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The Bass Fish: A Key Player in the Ecosystem

Short Answer Key

1. Bass eat smaller fish and insects, helping control their populations.
2. Bass are important as prey because they provide food for animals like birds and larger fish.
3. By swimming and stirring the water, bass help mix oxygen into the water, which benefits other aquatic life.
4. The presence of bass in a lake or river shows that the water is clean and healthy.
5. Protecting bass habitats ensures they can continue playing their role in the ecosystem, like controlling populations and providing food for predators.

