

2021 Salish Sea Spring Fishing Derby Rules and Regulations

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South Vancouver Island Anglers Coalition will make every effort to ensure the event provides a safe environment for our host Cheanuh Marina, all of our derby contestants and our event volunteers. We ask all to practise physical distancing of minimum 6 feet and to wear mask where possible. Hand sanitizer and masks will be available on site. Please make every effort to remain safe and respect others' space.

1. Official Fishing Date & Times

Saturday March 27th, 2021 between 6:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

2. Derby Headquarters and Fish Weigh Station Location

The Salish Sea Spring Fishing Derby (SSSFD) will be headquartered at **Cheanuh Marina, 4901B East Sooke Road, Sooke, BC V9Z 1B6**. There will be ONE official Weigh Station for the derby also located at Cheanuh Marina. The event coordinator, derby officials and weigh master will be stationed at the derby headquarters during weigh scale open times.

3. Weighing in Fish

- (i) – There is only one official weigh station for the SSSFD located at **Cheanuh Marina, 4901B East Sooke Road, Sooke, BC V9Z 1B6**;
- (ii) – The weigh station will open on **Saturday March 27th at 8:00 a.m.** and remain open until **4:00 p.m.** when fishing in the derby ends.
- (iii) – Contestants weighing fish in the SSSFD **MUST BE** in the weigh scale line up by closing time (4:00 p.m.) for their entry to be valid;
- (iv) – Contestants weighing in fish **MUST** provide the weigh scale staff their derby rod ticket and a valid tidal waters fishing license with necessary stamps attached for their entry to be validated;
- (v) – Contestant derby tickets **MUST** all be assigned to a person's name for the derby and the weigh master **MUST** know that information before any fish can be weighed in on that ticket;
- (vi) – Each participant may enter **ONE (1) salmon and ONE (1) Halibut**;
- (vii) – All salmon entries must be greater than five (5) pounds in weight;
- (viii) – The SSSFD is run under DFO tidal-water recreational standards and regulations in place at the time of

the event. Only fish legally caught using recreational tackle and under a valid recreational fishing license can be entered;

(ix) – Only salmon that meet the species and size criteria set out in the tidal water recreational fishing regulations and **SSSFD** rules in place at the time of the derby will be accepted at the scales (contestants are responsible to ensure they are fishing in compliance with DFO regulations)

(x) – **if there is a slot or maximum size limit for any species in place at the time of the SSSFD, only fish within that slot limit will be accepted at the weigh scale;**

(xi) – In the event of a “tie” or “draw” (equal weight) for the largest salmon or halibut at the official scale, the fish weighed in first as per the weighmasters derby time clock will be judged the winner;

(xii) - fish are not to be cleaned, gutted or physically damaged prior to being weighed in; and,

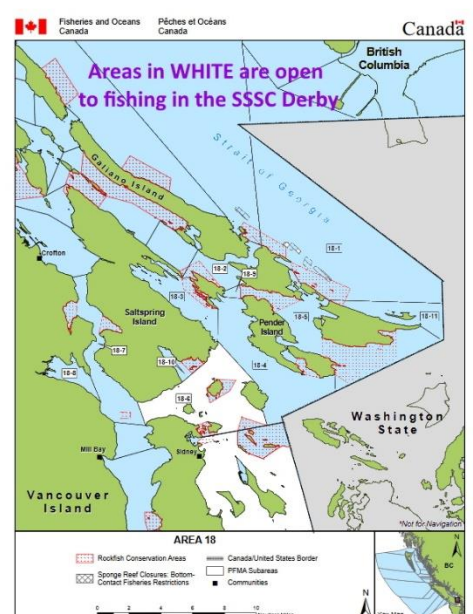
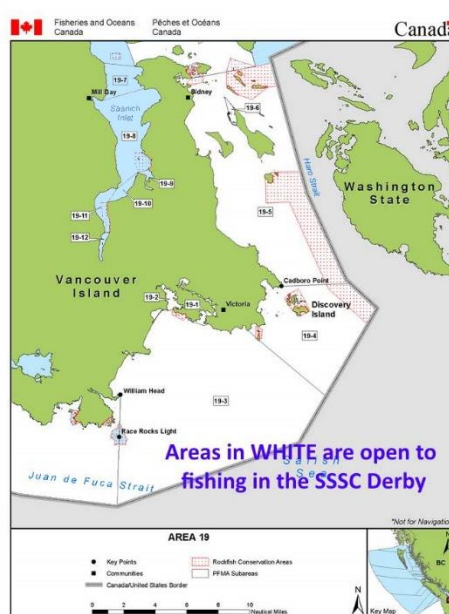
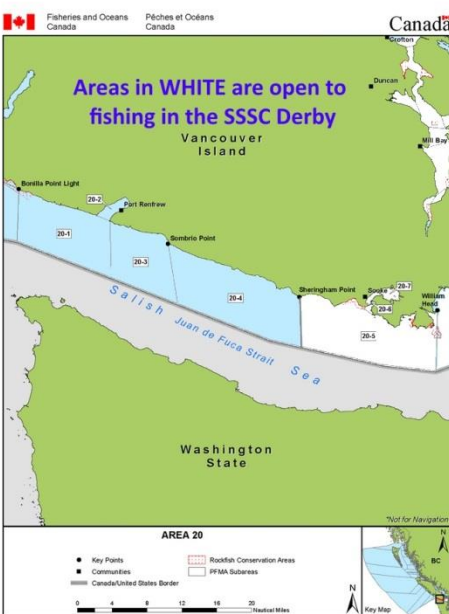
(xiii) – any person attempting to weigh in fish caught illegally, not in compliance with derby rules, caught outside the boundaries and/or caught outside the derby times will be disqualified immediately.

4. Fishing Boundaries

Please refer to the maps below that outline the official Salish Sea Salmon Challenge fishing boundaries.

SSSFD contestants may fish in Canadian tidal waters off: Sidney, Oak Bay, Victoria, Esquimalt, Colwood, Metchosin, East Sooke and Sooke, where those areas are open to recreational fishing. For reference purposes the fishable areas of the **SSSC Derby** are within DFO Fisheries Management Areas 18-6, 19-3, 19-4, 19-5 and 20-5.

Any contestants fishing outside the fishing boundaries during the derby or attempting to weigh in a fish found to be caught outside the official boundaries will be disqualified. *PLEASE NOTE: Sheringham Point is the Juan de Fuca westernmost SSSC Derby boundary; therefore, Port Renfrew is outside the fishing boundaries.* Fishing in US waters is not permitted.



SSSC DERBY BOUNDARY MAPS – Fishing area includes Canadian waters open to tidal-water recreational angling from the South Vancouver Island shoreline to the international US border in DFO Fisheries Management Areas 18-6, 19-3, 19-4, 19-5 and 20-5.

5. Fishing

- (i) – all fishing must be conducted within the **SSSFD** rules;
- (ii) – all derby participants **MUST** abide by Fisheries and Oceans Canada tidal waters recreational sport fishing regulations and be bound by any DFO fisheries management variation orders in effect at the time of the event;
- (iii) – fish caught outside the derby boundaries or at a time before or after the derby are not eligible;
- (iv) – derby participants can only register **ONE (1)** salmon and **ONE (1)** halibut in their name per ticket;
- (v) – contestants can fish with **ONE** rod per ticket;
- (vi) - no boats entered in the derby may come within 30 feet of any other boats. (Except official government vessels or derby officials); and,
- (vii) – No boats entered in the derby may come within 30 feet of the shore except when docking or removing the boat from water at a launching ramp.

6. General Rules

- (i) – **SSSFD** tickets are \$60 – each ticket includes one rod entry into the fishing portion of the derby and one draw ticket entry into the random cash draw portion of the prize board;
- (ii) – **SSSFD** tickets are non-refundable;
- (iii) – by purchasing a ticket and entering the derby, individuals agree to abide by the **SSSFD** rules;
- (iv) – South Vancouver Island Anglers Coalition, the Salish Sea Spring Fishing Derby organizer, will appoint event officials to oversee the smooth and fair operation of the event;
- (v) – **SSSFD** officials may, where necessary, make a ruling on or decisions related to the application of the official derby rules;
- (vi) – in the event of any dispute the derby organizers decisions will be respected and deemed as final; and,
- (vii) – **SSSFD** officials have the right to conduct further examination or inspection of disputed or suspect catches that are in contention to win any prize, draws or event contests.

7. Salish Sea Spring Fishing Derby Prize Board, Special Draws and Awards Event

There will be **ONE (1)** Cash Prize award to the largest legally caught salmon.

There will be **ONE (1)** Cash Prize award for the largest legally caught halibut.

There will be **ONE (1)** Merchandise Draw Prize drawn from the pool of SSSFD tickets sold.

The two main cash prizes will increase in value as more SSSFD tickets are sold. The more tickets sold the higher the two cash main prizes will be. Expect Cash prizes in excess of \$2,000.

There will also be prize raffles, 50/50 and other separate draws available at the SSSFD Cheanuh Marina weigh station and tickets to those can be purchased from the weigh scale staff or in advance online.

All Prizes and Draws will be awarded once the weigh scale is closed and all fish are weighed in.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The main cash draw prize will be awarded shortly after the weigh scale closes at 4:00 PM on Saturday March 27th, 2021. All SSSFD ticket holders are eligible to win the main merchandise draw prize and you do not need to weigh in a fish to be eligible. To claim the draw prize the winner must present their winning ticket that matches the number drawn to an SSSC Derby official. Fishing Derby results, draw prize and raffle winners will be contacted should they not be present to collect their prize at the end of the derby. Derby results and a list of winners will be posted on the SVIAC website following the end of the event.