



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO OFFER PRIZES FOR TAKING OF GAME FISH
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The permit fee is specified in Section 230(i), Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) and is subject to annual adjustments in accordance with Section 699, T14, CCR, and Fish and Game Code Section 713.

Section 1. Applicant Information

Applicant: _____

Sponsor: _____

Please print first and last name clearly.

Example: club, association, chamber of commerce, not applicable

Mailing Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Check box if the contest is for the following participants: Children under 16 years Physically or mentally challenged individuals

Section 2. Contest Information

Check box and complete a form DFW 775 for only one permit type (A, B, C or D). Refer to subsection 230(c) for descriptions of each permit type.

Type A (Event*): Contests targeting black bass with more than 60 anglers. Only one contest with a maximum of three days duration allowed.

Water: _____	County: _____	Estimated Participants: _____
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Day	<u>START DATE</u>	<u>START TIME</u>	<u>WEIGH-IN TIME(S)</u>	<u>WEIGH-IN LOCATION (BE SPECIFIC)</u>
Day 1				
Day 2				
Day 3				

*Previously referred to as an "Event Permit"



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- Type B (Annual):** Contests targeting black bass with 60 or fewer anglers. Contests may not exceed three days in duration. -OR-
- Type C (Catch & Release - C&R):** contests targeting black bass in which anglers do not retain fish for a centralized weigh-in. These contests require the angler to immediately release all live fish caught after recording weight or measurement. Contests conducted under a Type-C permit may exceed three days in duration and may be conducted on multiple water bodies concurrently. Type-C permits do not limit the number of anglers. -OR-
- Type D (Other):** Contests *not* targeting black bass. Contest may exceed three days in duration and be conducted on multiple waters concurrently.

	Start Date	End Date	Water	Estimated Participants	Weigh-in Location & Time (If applicable)	Target Species/Group*
1						
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3						
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Section 3. Special Conditions for Contests

The following conditions are set forth pursuant to Section 230(m) Title 14 California Code of Regulations. All contests shall abide by regulations.

Conditions for all contests:

1. All contest sponsors and/or organizations are responsible for advising their participants of all Special Conditions and to monitor their compliance.
2. To prevent the movement of invasive species all vessels, trailers, and equipment must be clean, drained, and dry prior to participating in the contest, and cleaned of debris and drained of water at the conclusion of the contest.
3. Unless inspected by the contest organizer or water manager (or their agent), each contest participant must perform a self-inspection of their vessel, trailer, and/or equipment prior to participating in the contest to confirm that it is clean, drained, and dry, and complete form DFW 777, Aquatic Invasive Species Self-Inspection Certification for Game Fish Contest. Contest organizers shall confirm and document each participant's completion of their form DFW 777. Completed forms shall be kept on the participant's vessel for the duration of the contest.

Additional conditions for contests that target **Chinook Salmon** (does not include Landlocked Salmon, CCR Title 14, Section 5.41):

1. Anglers must keep the first legal fish captured up to the legal daily bag limit.
2. Permittee must provide current freshwater sport fishing regulations for salmon to each participant.

Additional conditions for contests that target **Sturgeon**:

1. Only White Sturgeon may be targeted.
2. Permittee will randomly pick a size in the legal White Sturgeon size range immediately before the start of the tournament or some other approved random selection process. Winners will be anglers with fish closest to that randomly selected target size.
3. Each angler fishing for White Sturgeon must possess all documents and equipment required by fishing regulations, which may include a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card, tags, suitable measuring device, net, etc.
4. Permittee must provide freshwater sport fishing regulations for sturgeon to each participant.

Additional conditions for contests that target **black bass** and require anglers to retain fish for a centralized weigh-in or measurement:

1. All contestants shall have facilities for keeping bass alive and in good condition.
2. At the completion of the weigh-in, insofar as possible, all fish shall be returned to the water alive and in good condition.
3. Dead bass that are legal to retain shall be disposed of consistent with California Sport Fishing Regulations (Sec 1.87, Title 14, CCR: Wastage of fish is not permitted). For contests granted an exemption, dead bass within the slot limit or below the minimum size may be held in possession of an angler with proper documentation (see 7 below) until disposed of in a legal manner.
4. Bass shall be transported to and from the vessel to the weigh-in site in water-filled containers with sufficient water to cover the fish, except during the actual measuring/weighing process. Individual bass over approximately five (5) lbs. shall be held in separate containers both before and after weighing. Fish shall be held in water-filled containers no longer than three (3) minutes prior to or after the weigh-in unless the water in that container is replenished. Contest organizers shall ensure that all fish are handled expeditiously in a manner that maximizes the survival of all fish. All bass shall be released immediately after weigh-in near the weigh-in site unless otherwise specified by the Department or a local entity. Bass shall not be towed to the release site in devices made of mesh or netting to prevent fish from being impinged upon the mesh.
5. Because of high water temperatures and low dissolved oxygen levels, in contests held during the period June 15 through September 15, the maximum allowable period before and between weigh-ins is six (6) hours. All participants are required to weigh-in and release any and all black bass at each required weigh-in time. Livewells shall be inspected so that no fish are retained by the competitors prior to the final weigh-in on each day of the contest. Multiple weigh-ins do not allow teams or individual competitors to weigh in more than a single daily possession limit of black bass per day.
6. The sponsor shall provide personnel and necessary equipment to decompress bass that cannot swim down to deep water. Decompression can be by hypodermic needle or cage release at 35 feet or deeper.
7. For contests with an exemption to size and/or bag limits, organizations shall provide all participants with written identification containing the following information: (1) Name of contest sponsor; (2) name of participant(s); (3) contest permit number; (4) date of contest; (5) contest weigh-in location. This information shall be in possession of all participant(s) for the duration of the contest and afterwards if possessing dead bass under the exemption rule.
8. Only artificial lures may be used.



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Special Release Site Instructions for Black Bass Contests:

Water	County	Instructions
Clear Lake	Lake	All bass shall be released at least (2) miles from the weigh-in site, and 400 yards offshore.
Pine Flat Reservoir	Fresno	All bass shall be released outside 5 MPH or “no Wake” buoys
Diamond Valley	Riverside	All bass shall be released outside of the wave attenuator

Section 4. Certification and Approval

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GAME FISH CONTEST PERMIT

Permit Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date Issued _____

Observer Fee [] Will not be required

[] Will be required for [] days at \$275 per day

[] If checked, additional conditions will be provided on an attached sheet.

The applicant is hereby authorized to offer prizes or inducements for the taking of game fish as described above, and in accordance with Section 230, Title 14, CCR, and the special conditions in this permit related to the welfare of fish populations or individual fish.

By: _____ Date: _____
Regional Manager, Branch Chief, or Designated Representative

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

I, the permittee, agree to be bound by the Special Conditions as listed on this permit and any Additional Conditions as stated above.

Section 5. Department Regional Office Locations

Instructions for Type-A permit applications utilizing the initial offering: When the initial offering is in person, the complete form DFW 775 and permit fee for all awarded requests shall be submitted on site prior to the conclusion of the initial offering. When the initial offering is virtual, the complete form DFW 775 and payment shall be submitted to the department regional office for the region where the applicant will hold the contest within 10 business days of the initial offering.

Instructions for Type-A permit applications not utilizing the initial offering: Applications for Type A permits shall be submitted to the department regional office for the region where the contest(s) is proposed.

Instructions for all other permit types: Applications for Type-B, C, and D permits shall be submitted to any departmental regional office.



DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Regional Offices

Region	Counties
<p>NORTHERN REGION (1)</p> <p>601 Locust Street Redding, CA 96001 (530) 225-2300</p>	<p>Del Norte, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, & Trinity</p>
<p>NORTH CENTRAL REGION (2)</p> <p>1701 Nimbus Road Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 (916) 358-2900</p>	<p>Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter, Yuba and the portions of Sacramento, San Joaquin and Yolo counties that are north of I-80 and east of I-5</p>
<p>BAY-DELTA REGION (3)</p> <p>2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100 Fairfield, CA 94534 (707) 428-2002</p>	<p>Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Solano, Sonoma and the portions of Sacramento, San Joaquin and Yolo counties that are south of I-80 and west of I-5</p>
<p>CENTRAL REGION (4)</p> <p>1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA 93710 (559) 243-4005</p>	<p>Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Monterey, Merced, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne</p>
<p>SOUTH COAST REGION (5)</p> <p>3883 Ruffin Road San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 467-4299</p>	<p>Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura</p>
<p>INLAND DESERTS REGION (6)</p> <p>3602 Inland Empire Boulevard Suite C-220 Ontario, CA 91764 (909) 484-0167</p>	<p>Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside and San Bernardino</p>



INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO OFFER PRIZES FOR TAKING OF GAME FISH

The following instructions are set forth pursuant to Section 230(d) and (f) of Title 14, CCR.

1. Section 1-Applicant Information

1. Complete all applicable fields

2. Section 2 Selection of Contest Type

1. Select only one permit type per application
2. Complete all fields for selected permit type
3. Applications for Type-A permits will be considered for one contest of up to 3 days duration
4. Applications for Type-B, C, or D permits will be considered for up to 12 individual contests

3. Section 3 Special Conditions for Contests

1. Read all conditions for all contests and species-specific conditions if applicable

4. Section 4 Certification and Approval

1. Certify your acknowledgement of all conditions by signing
2. Approval will be completed by CDFW staff

5. Section 5 -Department Regional Office Locations

1. Submit your application according to the instructions listed in Section 5 above.