

2020 KING OF THE REACH LIVE CAPTURE DERBY RULES

PARTICIPATION: Only those who register for the Derby and have paid all fees associated therewith shall be participants in the Derby. All participants must register as a WDFW volunteer online, check in each day, check out each day, and submit health screening form each day. All participants are required to follow WDFW Fieldwork Safety Protocols. CCA employees and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate in this Derby.

- **All Participants MUST REGISTER online by Oct. 15th!** (www.ccawashington.org/KingoftheReach)
- **All Anglers Aboard Derby Participating Boats Must Be Derby Entrants.**
- **All Participating Boats Must Have At Least Two (2) Entrants Aboard While Fishing and no more than Four (4) Entrants aboard at any time.**
- **Barbless Hooks Are Mandatory for the Derby.**
- **We will be adhering to WDFW Covid-19 safety protocols to ensure a safe event for everyone.**
- **If you feel sick or have any symptoms of illness, we ask that you do not attend the event.**

DATES/TIME: The Derby will take place on October 23rd- 25th, 2020. Only live fish captured during this period will be eligible (see ENTERING FISH below). Participants are required to check-in each day prior to fishing. Failure to return before closing may result in disqualification of all fish tallied by the offender boat in the Derby that day. Entrants must **check-in, submit a health screening form, and check out each day.** To minimize fish holding time, **we recommend that you do not start fishing until 6:45am** to coincide with 7:00am arrival of holding trucks.

Launch Locations

Vernita and Wahluke (White Bluffs) boat launches. All participants must indicate their primary launch/collection location at check-in **each day.**

Collection Stations & Times

Turn in completed fish ticket (Angler Number & Boat Number) along with your fish.

	<u>10/23</u>	<u>10/24</u>	<u>10/25</u>
↖ Vernita	7:00am-4pm	7:00am-4pm	7:00am-1pm
↖ Wahluke (White Bluffs)	7:00am-4pm	7:00am-4pm	7:00am-1pm
↖ Punch Bowl	7:00am-3:30pm	7:00am-3:30pm	7:00am-12:30pm
↖ Shuttle Boats	7:15am-3:30pm	7:15am-3:30pm	7:15am-12:30pm

BOUNDARIES: Boundaries are the Columbia River from Old Hanford Townsite Powerline crossing upstream to the top of Vernita Bar below Priest Rapids Dam. Any fish taken outside Derby boundaries, from private impoundments or other waters not legally accessible to the general public, will not be eligible for entry.

FISH AND FISHING METHOD: Participants must comply with all applicable laws, regulations and sport fishing rules governing the recreational catch of salmon within the boundaries specified below. Fish entered into competition must have been caught and landed by the registered participant on sport fishing rod, hook and line. Each Participant will be allowed to use up to two fishing rods. Single Point hooks are preferred. **Barbless hooks are mandatory.** Treble hooks are discouraged due to potential hooking mortality.

FISH HANDLING: Prior to landing a fish, be sure to fill the livewell/ice chest with fresh river water. Ice chests with recirculating aerators should be emptied and refilled every two hours or after every live fish transported. Livewells with an automatic water refresh feature should be turned on when a fish is hooked and only switched to recirculation when motoring to the collection location. Take extreme care in handling the fish and keep them in the water to the greatest extent possible. After landing a fish, place the fish into the livewell/ice chest. It is ok to use a standard landing net to get the fish aboard the boat but they should be immediately transferred to your livewell/ice chest. The recommended method for hand carrying a fish is to firmly wrap one hand around the fish just in front of the tail while cradling the fish with your other hand just behind the pectoral fins and gently lifting the fish up. Never put your fingers in or near the fish's gills or gill plate. **After placing the fish into the live well immediately motor to the collection site. If fishing between Coyote Rapids and Vernita Bar or in the vicinity of the Punchbowl, a shuttle boat may assist with the transport of your fish to the collection site. When the shuttle boat approaches, signal with the flag provided in your captain's bag. If the shuttle has not arrived within 15 mins of landing a fish, or you have three (3) fish on board, motor immediately to the nearest collection site.** Once at the beach at the collection location WDFW staff or a volunteer will come to your boat with a cotton handling net.

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Do not attempt to remove the fish from your livewell/ice chest until instructed to do so. In the event the truck is not at the launch hold the fish and continue to add fresh water to the livewell/ice chest.

TRANSPORTING FISH: All boats participating in the Derby must have a signed WDFW Fish Transport Permit in the boat. A means of transporting the live salmon is required for participation. (Portable pumps suitable for connection to a participant-provided battery/cooler will be provided upon request.) No fish may be retained (harvested) and fish not intended for live capture must be immediately released. Anglers must have a live well or ice chest capable of transporting live adult Chinook for a minimum of ½ hour. Ice chest/live well must be a minimum of 36" in length by 12" in width and 15" in depth (120qt) to accommodate one fish. Recommended minimum is 40"x15"x17".

ENTERING FISH: Only live pre-spawned adult fall Chinook over 24" in good condition with an intact adipose fin are eligible for live capture and transport. Non-qualified fish i.e., Mortality, Post Spawn, Hatchery or Jack will not be accepted and the fish ticket will be marked with a M, PS, H or J and not counted. Prizes will be based on the number of eligible fish turned in alive. In the event of a tie, the Derby Committee will determine a winner based on a coin flip or other random selection method as deemed appropriate by the Derby Committee. All fish entered into competition must have been caught by the participant and must be presented, at the designated official Derby check-in stations, as soon as practicable after landing. The participant may be asked to present his or her proof of identity (driver's license or identification card). No transfer of fish among Derby participants shall be allowed.

CHEATING: *Don't cheat.* Anyone who violates these rules will be permanently disqualified from the Derby. Further, CCA intends to report to law enforcement and/or to legally prosecute any participant who intentionally violates the rules of the Derby with intent to secure pecuniary gain. Any individual who registers for this derby consents to take a polygraph test to verify compliance with these rules. The determination of the Derby Committee regarding interpretation of derby rules and compliance or non-compliance by a participant therewith shall be final, binding and non-appealable.

PRIZES: Prize packages will be awarded for the 1st through 10th place boats for the three-day derby. Additional drawing of valid fish tickets will be conducted after the end of the Derby to determine random prizes. Participants shall be eligible to win **only one random drawing prize**. The Derby Committee shall designate prizes (or equivalents) for boat categories. All decisions of the Derby Committee are final and not subject to appeal.

OTHER RULES: If a participant under 18 years of age wins a prize, his or her legal representative over 18 years of age will receive the prize on his/her behalf. Any protests must be submitted, in writing, to the Derby Committee at 12013 99th Street Suite 1680 Vancouver, Washington 98682 by 5:00 p.m. on October 26, 2020. The decision of the Derby Committee, in its sole discretion, shall be final on any and all matters and not subject to appeal. In the event of litigation between a participant and CCA arising out of any aspect whatsoever of the Derby, the losing party in said litigation shall be bound to pay all attorneys' fees, expenses of litigation, court costs and other costs incurred by and relating to the litigation by the winning party in said litigation. All prizes will be conveyed "as is" to the actual winner or guardian after the Derby has concluded at the Derby Awards Ceremony. The Derby Committee may replace or substitute for any advertised prize another prize that the Committee deems, in its sole discretion, to be of comparable value to the original prize. All prizewinners are solely responsible for payment of any applicable taxes, fees and costs associated with the prize. All prizewinners are responsible for processing, registration and tax documentation in a timely fashion.

DISCLAIMER: The entire responsibility for valid member status and correctness of this entry form rests solely on the entrant. The derby committee has the right to change rules and prizes.

PROBLEMS AND QUESTIONS: If you have any questions prior to the start of the day contact Paul Hoffarth 509-545-2284, Don McBride 509-554-9202, or Rich Coleman 509-366-0447. On the day of the event a contact number will be provided at the registration station.