

Application for Fishing Contest Permit

1. Any person, organization, club, business, partnership, corporation, or other entity that sponsors a fishing contest, where the participant's pay an entry fee or where a prize is offered to participants based on the capture of an individual fish or the size or number of fish captured, must first obtain a fishing contest permit from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.
2. A catch and release contest is any fishing contest where the contest rules require specific procedures to keep target species of fish alive and healthy and require that all fish caught by participants be released back into the contest water on the same day they were captured.
3. A harvest contest is any fishing contest where the rules do not require participants keep all target species of fish alive and healthy and release the fish back into contest waters, but allow participants to harvest or kill the fish.
4. No permit will be issued for a harvest contest for the fish species listed below:
 - Bull Trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*)
 - Cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki*)
 - Wild trout in any stream
5. The Manager of the Fish, Water and Wildlife Program may issue or deny a fishing contest permit. In case of denial, reason(s) will be provided to the applicant. Applicant may appeal a denied permit to the Tribal Council. Among the factors that we may consider are:
 - Impacts of the contest on fish populations
 - Compatibility of the contest with fish population management programs and fishery goals.
 - Conflicts with other recreational users for access facilities; and
 - Conflicts with other contests previously applied for.
6. The Manager of the Fish, Water and Wildlife Program may condition a fishing contest permit in any manner, and may specify in the permit;
 - The time of start and check-in
 - Limitations on the area or areas of the body of water where the contest is conducted as to where participants may fish.
 - For catch and release contests, the method and location of release of fish.
 - For harvest contests, bag or size limits may be more restrictive than those required by the general fishing regulations
 - Any other conditions as deemed necessary to minimize adverse impacts on fish populations, management programs and goals, or other recreation users.
7. Except for additional restrictions or other permit provisions, all regulations pertaining to the taking of fish shall apply to any fish contest.
8. At catch and release contests, participants may have one daily bag limit of the target species in possession while continuing to fish for additional contest target species. Participants must immediately release the last fish caught or immediately exchange it for another target fish in possession. No fish may be culled (released back to the water after a possession limit has been reached) that is not capable of swimming free.
9. At harvest contests, the permit will require participants to quit fishing when the limit(s) for target fish species(s) is (are) reached.
10. Bass tournaments held within Tribal waters are required to comply with the following conditions
 - A marine events permit issued by the Tribal Police Department must be carried by each participant.
 - Bass are required to be redistributed throughout the Coeur d'Alene system under the following conditions
 1. All persons transporting bass for release must have a transport permit with them specifying how many bass are being transported to a given location.
 2. Bass must be released near good bass habitat. Open water or deep water releases are not allowed.
 3. Bass can be released in the channel leading to a chain lake
 4. No smallmouth bass are to be released in any chain lake
 5. Overland transport of bass in an aerated tank or aerated boat livewell is allowed.
 6. When five or less bass are removed from an area, redistribution is not required.
11. Each fishing contest sponsor shall, within thirty (30) days after the last day of a fishing contest, submit a written report to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Fish, Water and Wildlife Program, Box 408, Plummer, ID 83851, Every report shall include:

Total hours fished	Number of fish released alive
Total number of participants	Number of fish killed or kept
Total # of fish weighed by species	Weight of largest fish caught
Total weight of fish by species	Number of tagged fish