



Ocean Shores Youth Fishing Derby

IMPORTANT INFORMATION, RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Youth, 17 and under, residing in the North Beach School District service area, are eligible to participate. Children who are staying with friends or relatives in the area may also participate. There are no entry fees; however, donations will be accepted.
2. Each angler must be signed up (registered) prior to fishing.
3. Participants who so choose will be assigned a guide/boat. While we will make every attempt to give those wishing to fish on a boat the opportunity to do so, there is no guarantee every participant will be assigned a boat.
4. Parents, while not required to participate, are welcome to do so. Due to **limited space on boats, only one parent/guardian may accompany each boat**. Parents must have a current fishing license to help children fish. Mentors/guides will be available for youth whose parents cannot assist them.
5. All participants, including guides and parents, must wear approved personal flotation devices on boats, banks and fishing docks.
6. While parents and mentors/guides are allowed to help children cast, **they may NOT fish for a child**. Children must be actively involved in catching fish.
7. Fishing Derby hours are 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A horn blast will signal the start and end of fishing. All fish entered in the Derby must be caught during official Derby hours.
8. Anglers must have a Catch Record, which must be turned in by noon. Only authorized Derby officials, guides and mentors may measure and record fish caught on the Catch Record.
9. All Washington State fishing rules apply (fish possession limits, length restrictions, etc.). Children under 15 years of age are not required to have a fishing license. License requirements will be waived for youth 15 and older, **only during official Derby hours**.
10. While it is permissible to keep all fish of legal length which do not exceed the catch limit, Derby officials recommend the following:
 - 🐟 Bass (daily limit, 5) – It is recommended that all bass be released.
 - 🐟 Crappie (daily limit, 10, must be at least 9 inches long) — It is recommended that all crappies be released.
 - 🐟 Trout (daily limit, 5) – Because trout have a high mortality rate, it is recommended that they NOT be released.

Fish returned to the water will be measured and recorded on the angler's Catch Record by a derby official/mentor/guide, prior to being released.

There will be volunteers available who can clean and package fish if children wish to take them home to consume.

- 11. *Catches will be evaluated and sized for fish caught from the docks, banks or assigned boats at North Bay Park only. Fish caught from boats not registered with the fishing derby are not eligible for prizes. All participating boat owners are required to take additional children on their boat.**
12. Prizes will be awarded after the 12:00 p.m. turn-in deadline, as soon as tabulations are complete. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for the longest fish caught in each age group. Additional prizes may be awarded if they become available. **Prizes will only be awarded for fish caught in the lake.** Prizes will NOT be awarded for fish caught in the trout tank.
13. No participant may win more than one prize. In the event of a tie, time recorded will determine placing.
14. All entrants are responsible for their own actions and well being.