

2020 KING OF THE REACH LIVE CAPTURE DERBY – WHAT TO EXPECT

Thank you for your help to collect healthy, wild broodstock in a partnership between CCA, WDFW, and Grant PUD! The goal of this event is to collect wild, healthy, and viable broodstock for Grant PUD hatchery production to improve the fitness of our Hanford Reach salmon stocks following principles, standards, and recommendations of fisheries managers. The derby rules and event structure have been tailored to maximize healthy broodstock collection and minimize mortality of fish that would otherwise be utilized in the hatchery or spawn in the Reach. Without angler participation this event couldn't happen. Thank you again! Have fun. Stay Safe. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact us.

1. Pre-registration

- All participants **MUST** pre-register by October 15th with the CCA **and** the WDFW Volunteer Program. Entry is limited to 75 boats.
 - Boat numbers will be assigned numerically.
 - Angler numbers will be assigned based on their primary boat number followed by a letter.
- There is no limit on the number of anglers for the duration of the derby, however each boat must have a minimum of two participants and no more than four participants (including the captain) at any one time.
- After registration with CCA, you will receive an email from CCA confirming your registration.
 - You will be given instructions and links to complete your WDFW volunteer training, including watching a Covid-19 safety video. This process takes approximately one hour and is mandatory.
 - Boat captains will receive a fish transport permit to be completed and brought to the derby.
- Please review the rules and note with emphasis on fish handling and note that barbless hooks are required.
- All **Boat Captains** and **Anglers** must sign the "Release, Hold Harmless, and Agreement Not to Sue".
- Participants under 18 years old require guardian signature on Release/Hold Harmless and WDFW Release.

2. Check-in

- Begins at 6:00 am each day at Vernita and White Bluffs locations. All **boat captains** and **anglers** are required to check-in and check-out each day they fish. See the "WDFW Volunteer Registration & Daily Protocols" document.
 - One representative of the boat sends a check-in text in the morning.
 - All participants must turn in a health screening form (one representative may drop off all forms for the boat). Drop boxes will be located at the boat launch.
 - One representative of the boat sends a check-out text when done fishing.
- WDFW will issue loaner aerator pumps each day if needed. You will need a 12v battery or power supply to power the aerator. The aerators use clamp connections.
 - You may pick up the aerator at the Vernita or White Bluffs launch from WDFW.
- Following check-in, we recommend that anglers **start fishing at 6:45 am**. This ensures minimal fish holding time. Fish collection begins at 7 am each day.

3. **Boat captains** will receive a complimentary merchandise package (donated by local merchants), personal protective equipment (PPE), and other documents as listed below at Check-in:

- Set of official rules, definitions of qualifying fish, and guidelines for handling fish
- Shuttle boat signaling flag.
- 25 fish tickets (additional tickets will be available at each launch and shuttle boat as needed).
- Map showing upriver and downriver boundaries and popular fishing spots:
https://www.google.com/maps/d/embed?mid=1v0vjNN0w_6E6lvrEjCxVxTdUN60&ll=46.66467691019227%2C-119.62741435051424&z=11

4. Pre-registered Youth Participants will receive a complimentary merchandise package (first 30 youth entrants).

5. Facilities

- Primitive camping is currently available at Vernita and Jackson Creek Fish Camp.
 - **Camping is not allowed at White Bluffs.**
 - **Camping is currently not allowed at the Ringold Springs Fish Hatchery.**
- Port-a-potties are available at both launch locations.
- Rest stop at MP-43 on Highway 24 with water, rest rooms, and RV dump station.

6. Links to the Columbia River flows are:

NWRFC Priest Rapids Dam: <https://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/river/station/flowplot/flowplot.cgi?lid=PRWW1>,
NWRFC PRD Hatchery Creek: <https://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/river/station/flowplot/flowplot.cgi?lid=PRDW1>,
and USGS for PRD Hatchery Creek: https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?site_no=12472800

7. Feel free to contact CCA Tri-Cities through Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/328009705232701>), phone 509-366-0447, or email rkcfishon@aol.com with any specific questions