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2022 Fishing Contest Permit Drawing For black bass fishing contests held in 2023

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife invites you to this year's Fishing Contest Permit Drawing events:

Northern California

(For contests north of the Tehachapi Mountains)

Friday, October 14, 2022, 10:00 AM
Bass Pro Shops Manteca
Conference room upstairs
1356 Bass Pro Drive
Manteca, CA 95337

Southern California

(For contests south of the Tehachapi Mountains)

Friday, October 21, 2022, 10:00 AM
CDFW San Diego Office
Masks required
3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123

The new regulation governing Title 14 Section 230 Issuance of Permits for Contests Offering Prizes for the Taking of Game Fish is still under review by the Office of Administrative Law. Therefore, the 2022 permit draws for contests occurring in 2023 will follow procedures described below. It is expected that each organization will in good faith be represented by one applicant only. All actions by participants could result in the reconsideration and delayed approval of the pending regulation.

If you are planning black bass fishing contests during 2023 that will attract more than 50 participants or offer prizes totaling more than \$1,000 in value, or if you are requesting more than four Event type contests, we strongly recommend in-person attendance, but attendance is not required to participate in the draw. For the southern draw, only 1 representative from each organization will be permitted in the room due public health concerns and room capacity; additional representatives are welcome to observe from the outside patio.

Request Submission Procedures for Contests held in 2023

Please submit your Event water and date requests to tournaments@wildlife.ca.gov by:

- COB Monday, October 10 for the northern draw
- COB Monday, October 17 for the southern draw

No tournament proposals will be accepted after this date and prior to the beginning of each Draw event.

1. All applicants will electronically submit their date requests to tournaments@wildlife.ca.gov or participate by mail-in before the deadline.
 - a. One submission per applicant/organization for each of the draws (i.e., one submission for northern plus one for southern).
 - b. You should receive an automatic reply as receipt of submission.

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- c. Mail-in: applicants must submit a complete Application for Permit to Offer Prizes for the Taking of Game Fish (Form DFW 775) with attached check for the \$70.30 application processing fee *for each proposed Event contest*. Please included a contact name and daytime phone number that can be used during the conflict resolution period if necessary. Mail-in applicants who submit more than one application should prioritize their submitted applications.
 - i. Mail applications and payments to Flower Moye, 1010 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento, CA 95605.
2. For proposed tournament schedules, applicants will be limited to:
 - a. No more than one request per month per water.
 - b. No requests for simultaneous Delta events; meaning, you cannot request Delta-Contra Costa and Delta-Sacramento on the same day.

Guidelines for Black Bass Fishing Contest Permit Draw

1. During participant registration on the morning of the draw, applicants will be provided a random number to be used in conflict resolution and addition draws.
2. All proposed contest waters/dates will be made available for all participating applicants to review no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of the draw event.
3. To begin the draw, all applications not in conflict will be awarded.
4. Applicants having water/date conflicts will be provided a reasonable amount of time to review the proposed schedule and are encouraged to resolve any conflicting events. Following the conflict resolution period, a draw will be held with conflicting applicants for unresolved conflicting waters/dates. Each applicant (and mail-in application[s]) will have their random number, assigned when they registered, put in random order for the drawing. The first applicant drawn will have the opportunity to select one conflicted water/date. The unsuccessful applicant in that draw will have the opportunity to select (or be assigned for mail-in applicants as applicable) an open water/date. This process will continue until all conflicts have been resolved.
5. After all conflicts are resolved there will be a draw for any additions to the calendars. Applicants participating in the addition round[s] will have their random number, assigned when they registered, put in random order for the drawing. One addition to the calendars per sponsor per round. The order will be snaked (i.e., the last pick of the first round will have the first pick of the second round) for each round. Rounds will continue until there are no more additions.

The permit processing fee is \$70.30 per application. Applicant must pay for all waters and dates awarded at the drawing prior to leaving the event. Any awarded waters/dates not paid for will be rescinded and become available on a first come first serve basis after all draw events have concluded.

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Detailed information regarding this Permit Draw process, all forms, and the online reporting portal can be found on the Fishing Contests webpage (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/Contests>).

Please reach out if you require interpretive services, have other special requests, or have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the draw!

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