

2021 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 complete, sign, and email the WDFW "COVID Return to Work Checklist for Volunteers". Derby rules related to Covid requirements may change as derby participants and organizers are required to follow all state and federal requirements at the time of the derby. 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 29th-31st. 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>10/29</u>	<u>10/30</u>	<u>10/31</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

*An additional collection site may be established near Vernita Bar. Participants will be notified of any additional fish collection locations.

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.** Once at the beach at the collection location

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WDFW staff or a volunteer will come to your boat with a cotton handling net.

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.

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. Shuttles may have fenders deployed. It is your responsibility to protect your own boat and equipment when transferring fish with a shuttle. Deploy fenders and stow gear as needed to safely make contact with the shuttle boats.

Vernita Shuttles

Shuttles will run upstream and downstream from the Vernita collection area. Shuttle boats will run to their designated range and collect fish on the way back to the Vernita collection station. Signal the shuttle boat with your flag. The shuttle will slow and point upstream. At that point, you may motor to the shuttle boat. Point upstream and approach the shuttle from downstream. It is your responsibility to safely come alongside the shuttle for fish transfer. If catch rate slows later in the day, the shuttles may anchor at designated locations (see derby map). If you wish to drop off fish to the shuttle, signal to the shuttle with your flag and approach the shuttle from downstream until you come alongside the anchored shuttle boat. Take extra precaution to avoid the anchor line when approaching and departing from the shuttle.

Punchbowl Shuttle

You may signal the shuttle in the Punchbowl with your flag. Clear all rods and reels from one side of your boat (you may keep fishing on the other side). The shuttle will approach your boat from the stern to pull alongside for transfer.

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.

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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.

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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 80 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) on board at any 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. This 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

- 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, Jackson Creek Fish Camp, and the Ringold Springs Fish Hatchery.
 - **Camping is not allowed at White Bluffs.**
- 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/360303032397213>), phone 509-366-0447, or email rkcfishon@aol.com with any specific questions