

Fishing Contest FAQ's:

Q1: If we postpone our contest, can we reschedule to another date later in the year? If yes, when can we reschedule?

A: It is unclear how long the Governor's statewide mandate will remain in effect. The Department will work with sponsors to rescheduled contest dates on a first come, first serve basis. To reschedule a contest, contact the Regional office that issued your permit. This can be found by looking at the permit #: xx-~~X~~-xxx. The single digit (1-6) in the permit number identifies the Regional office that issued the permit. A list of the Regional offices can be found [here](#).

Q2: If I reschedule my contest, will the lake be open to fishing?

A: Access to lakes and reservoirs falls under various jurisdictions. Some lake operators are requiring their own additional special use permit and may limit the number of contests held on their waters. This additional permitting requirement would be in addition to the DFG Fishing Contest Permit. When attempting to schedule or reschedule a contest please check with the lake operator in advance to ensure you can obtain their required permit if applicable. The possession of an approved fishing contest permit does not guarantee permittee access to the water body.

Q3: If we cancel a contest, can we get a refund of our permit fee?

A: The permit fee is an administrative processing fee for processing the approval of the permit. Since applicant has received an approved permit the fee is non-refundable.

Q4: Can I add a date to an existing permit?

A: Due to COVID-19 and the large number of contests that may need to be rescheduled, through April 30th we are only rescheduling existing permits canceled by the sponsor. No additional dates will be added during this time.

Q5: I canceled my 2020 permit due to COVID-19 recommendations. Can I apply the permit fee to a 2021 contest?

A: No, the permit fee is a processing fee for contests to be held in 2020. You may reschedule your approved contest to another date in 2020 without an additional processing fee, but it cannot be applied to a 2021 contest application.