



Salmon Festival & Derby

Official Rules For The Salmon Festival

- 1 Each person who completes a registration form is a Salmon Festival entrant and may complete more than one form. Each entrant must fish only with the prescribed boundaries from the beacon in the Somass River mouth to a line drawn from Cape Beale to Amphitrite Point, trolling only when fishing north of Lone Tree Point (or according to Department of Fisheries and Oceans regulations).
- 2 **All contending salmon must be weighed in at Tye Landing Marina.** Other weigh-in stations *(**list at bottom**) qualify for hidden weight only. Weigh-in deadlines are 9pm Saturday, 9pm Sunday and 3pm Monday. Fishing shall begin at 6am each day – no night fishing is allowed. Please remember to allow yourself enough time to get to the official weigh-in station before closing times. Salmon must be weighed in on day caught. Each entrant must accompany their salmon to the weigh-in station with derby ticket.
- 3 Each entrant must use only one rod and reel for each registration form completed. Downriggers with quick release may be used. Hand lines and wire line gurdies may not be used.
- 4 Persons not registered in the Salmon Festival may accompany entrants, but must not fish.
- 5 The top three contending salmon per day become the sole property of the Salmon Festival Society.
- 6 Only one prize will be awarded for each registration form completed. In the event of a tie, the fish will be ranked number one and two in order of time weighed-in.
- 7 Stickers must be visible to Patrol Boats.
- 8 Prize contending salmon in the Salmon Festival are subject to testing and inspection by Federal Fisheries Department officials.
- 9 Official weigh-in personnel will determine weight to the nearest tenth of a pound or 0.1 pound.
- 10 No eviscerated (gutted) salmon will be eligible for entry. All salmon must be eviscerated or marked by weigh-in officials.

- 11** To qualify, salmon must be caught and brought to the boat by the entrant, although he or she may receive help in netting or gaffing the catch.

- 12** Entrants who bring a salmon to the official weigh-in station must provide acceptable evidence of a legal catch acceptable to Salmon Festival officials.

- 13** Each entrant agrees to abide by these rules, accept prizes awarded and to accept all decisions and interpretation of these rules by the Salmon Festival president as final. Failure to observe any rule will result in disqualification of all entrants in the boat.

- 14** Any fish in a major prize-winning category will be disqualified if found to be foul hooked. Official weigh-in personnel will have final decision.

- 15** Prize-winning fish must be weighed in at Tyee Landing Marina "Official" weigh-in station. Hidden weigh-in stations are at China Creek Marina, Poets Nook Marina and McKay Bay Lodge (Bamfield)