line moved before the night was over, several teams changed positions, and the final Top 15 looked different when Week 13 ended than it did when everyone launched.

We're going to save the complete Championship lineup — and exactly how all that final-week movement shook out — for the end of this week's recap.

For now, there's still one final regular-season tournament to settle.

We had **two fish over 2½ pounds**, a tight fight around the payout line, a **\$60 rollover Wildcard**, and plenty of unfinished business waiting at the scales.

The regular season may be over.

But we've still got some business to take care of.

NOW FOR THE WEEK 13 RESULTS...

WILDCARD — TEAM KRESGE

 **Length:** 14½ inches

 **Weight:** 1.41 lbs

 **Place:** 11th

After last week's Wildcard went unclaimed and rolled over to the regular-season finale, Team Kresge landed in exactly the right spot. Their 14½-inch, 1.41-pound fish finished 11th, which happened to be the Wildcard number.

And this week, somebody actually stuck around to collect it. 😁

Congratulations, Team Kresge!

THE BUBBLE — TEAM MILLER

 **Length:** 15⅞ inches

 **Weight:** 1.73 lbs

 **Place:** 5th

That's a pretty good fish to end up on the Bubble.

Team Miller weighed a 15⅞-inch, 1.73-pound fish and finished 5th, just one position outside the four paid places. On plenty of Wednesday nights this season, a fish like that would've put you in pretty good shape.

Week 13 wasn't one of them.

Good fish. Wrong night. 😬

4TH PLACE — TEAM VITALE JR.

 **Length:** 15 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches

 **Weight:** 1.78 lbs

 **Place:** 4th

Only 0.05 pounds separated the final paid position from the Bubble, and Team Vitale Jr. ended up on the right side of it. Their 15 $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch, 1.78-pound fish was just enough to stay ahead of Team Miller and grab the final paid position.

Five hundredths isn't much, but it's enough.

Congratulations to Team Vitale Jr. on 4th place!

3RD PLACE — TEAM HAMM

 **Length:** 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches

 **Weight:** 1.82 lbs

 **Place:** 3rd

Team Hamm has spent just about the entire season hanging around the top of the standings, and they finished the regular season the same way. Their 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, 1.82-pound fish put them into 3rd place Wednesday night.

It was also one last improvement to an already strong Best of 10. Team Hamm finishes the regular season with **16.73 pounds**, good enough for 2nd in the Championship Standings behind Team John Centak.

Thirteen weeks of fishing and Team Hamm heads into the Championship sitting near the very top of the field.

Congratulations to Team Hamm on 3rd place!

2ND PLACE — TEAM GILLOTT

 **Length:** 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

 **Weight:** 2.62 lbs

 **Place:** 2nd

If you're going to wait until the final Wednesday of the regular season to make your move, you might as well make it a big one.

Team Gillott entered Week 13 sitting **16th in the Championship Standings**, one spot outside the Top 15. There wasn't another regular-season Wednesday coming. If they were going to get into the Championship, this was their last shot.

They responded with an absolute monster.

Team Gillott brought a 17½-inch, **2.62-pound fish** to the scale, easily their biggest fish of the season and one of the biggest we've seen all year.

That one fish completely changed their season. When the Best of 10 was calculated, Team Gillott jumped from **16th to 14th**, finishing with 13.46 pounds and punching their ticket to the Championship at the last possible opportunity.

From outside looking in to Championship bound on the final Wednesday.

And with 2.62 pounds on the scale, Team Gillott had a fish that looked awfully hard to beat.

Unfortunately for them, somebody did.

Congratulations to Team Gillott on a huge 2nd-place finish and one heck of a way to punch a ticket to the Championship!

1ST PLACE — TEAM NEALON

 **Length:** 17⅞ inches

 **Weight:** 2.73 lbs

 **Place:** 1st

A 2.62-pound fish was already sitting near the top of the leaderboard. On almost any Wednesday this season, that would've been enough to make everybody else nervous.

Then Team Nealon showed up with something even bigger.

Their fish measured 17⅞ inches and weighed **2.73 pounds**, giving Team Nealon the Week 13 victory in the final tournament of the regular season.

And this wasn't just a tournament-winning fish.

Team Nealon entered Week 13 sitting 13th in the Championship Standings. With the Best of 10 now fully in play, they needed a fish big enough to replace one of their lower weights if they wanted to make any meaningful move.

A 2.73-pounder will do that.

When everything was calculated, Team Nealon jumped **three positions from 13th to 10th**, finishing the regular season with a 14.55-pound Best of 10 and giving themselves a much different starting position heading into the Championship.

But even that wasn't the biggest thing this fish changed.

For the last several weeks, Team John Centak had been holding onto the Lunker of the Year lead with the 2.65-pound fish from Week 10. There was only one regular-season tournament left for somebody to beat it.

Team Nealon waited until the very last one.

Their 2.73-pound monster beat the previous leader by just **0.08 pounds**, taking over the Lunker of the Year lead on the final Wednesday of the regular season. The final standings sheet now officially lists Team Nealon as the Lunker leader.

So let's add up what one fish managed to accomplish Wednesday night.

It won Week 13. It moved Team Nealon three positions up the Championship Standings. And after Team John Centak had held the Lunker lead for weeks, it stole that title away with one regular-season weigh-in remaining — the one they were standing at.

Talk about saving your best for last.

2.73 pounds. Week 13 winner. 10th in the Championship field. And the new Lunker of the Year leader.

That's a pretty good way to close out 13 weeks of Wednesday night fishing.

Congratulations to Team Nealon on the Week 13 victory and one monster of a fish! 🏆 🐟



WEEK 13 — TRENDING

Thirteen weeks are complete, the drops have been calculated, and there won't be any more movement in the regular-season Championship Standings. But Week 13 certainly made sure the board looked different before it was finished.

The biggest mover of the night was **Team Nealon**, climbing three positions from 13th to 10th after their 2.73-pound victory. Team Gillott made arguably the most important move, jumping from 16th to 14th and crossing the Championship line on the final night. Team Kresge also gained two spots, moving from 8th to 6th, while Team Vitale Jr. moved from 10th to 9th.

Those moves caused plenty of shuffling in the other direction. Team Mrochko slipped from 6th to 7th, Team Ciravalo from 7th to 8th, Team Russo from 9th to 11th and Team McGovern from 11th to 13th.

The toughest movement came right around the cutoff. Team Saypack entered the final week in 14th and inside the Championship field, but finished the regular season in 16th, becoming the first team on the outside. Team Miller held onto the final spot in 15th, while Team Gillott's last-minute charge into 14th helped completely rearrange the bottom of the field.

There isn't another regular-season Wednesday left to change it.

The Top 15 is set.



LUNKER OF THE YEAR — A LAST-MINUTE TAKEOVER

Team John Centak had held the Lunker of the Year lead since Week 10 with a 2.65-pound fish, and they carried that lead all the way into the final regular-season tournament.

Then Team Nealon showed up with **2.73 pounds**.

That 17 $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch monster didn't just win Week 13. It officially moved Team Nealon into the top spot for Lunker of the Year, beating the previous leader by just **0.08 pounds** on the final opportunity of the regular season.

That's cutting it pretty close.

Congratulations to Team Nealon, our 2026 Wednesday Night Series Lunker of the Year leader! 🐟👤

🐟 SMALL FISH OF THE YEAR

While Team Nealon was busy changing things at the big end of the scale, nobody managed to knock Team Saypack off the other end.

Team Saypack finishes the regular season as our **Small Fish of the Year leader** with their 0.85-pound fish. The final standings confirm Team Saypack held onto it through Week 13.

It takes a special kind of tournament series where one team is hoping for the biggest fish possible while another is quietly hoping nobody catches anything smaller than 0.85 pounds. 😂

Congratulations, Team Saypack!

🏆 50/50 — HUNTER LACOMIS

Congratulations to **Hunter Lacomis**, our Week 13 50/50 winner!

Earlier this season we welcomed Hunter back after completing the entire Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine — roughly 2,200 miles on foot.

So this one seems pretty easy.

Maybe Hunter can finally buy himself a new pair of boots. 😂👢

After that many miles, we're guessing the old ones have officially done their job.

Congratulations, Hunter!

🏆 YOUR 2026 SUSKIE BASSMASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP TOP 15

Thirteen Wednesday nights started back in June, and after all the fish, all the drops and all the movement in the standings, the Championship field is officially set.

- ◆ 1 — Team John Centak — 17.45 lbs
- ◆ 2 — Team Hamm — 16.73 lbs
- ◆ 3 — Team Matty Centak — 16.10 lbs
- ◆ 4 — Team Kane — 15.93 lbs
- ◆ 5 — Team Orloski — 15.11 lbs
- ◆ 6 — Team Kresge — 14.95 lbs
- ◆ 7 — Team Mrochko — 14.79 lbs
- ◆ 8 — Team Ciravalo — 14.70 lbs
- ◆ 9 — Team Vitale Jr. — 14.66 lbs
- ◆ 10 — Team Nealon — 14.55 lbs

- ◆ **11 — Team Russo — 13.83 lbs**
- ◆ **12 — Team Lacomis — 13.82 lbs**
- ◆ **13 — Team McGovern — 13.49 lbs**
- ◆ **14 — Team Gillott — 13.46 lbs**
- ◆ **15 — Team Miller — 13.17 lbs**

Those are the 15 teams who officially earned their spot in the Championship based on the final Best of 10 standings.

But for the next three teams, don't put the rods away just yet.

CHAMPIONSHIP BUBBLE

16. Team Saypack — 12.64 lbs

17. Team Malloy — 11.47 lbs

18. Team Bevilaqua — 10.88 lbs

Teams Saypack, Malloy and Bevilaqua are the first three teams outside the Championship field. If any of the Top 15 teams are unable to fish the Championship, the opportunity will move down the standings in order.

So if you're sitting 16th, 17th or 18th, you're not in yet — but you're not completely out of it either.

Keep an eye out as we get closer to Championship day.



THAT'S A WRAP ON THE 2026 REGULAR SEASON

And just like that, 13 weeks of Wednesday night fishing on the Susquehanna are officially in the books.

We've had changing river levels, hot summer nights, close finishes, ties settled by length, Wildcard surprises, Bubble heartbreak, big fish, little fish and plenty of movement in the standings. Week 13 gave us one last shake-up, with Team Gillott coming from outside the Top 15 to punch a last-minute Championship ticket and Team Nealon closing the regular season with the biggest fish of the year and a Week 13 victory.

A big thank-you goes out to everyone who fished with us throughout the season, everyone who helped with registration and weigh-in, all of our weekly sponsors, and everyone else who helped make another Wednesday Night Series possible.

Congratulations to the **Top 15 teams** who earned their way into the Championship, and good luck to the teams on the Bubble who may still get their opportunity.

The regular season is officially over.

But we're not done fishing on Wednesday nights just yet.



NEXT WEDNESDAY — FUN TOURNAMENT!

We're going to have a **fun tournament next Wednesday**, with everything else staying the same:

 **Registration:** Approx. 4:00 PM

 **Launch:** 5:00 PM

 **Weigh-In:** 8:00 PM

 **All boats must be between the bridges by 8:00 PM**

The only question is how we're going to decide who gets paid — and we're going to let you guys decide that one.

We'll be putting a **poll on the Suskie Bassmasters Facebook page** to choose the format for next Wednesday's tournament. The choices will be:

 **1st / 3rd / 5th Place**

 **2nd / 4th / 6th Place**

 **Draw cards from a deck to determine the payout positions**

No Championship implications and no standings to worry about. Just one more Wednesday night on the river with a little different twist at the weigh-in.

So head over to the Facebook page, find the poll and **vote for the format you want to fish next Wednesday!**

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Tournament results, final regular-season standings, Championship information and weekly recaps are also posted on our website at www.suskiebass.org.

If you notice any mistakes, omissions or discrepancies in this week's results or recap, please don't hesitate to let us know. We do our best to ensure everything is accurate and appreciate your help in keeping our records correct.

The regular season may be over, but we've still got some fishing left to do.

We'll see everybody back on the river next Wednesday!

Good luck, tight lines, and heavy bags! 