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There's an interesting story developing down in GA over a lawsuit attempting to pry from an elderly gentleman his recipe for a fly that supposedly caught many giant largemouths, including world records, back in the 1950s and 60s.

Although an intriguing story - I'm skeptical to say the least. There is one (so far) published photo of one of the giant bass purporting to be an 18 pounder. Although I personally have never seen an actual largemouth over 9 pounds, the fish in the photo seems to be only about 9 or 10lbs based on the many photos I have seen of other giant bass. The court case also brings up the issue of intellectual property rights, and copyright, with regards to fly tying. I'll attempt to post the link, if it doesn't work, the story is on midcurrent.com.

http://www.midcurrent.com/articles/flies/fly_bass_record.aspx