

# THE 2010 MSA SALMON SHOOT-OUT PRO/AM JULY 9, 10, 11, 2010 RULES

Failure to be familiar with rules may result in disqualification

**2 DAYS - Sat & Sun July 10 & 11 Captains Meeting 7:00 PM Fri, July 9th , Great Lakes Marina.**

**RULES** - When you submit your registration fee, you are required to read and understand all rules pertaining to your specific event. Questions, call Joel Fulton at (231)206-7691. Captains Meeting is held to insure all participants are clear on rules and their interpretation.

**OBSERVERS - Observers will be mandatory in Division I only.** An observer over 16 years old must be supplied by each team each day. Strict rules apply to observers and their responsibilities. **Observers** must attend Captain's Meeting. **Observers** are required to be aboard assigned boats at 5:15 AM on tournament days. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of **OBSERVER'S TEAM** for that day. No exceptions and no refunds for disqualified teams. **Observers** are required to log each fish caught. **Observers** will note non-compliance of all tournament rules. You may send a different observer each day, but all observers need to be at the Captain's Meeting. Observers may or may not be aboard the same boat both days. **Observers** must have a watch synchronized to Tournament time. **Observers** will be required to log START and RETURN times (inside pierheads) for team assigned. Observers, at the discretion of Tournament Committee, may be placed on Division II boats. All observers and Captains must fill out completely and sign Observer Sheet. The responsibility for Observers performance belongs to the **sending team**. Communicate with observer you're sending and explain his responsibilities to him. If observer fails to do their job, **sending team** may be disqualified.

**TOURNAMENT TIME** - 6AM -2PM each day, all levels. Boats will leave from within 1/2 mile max outside the pierheads at 6AM and be inside the pierheads by 2PM each day. Division I Observer will be required to log exact times. Failure to be inside pierheads by 2PM disqualifies team for that day. No fishing after 2PM unless tournament has been canceled for the day before minimum 4 hours of fishing. The tournament start time can be delayed up until 12 noon and a 2 hour extended finish time will be in effect to achieve a 4 hour fishing period. Spotters will be in place at the pierheads to ensure that all entrants are in by the end time of fishing that day. Any boat outside the pierheads at the end time will be disqualified immediately for that day. Listen to Channel 78 beginning at 15 minutes prior to end time for exact count down to 2pm or end time each day. Absolutely no fishing prior to 6 AM.

**COMMUNICATION** - Radio silence in effect. Radio silence means no cell phones or pagers allowed. No radio communication except to monitor Channel 9 for official announcements. Cell Phones or pagers activated during tournament hours disqualifies the team immediately. No Text Messaging, No CBs, No electronic communication whatsoever. When tournament begins, all teams must continuously listen to Channel 78 for the duration of the tournament. Tournament Control will monitor Channel 78 during tournament hours.

**LOCATION** - Captain's Meeting, awards, and weigh-in at Great Lakes Marina. Daily results posted at the entertainment tent. Details to be given at Captain's Meeting. Prizes awarded Sunday after weigh-in.

**WEIGH IN** - We will finalize weigh-in procedure at Captains Meeting. Please drain coolers before weigh-in. Excess water or loose ice will result in 5 lb deduction of total weight for that day. Extra fish or fish under legal size limit will be disallowed, PLUS a penalty of one fish will be deducted from your catch for each extra or undersized fish you have beginning with the largest of that species.

**CAPTAIN & CREW** - A Captain for each team must be designated and identified on registration form. The number of fishermen may vary. The same fishermen do not have to fish both days. Division I observer may be used as team member if necessary for rod limit; however his license becomes that team's responsibility.

**BOAT SIZE** - boats must be at least 18' long, have a marine radio, flotation devices, and conform to all USCG regulations.

**SALMON SHOOT OUT - Division I (Pro)** Catch 10 and weigh 10 fish. **No Cull.** All fish must be brought in as quickly as possible and every effort must be made to land each fish with your net. When you reach your 10 fish limit, you are done for the day and must immediately pull rods and return to the Harbor. When you reach your 10 fish limit observer must list exact time on Observer Sheet and Captain and Observer both sign. Any boat can fish in Division I (Pro). Any boat who has a Charter Fishing Boat Captain who has been licensed within the last 5 years (even as crew member) must fish in Division I (Pro). **OBSERVERS & CAPTAINS NOTE:** Every effort must be made to net and land each fish. This is the "no-cull" division. Shaking off fish or returning fish without measuring is **CHEATING** and you will be disqualified with no refund. The exact length of all undersized fish that are returned must be measured and recorded by observer. 9 rod limit for all teams. DNR rules apply.

**SALMON SHOOT OUT - Division II (Am)** - Catch 10, weigh 10 fish. Penalties apply at weigh station for short fish. 9 rod limit for all teams. All DNR rules apply.

**TOURNAMENT COOLER** - All boats must drop cooler, one team member, and observer at designated drop-off point. Block or bagged ice only will be allowed. Observer and one team member will be required to accompany tournament cooler to weigh station and insure weigh-in corresponds with Observer's catch report data. No more than 10 fish may be in tournament cooler at weigh station. Extra fish or fish under legal size limit will be disallowed, PLUS a penalty of one fish will be deducted from your catch for each extra or undersized fish. Observers are required to closely observe the measure of marginal sized fish. Undersized fish must be promptly returned, legal fish must be kept. Stretching fish, squashing fish, breaking their neck, or any manipulation to increase the length of the fish will disqualify team. Observer must record exact length of fish that need to be measured during tournament hours. Weigh-slips will be signed by Captain, observer and weigh-master. Once weigh-slip is signed by all, there can be no change. Re-weighing is not allowed.

**TOURNAMENT SCORES**- 1 point per pound, 10 points per fish. Fish will be weighed using our certified tournament scales. Fractional weight of .05-.50 lbs. will not count for points, .55-.95 will count as 1 point. Our scales weigh in increments of 5/100's of a pound.

**TIE BREAKERS** - When points and pounds are used, total weight will break ties. If still tied, biggest fish will be used if that weight is available for all boats involved. If not, prize will be split. Place prizes will be added together (ex 2nd & 3rd) and then split.

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