



## 2014 BUOY 10 SALMON CHALLENGE RULES



- You may launch at the following facilities: **Hammond, Warrenton, East or West Mooring Basin, Chinook or Ilwaco.**

**Team size can be 2-7 per team (including captain)**

- Tournament fishing area includes: **Waters between Buoy 10 to the upper end of Rice Island.**
- **The Ocean Is ABSOLUTELY off limits.** Tournament anglers are required to follow all ODFW and WDFW Regulations.
- **Only tournament registered anglers are allowed on tournament boats, with the exception of press. Members of the press must be registered as such before August 14<sup>th</sup> with NSIA and will be required to wear a visible identifying badge at all times. In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, the derby allows an assistant, if needed, to be present on the boat, but the assistant is **NOT** allowed to fish, unless also entered in the derby. Boats may carry as many passengers as is safe and legal. It's every angler for themselves!**
- **Wild tule:** NSIA is promoting the protection of **wild** tule. Therefore, these fish are exempt from this derby and will not qualify for weigh-in. Please consider **releasing any wild tules** caught by your team. See reverse for details. Keep all hatchery tules
- **BIG FISH CONTEST:** Largest single Salmon fish weighed will win a \$1000 cash Prize and largest coho will win \$500 cash prize. **The winners of the biggest fish contest will be eligible for team prizes**
- Big fish will be counted as the largest single salmon weighed. Fish weights will be counted to the nearest .01 of a pound.

### **Team Prizes:**

- The boat with the highest AVERAGE poundage of salmon/steelhead will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place prizes for all participants
- The boat with the second highest AVERAGE poundage of salmon/steelhead will be awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes for all participants
- The boat with the third highest AVERAGE poundage of salmon/steelhead will be awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for all participants.
- The boat with the fourth highest AVERAGE poundage of salmon/steelhead will be awarded 4<sup>th</sup> place prizes for all participants.
- The boat with the fifth highest AVERAGE poundage of salmon/steelhead will be awarded 5<sup>th</sup> place prizes for all participants.

Total AVERAGE poundage will be calculated by using the **total poundage landed by all boat participants divided by the number of participants in the boat equals the average number of pounds per participant for that boat. The five highest boat averages will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> place team prizes.**

- **Scales Will Open At 1 PM until 4 PM.** Fish not signed in at the scales at 4 PM will not be eligible for prizes. The tournament official, Don Swartz, will have the official time. In order to maintain the quality of these fine fish, participants are **required to gut and gill ALL** fish, prior to weigh in. **Weigh In and Win!**

- **The banquet room opens at 3:30 PM.** A no-host bar will be available. Dinner is included in your tournament entry. Prizes, Raffles, Auctions and Awards will be announced after dinner. You must be present to win.

**ALL DISPUTES WILL BE SETTLED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL, Don Swartz.**

The **intent** of the Buoy 10 salmon challenge to encourage our participants to release **WILD TULEs**. Wild Tules are in trouble, and the harvest caps set to conserve them deeply constrain our access to the abundant stocks like the UpRiver Brights, which are predicted to return at a record level. It is legal to retain a wild Tule, but we ask that you do your best to gently let them go. Sometimes, it can be tricky to identify a wild Tule, so if you bring in a wild Tule that looks a lot like a wild bright, this fish will be entered into the derby poundage. The call will be made by Weighmaster, Don Swartz and we all appreciate and accept Don's judgment in the spirit of doing what is best for the conservation of a weak stock. We are proud of your support of this effort!

**Wild Tule identification:** Wild Tules have an adipose fin. (Do not throw back hatchery Tules!) At Buoy 10, Tules can have a bright, or silver appearance, but they can also have more of a bronze color, as in the fish below. It is likely that the teeth will be developed and protruding since Tules are lower river spawners. Additionally, as you look down at the back of a Tule it will have a more pointed back. There can also be the pink coloring you see on the dorsal fin below, although Upriver Bright Bucks can have pink there as well. Tule picture below:



Any participants who cut fish to check the color of the meat are automatically disqualified.

**UpRiver Bright (or Bonneville Bright, or other Brights):** Brights tend to be more silver, or bright, in color. Many have a long journey before they spawn, and their teeth are not likely to be protruding. Looking down on the back of a Bright, their back is generally more rounded than a Tule.

Bright picture below:



**We thank you for your support in helping to avoid the weak stocks (Wild Tule) that are in the fishery in 2014. This year is the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of returns from court-ordered spill and is predicted to be a record run. SPILL, BABY SPILL!**