



**2022 Bellingham PSA Invitational
Saturday, August 27, 2022
Bellingham Bay Sub-Area Only**

The Bellingham Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers (Bellingham PSA) desires to promote a family friendly day of fishing in Bellingham Bay and increase the membership of Bellingham PSA. This Derby is open only to current, past, and prospective members of Bellingham PSA and the invitees of Bellingham PSA members. Derby participants will become Bellingham PSA members upon payment of the entry fee¹.

- \$40 per adult entry fee (15 and older)
- \$10 per youth/child entry fee (14 and under)
- Derby entry fees must be paid by 9:00pm on August 26, 2022 online at: <https://www.simplerderby.com/tc-events/bellingham-psa-invitational/>
- Weigh stations: Bellingham Squalicum Harbor boat ramp and Anacortes Cap Sante Marina
- Weigh in times: Bellingham 3:00pm to 5:00pm; Anacortes 3:00pm to 5:00pm
- No check-in or awards ceremony. Winners will be announced by email following the derby. Checks may be picked-up at the next Bellingham PSA meeting (scheduled for September 18) or mailed upon the winner's request.

Only fish caught in the Bellingham Bay sub-area of Marine Area 7 as described in the current WDFW regulations are eligible for prizes.

50% of adult entry fees² will fund cash prizes up to a maximum of \$2,500 in total.

- Up to \$1,500 First Place Chinook
- Up to \$500 Second Place Chinook
- Up to \$250 Third Place Chinook
- Up to \$150 First Place Coho
- Up to \$100 Second Place Coho

100% of youth entry fees³ will be paid out in cash prizes (kids like money too). Youth prizes are dependent on the number of youth participants and will be determined by derby officials after ticket sales are closed.

Derby rules are on the following pages. Each participant must agree to the Derby rules.

¹ The Derby entry fee includes a membership dues for the remainder of the calendar year. Membership dues for 2023 are due in January.

² Net of a 10% service fee charged by Simplederby.com

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DERBY RULES
2022 Bellingham PSA Invitational
Participants Must Read All Rules Carefully

By participating in the Derby each participant agrees, on behalf of themselves and on behalf of their children, dependents, and crew, to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Bellingham Chapter of the Puget Sound Anglers, Derby officials, judges, sponsors, and each of their respective officers, directors, volunteers, agents, and employees from any injuries, damages, causes of actions, demands, claims, and/or liabilities of any kind or nature whatsoever that the participants might incur or sustain as a result of participation in the Derby, including while fishing, during weigh-in, or at any post-derby ceremony or gathering. Each participant under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult during the Derby.

Each person piloting a vessel during the Derby shall ensure that all Coast Guard required safety equipment, including personal floatation devices, is on-board and in good working order, and that the vessel is operated in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

1. There will be no pre-derby check-in. Fishing may begin at sunrise on August 27, 2022, and continue until the scales close. Participants may be underway to their fishing location prior to the derby start time. Winners need NOT be present to claim prizes. Cash prizes may be picked up at the next Bellingham PSA meeting or mailed to the address provided at registration.
2. Weigh in times will be 3:00pm to 5:00pm on Saturday. You must be in line to weigh your fish by 5:00pm and weigh your fish the same day they were caught to be eligible for prizes. Fish shall be transported to the weigh-in site whole and un-gutted. You may bleed your fish if you choose to. Derby officials may choose to open the weigh-in station early for safety reasons such as inclement weather.
3. Participants must present a valid fishing license with their fish properly marked when weighing in a fish. Derby officials may also require identification.
4. Prizes will be awarded for the largest salmon by weight. Two scales will be calibrated prior to the start of the derby. All weights from any of the scales shall be considered final and represent the official weight to determine winners for the derby. If requested by derby officials each angler presenting their fish for weighing must present their fishing license, identification, and sign an affidavit attesting that the fish was caught in compliance with State and Derby rules and regulations. Derby officials may ask to examine the catch record cards of all occupants of the angler's boat and confirm each person has paid a derby entry fee.
5. Derby tickets cost \$40.00 per individual 15 years of age or older, and \$10.00 per individual under 15 years of age. Age is determined as of August 27, 2022⁴. There is NO limit to the number of derby participants in each boat. Every individual on-board a vessel fishing in the derby must be entered in the derby, except for small children and infants who are incapable of

⁴ An individual turning 15 on August 27, 2022, must pay an adult entry fee.

fishing⁵. A limited number of tickets will be made available for sale. There shall be no refunds. This is an all-weather Derby. Participants are expected to use reasonable judgment and common sense with respect to weather and/or sea conditions.

6. Each participant must have a valid WDFW license and catch record card in their possession. Each participant must play and weigh-in their own fish to the extent they are physically able to do so. An adult may assist a child if the child performs substantially all of the reeling.

7. All fishing must be done in compliance with Washington fishing rules and regulations. Only fish caught in the Bellingham Bay sub-area of Marine Area 7 as described in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations are eligible for prizes. As of the date of these Derby rules the Bellingham Bay sub-area is described as:

Bellingham Bay: Waters of Bellingham and Padilla bays south and east of a line from Sandy Pt. to the northern most point of Lone Tree Island, easterly to the northeast point of Sinclair Island, then from the southeastern most point on Sinclair Island to Clark Pt. and true west from Yellow Bluff (southwest corner of Guemes Island) to Yellow Bluff Reef Range Marker to Washington State Dept. of Transportation ferry terminal dock east of Shannon Pt. and north of the railroad bridges at Swinomish Slough.

Approximate boundaries of the Bellingham Bay sub-area are noted on the attached chart for illustration purposes only. It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that they are fishing within the boundaries as described in the WDFW regulations.

8. An individual may only win one cash prize. Prizes will be offered in descending order for heaviest salmon. In the event of identical official weights, the first fish weighed will have priority for the higher prize.

9. The Derby judges shall consist of the current Bellingham PSA Officers. Any dispute concerning interpretation or enforcement of the Derby rules or procedures shall be settled by majority vote of the judges. There will be no appeal of their decision. Interpretation or clarification of the rules should be requested as soon as possible, preferably prior to the start of the derby, by email to Bellinghampsa@gmail.com. Judges and weigh station officials are eligible to win cash prizes provided that they cannot weigh-in their own fish.

10. Derby officials may direct that a fish be gutted after weighing and/or that it be examined by a fishery biologist or other expert, at the judges' discretion.

11. Derby tickets are only available online. One person may purchase tickets for other contestants; in that event the person buying the ticket shall be deemed to agree to these rules on behalf of the contestant(s) for whom the tickets were bought. Anyone purchasing a ticket for someone else shall complete the registration form in the other person's name.

12. Any violation of Derby rules and/or WDFW fishing regulations and/or anyone receiving a citation, shall subject the violator and the entire boat from which they are fishing to

⁵ Additional exemptions may be approved prior to the derby upon request.

disqualification. Persons observing possible rules violations are required to submit a written protest to the judges no later than 5:00 PM on August 27, 2022. It is within the absolute discretion of the judges to determine the consequences of any alleged rules violations. The judges' decision will be final, binding, and non-appealable.

13. Prize recipients are responsible for payment of any taxes that might be owed on a particular prize. All prizes shall be final at the time of award. Prize recipients may be required by derby officials to provide an IRS Form W-9, taxpayer identification number, or other information to the Bellingham PSA treasurer prior to delivery of any prize.

14. Prize amounts are conditioned on the number of adult and youth entry fees paid. 50% of net adult entry fees, after deducting a 10% third party processing and service charge, will be reserved for adult prizes with a maximum prize pool of \$2,500. The adult prize pool will be allocated to adult prizes as follows: 60% First Place Chinook, 20% Second Place Chinook, 10% Third Place Chinook, 6% First Place Coho, and 4% Second Place Coho. Adult prizes listed in the Derby announcements are based on at least 139 adult entry fees paid. Prizes will be reduced proportionately if fewer than 139 entry fees are collected. 100% of youth entry fees, after deducting a 10% third party processing and service charge, will be reserved for youth prizes. There is no maximum youth prize pool. Prizes from the youth prize pool will be determined after ticket sales are closed. It is intended that the youth prize pool will be allocated to youth prizes as follows: 60% First Place Chinook, 20% Second Place Chinook, 10% Third Place Chinook, 6% First Place Coho, and 4% Second Place Coho. If there is insufficient youth participation to fund each of the anticipated prizes in a meaningful amount (at least \$10), then derby officials will adjust the allocation or number of prizes at their discretion.

15. Each participant in the Derby hereby grants Bellingham PSA full permission to use any photographs or video recordings of their participation in the Derby for any purpose.

16. These rules may be changed by Derby officials at any time prior to the beginning of the first day of the Derby. Any changes to these rules or clarifications concerning these rules will be posted prior to the start of the Derby. **Watch your email for rules changes, clarifications, or updates.**

Marine Area 7 Bellingham Bay Sub-Area

