# The 2024 Alpine Juan de Fuca Fishing Tournament Rules and Regulations

# For more information or to buy tickets visit: https://www.anglerscoalition.com or call (778) 967-2363

#### **1. Official Fishing Date & Times**

Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 5:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

## 2. Tournament Headquarters and Fish Weigh Station Location

The Alpine Juan de Fuca Fishing Tournament (AJDFFT) will be headquartered at Pedder Bay RV Resort and Marina, 925 Pedder Bay Drive, Victoria, BC V9C 4H1. There will be <u>ONE official Weigh</u> <u>Station for the tournament also located at Pedder Bay Marina.</u> South Vancouver Island Anglers Coalition tournament officials and the weighmaster will be stationed at the tournament headquarters during weighscale open times.

#### 3. Weighing in Fish

(i) - There is only one official weigh station for the AJDFFT located at Pedder Bay RV Resort and Marina, 925 Pedder Bay Drive, Victoria, BC V9C 4H1.

(ii) – The weigh station will open on **Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** and remain open until **3:00 p.m.** when fishing in the tournament ends,

(iii) – Participants weighing fish in the **2024 AJDFFT** <u>MUST BE</u> in the weighscale line up by closing time (3:00 p.m.) for their entry to be valid,

(iv) – Participants weighing in fish <u>MUST</u> provide the weighscale staff their tournament rod ticket and a valid tidal waters fishing license with necessary stamps attached for their entry to be validated,

(v) – Participant tournament rod tickets <u>MUST</u> all be assigned to a person's name for the tournament 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 per rod ticket,

(vii) – If a participants catches a larger salmon than the one they previously weighed in, they may enter that larger fish as a substitute/replacement during the tournament, with the larger salmon being their official entry;

(viii) - Only salmon may be entered and they must be greater than ten (10) pounds in weight;

(ix) – The **2024 AJDFFT** 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,

(x) – Only salmon that meet the species and size criteria set out in the tidal water recreational fishing regulations and **2024 AJDFFT** rules in place at the time of the tournament will be accepted at the scales (participants are responsible to ensure they are fishing in compliance with DFO regulations),

(xi) – if there is a slot or maximum size limit for any species in place at the time of the 2024 AJDFFT, only fish within that slot limit will be accepted at the weighscale,

(xii) – In the event of a "tie" or "draw" (equal weight) for the largest salmon at the official scale, the fish weighed in first as per the weighmasters tournament time clock will be judged the winner,

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

(xiv) – any person attempting to weigh in fish caught illegally, not in compliance with tournament rules, caught outside the boundaries and/or caught outside the tournament times will be disqualified immediately; and, (xv) - All potential winning salmon weighed into the tournament will become the property of SVIAC for donation to the food bank.

## 4. Fishing Boundaries

Please refer to the maps below that outline the official Alpine Juan de Fuca Fishing Tournament boundaries. AJDFFT participants may fish in Canadian tidal waters off: 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 AJDFFT tournament are within DFO Fisheries Management Areas 19-3, 19-4, 20-4 and 20-5. If there are Southern Resident Killer Whale fishing closures in place at the time of the tournament, participants must not fish in those areas.

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



**AJDFFT 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 19-3, 19-4, 20-4 and 20-5.

#### 5. Fishing

(i) – all fishing must be conducted within the **2024 AJDFFT** rules;

(ii) – all tournament 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 tournament boundaries or at a time before or after the tournament are not eligible;

(iv) - participants can fish with ONE rod per ticket;

(v) - no boats entered in the tournament may come within 30 feet of any other boats. (Except official government vessels or tournament officials); and,

(vi) – No boats entered in the tournament 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) - 2024 AJDFFT tickets are \$150.00 - each ticket includes one rod entry;

(ii) – 2024 AJDFFT tickets are non-refundable;

(iii) – by purchasing a ticket and entering the tournament, participants agree to abide by the **2024 AJDFFT** rules;

(iv) – South Vancouver Island Anglers Coalition, the Alpine Juan de Fuca Fishing Tournament organizers, will appoint event officials to oversee the smooth and fair operation of the event,

(v) – **2024 AJDFFT** officials may, where necessary, make a ruling on or decisions related to the application of the official tournament rules,

(vi) – in the event of any dispute the tournament organizers and tournament officials decisions will be respected and deemed as final,

(vii) – **2024 AJDFFT** 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; and,

(viii) – Each \$150 rod ticket comes with a window sticker. Participants must display the window sticker clearly on their boat. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

# 7. Alpine Juan de Fuca Fishing Tournament Prize Board

The prize board for the Alpine Juan de Fuca Fishing Tournament is \$45,000 and prizes are ALL CASH. There are TEN (10) separate cash prizes for the ten largest salmon weighed in over 10 lbs. Prizes will be awarded to the winners at approximately 4:00 p.m. after the weighscale closes. The prize break down is as follows:

First prize	-	\$20,000	Sixth Prize	-	\$2,000
Second Prize	-	\$7,000	Seventh Prize	-	\$1,750
Third Prize	-	\$5,000	Eighth Prize	-	\$1,500
Fourth Prize	-	\$3,000	Nineth Prize	-	\$1,250
Fifth Prize	-	\$2,500	Tenth Prize	-	\$1,000