

BUCKBOARD MARINA

at *Flaming Gorge* LLC
Permitted by Ashley National Forest

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“Hell on Reels” Fish Derby OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS June 12-13, 2021

1. A team may consist of 2 to 4 members. All fishing must be done from a boat. All team members must fish together from the same boat. Passengers are allowed in the boat but not allowed to fish. Provided team number marker must be displayed on the drivers side windshield throughout tournament fishing times.
2. Entry fee: \$250.00 per team. Personal checks, cash, or certified funds accepted. If paid by a credit card (Visa, MC Discover or AMEX) a \$17.45 service fee will be charged.
3. A signed and completed entry form must be received at Buckboard Marina no later than 5:00 pm on June 11, 2021
4. All team captains must check in for team registration at Buckboard Marina at 6:00 pm on Friday June 11, 2021. All boat captains must be 18 years or older.
5. Fishing times: Saturday – 5:30 am to 6:00 p.m. Sunday – 5:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
6. One weigh station will be provided at Buckboard Marina. Weigh station will open at 6:00 am each day. Fish must be entered at Buckboard no later than one half (1/2) hour after the close of each tournament day. This means participants weighing fish must be in line by 6:30 p.m. on Saturday & 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Late entries will not be allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.
7. Prize categories can be found on the attached payout sheet.
8. All categories (EXCEPT Brown Trout, Smallmouth Bass and Trophy Lake Trout- see #2 of prize qualifications) will be based on weight, in case of a tie, length will be the determining factor.
9. If any category is not filled, the prize money will be divided and paid into the other categories.
10. The Derby is subject to cancellation due to weather conditions. Cancellation decision will be made by Derby officials, Buckboard Marina, the US Forest Service or Wyoming Game & Fish. Anglers will be notified by Marine Band Radio, text or email.
11. All contestants must observe all US Coast Guard, Wyoming Game & Fish, US Forest Service, and Sweetwater County rules and regulations concerning sport fishing and safe boating on Flaming Gorge Reservoir. This includes WY AIS regulations.
12. Boundaries for this derby will be the **Wyoming side of Flaming Gorge from the state line north**. No fishing shall occur inside wakeless zone buoys of Buckboard Marinas or of any concrete boat ramp.
13. Fish must be caught during derby hours on Flaming Gorge Reservoir.
14. All teams must meet back at Buckboard Marina where prizes will be awarded on Sunday, June 13, 2020 at approximately 3:00 p.m. Prize money is based upon 300 entries. Monies for prizes will increase or decrease depending upon the number of entries.
15. All fish entered are subject to examination of stomach contents by fisheries biologists and/or derby officials.
16. **Violation of fishing regulations:** All contestants must abide by all Wyoming Game and Fish regulations concerning fishing, aquatic invasive species and boating. Any participant found to violate any regulation from 5:30 AM Saturday until 1:00 PM Sunday will be disqualified.
17. **Culling is not permitted:** The decision to release a fish or keep it for contest entry must be made immediately upon capture. Any fish caught that is not to be entered into the contest shall be immediately released to the water with as little injury to the fish as possible. Once a fish is put in a container or in a live well it cannot be released. Participants violating this rule will be disqualified.
18. **AIS Inspection requirements:** Any contest watercraft coming from outside the state of Wyoming by land are required to undergo a mandatory inspection by an authorized AIS inspector prior to launching. Participants violating that regulation will be disqualified.
19. **Clean, Drain Dry:** WGFC regulations require that immediately upon removing a watercraft from any water, the operator shall drain all water from the watercraft including live wells.
20. Additional grounds for disqualification: Any returned checks.

PRIZE QUALIFICATION BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Length Qualification for each species:

- Brown Trout must be 21" (inches) or longer.
- Catfish must be 18" (inches) or longer.
- Lake Trout must be 40" (inches) or longer.
- Rainbow Trout, Cutthroat Trout and Kokanee Salmon must be 19" (inches) or longer.
- Smallmouth Bass must be 17" (inches) or longer.

2. Big Fish - Catch and Release (length):

Brown Trout, Smallmouth Bass and Trophy Lake Trout: All fish in these categories must be freshly caught and released quickly for entry eligibility. Prizes will be based on total length not weight. Ties will be determined by which fish was caught first. The Brown Trout, Large Lake Trout and Smallmouth Bass on Flaming Gorge are a precious resource that Buckboard Marina wants to help protect. We will provide a measuring stick and a special token. Instructions for submitting entries can be found in the **BIG FISH – CATCH AND RELEASE MEASUREMENT INFORMATION** section below and will be explained at the Captain's meeting.

- Only one (1) Brown Trout, one (1) Trophy Lake Trout and one (1) Smallmouth Bass may be entered per angler during the derby.
- Anglers fishing for trophy Lake Trout are restricted to using flies and lures only, and may not use bait. Participants violating this rule will be disqualified.

3. Biggest Fish – Harvest (weight):

Rainbow/cutthroat trout, Kokanee and Catfish.

- Only one fish per category per angler may be entered throughout the tournament. In case of a tie, greatest length will prevail.

4. Total Weight - Rainbow Trout and Cutthroat Trout

- No more than 4 trout per team may be entered for total weight during the derby. The four trout may be any combination of Rainbow or Cutthroat trout, but the group of four have to be entered on the same day. Fish entered in the total weight are not eligible for the Biggest Fish – Harvest categories.

5. Heaviest Average Team Weight – “Pup” Lake Trout

- The heaviest average team weight of Lake Trout less than 25 inches will win. Average team weight equals the total weight of Lake Trout entered during the derby divided by the number of members on that team. For example, a four person team enters 108 pounds on Saturday and 116 pounds on Sunday equaling a total weight of 224 pounds. Their average team weight would be 56 pounds.
- Per WGF D fishing regulation, each team member may contribute up to one creel limit of Lake Trout per day (12 Lake Trout less than 25 inches), not to exceed 24 Lake Trout (possession limit) after the first day. For example, a three person team can enter 3 creel limits each day (36 Lake Trout) for a team total of 72 Lake Trout after the first day.
- **Fish must be checked in each tournament day. No exceptions.** Fish caught on Saturday cannot be entered on Sunday. Participants will be required to cut off one lobe of the tail fin.
- Fish 25 inches or greater will be disqualified and not count towards the total weight. Measure your fish carefully prior to harvesting it, by taking the greatest length from the tip of the snout to the end of the pinched tail (See Figure on third page.) Derby officials make the final determination.
- If two or more teams have the same average team weight, the tie breaker will be the first team to enter their fish on Sunday.
- Anglers are reminded that it is unlawful to dispose of or abandon any edible portion of any game fish in Wyoming. Fish must be kept fresh. Coolers and lots of ice are recommended to keep fish from spoiling. Spoiled fish will be grounds for disqualification and anglers will risk a wanton waste citation.

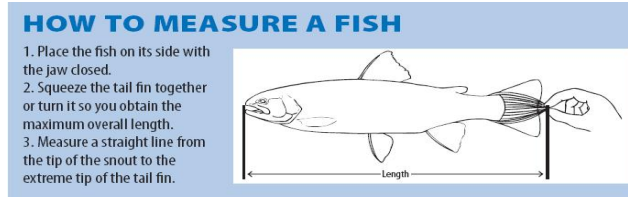
6. Youth Wildcard – Largest Fish:

- Anglers must be 13 or younger to enter a fish in the Youth Angler Category. Three (3) prize payouts of equal value per day of fishing for a total of six (6) payouts. Species for the Youth Wildcard category will be: Lake Trout (16" to 25"), Rainbow Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Kokanee Salmon and Channel Catfish. Three (3) fish species categories will be determined at the END of fishing each day by random drawing. In the case of a tie, the first fish entered will prevail.

BIG FISH – CATCH AND RELEASE MEASUREMENT INFORMATION

Brown Trout, Lake Trout and Smallmouth Bass Only: Prizes will be based on total length not weight. Ties will be determined by which fish was caught first.

There are two options to enter the **Brown Trout, Lake Trout and Smallmouth Bass** into the Derby: Digital Text Message and Digital Device Entry. The derby will provide a measuring ruler, a special token and instructions for measuring Lake Trout and Brown Trout at registration as follows:



Note: In order for the fish to qualify, the picture must be taken from directly above the fish, not at an angle, so the snout is clearly visible at the beginning line of the ruler, the tail is clearly visible in relationship to the ruler, and the token is in the photo frame. As a general rule keep the fish out of the water no more than 60 seconds - shorter is better. The more time the fish spends out of the water the more likely it will die after release. We recommend holding the fish in the water in a landing net while you get everything set up to take the picture.

Digital – Text message picture via cell phone:

- Anglers will measure the fish immediately upon capture with the provided measuring device and the special token included in the registration packets. A picture must be taken from a cell phone that clearly shows the entire fish, the measurement and token. Send the picture via text message to **the number provided in your packet** with the team number, angler's name, and length. An official will send back a message via text of receipt of the fish with the measurement information and time entered in confirmation of his/her entry. It is the responsibility of the team member to make sure he/she receives a text back in confirmation of the entry. We recommend holding the fish in the water in a landing net while you wait for entry confirmation.

Digital – Device with digital photo:

- If a team member does not have the ability to picture message or lacks cellular service, then the device with digital photo will need to be brought in for entry at the Buckboard weigh station.

Prize Categories and Payouts

Based on 300 Team Entries

• **Biggest Fish - Harvest (Weight)**

- KOKANEE – 19” min

- 1st \$2,500 2nd \$1,500 3rd \$1,000

- RAINBOW/Cutthroat – 19” min

- 1st \$2,500 2nd \$1,500 3rd \$1,000

- CATFISH – 18” min

- 1st \$2,500 2nd \$1,500 3rd \$1,000

• **Biggest Fish – Catch & Release (Length)**

- TROPHY LAKE TROUT – 40” min

- 1st \$2,500 2nd \$1,500 3rd \$1,000

- BROWN TROUT – 21” min

- 1st \$2,500 2nd \$1,500 3rd \$1,000

- SMALLMOUTH BASS – 17” min

- 1st \$2,500 2nd \$1,500 3rd \$1,000

Total Weight

Entries in Total Weight May NOT be Entered in Biggest Fish Categories

- TROUT - RAINBOW & CUTTHROAT – 19” min

- 1st \$2,500 2nd \$1,500 3rd \$1,000

- "PUP" LAKE TROUT – Less than 25”

- 1st \$2,500 2nd \$1,500 3rd \$1,000

Youth – Wildcard – Largest Fish

3 random draw categories each day, total of 6 - \$500 payouts for biggest of species

- KOKANEE – 19” min

- RAINBOW / CUTTHROAT – 19” min

- "PUP" LAKE TROUT – Less than 25”

- CATFISH – 18” min

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June 12 & 13, 2021

Registration Form

Entry Fee: \$250 per team

Payment by credit card \$17.45 service fee

Captain:		Cell#:
Address:		
City	State	Zip Code
Email		Youth - 13 & under? <input type="checkbox"/>

Member 2		Cell#:
Address:		
City	State	Zip Code
Email		Youth - 13 & under? <input type="checkbox"/>

Member 3		Cell#:
Address:		
City	State	Zip Code
Email		Youth - 13 & under? <input type="checkbox"/>

Member 4		Cell#:
Address:		
City	State	Zip Code
Email		Youth - 13 & under? <input type="checkbox"/>

All boats must have proof of liability insurance. A copy of the insurance certificate can be sent in or fill in the info:

Insurance Company	Policy #	Expires:
Bow # of boat:	WY AIS Required	

<https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Fishing-and-Boating/Aquatic-Invasive-Species-Prevention/AIS-Decal>

Acknowledgement of Risk & Rules

I, the undersigned, recognize there is an element of risk in any adventure, sport, or activity associated with the outdoors. I am fully aware of the risks and dangers inherent in fishing derbies. I certify that myself and my family members present with me, are fully capable of participating in the said activity. Therefore, I assume full responsibility for person injury to myself, and/or to a member of my family, or for loss or damage to my personal property and expenses thereof as a result of my negligence or the negligence of my family participating in said activity except the extent such damage or injury may be due to the negligence of others. In recognition of the above, I, the undersigned hereby release the Host organization, Buckboard Marina and the US Forest Service and all other co-sponsors from any responsibility for injury to me or my equipment for which I am responsible during my participation in or arising out of my traveling to and returning from this event. I further hereby grant full permission to any broadcast, telecast, advertising, promotion or other account of this event for any purpose whatsoever. I will also abide by all Derby rules and regulations.

Signed: Captain:	Team Member 3:
Team Member 2:	Team Member 4:

Please make \$250 check payable to:

Credit Card Info: \$267.45

Buckboard Marina HC 65 Box 100 Green River WY 82935	Am Ex, Visa, Mastercard or Discover	Expires:
	Card #	CVV:
	Billing Zip Code:	

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Team Info

Team Number:

Entry Fee date paid:	Insurance info:	
Signatures:	Bow # info:	