



2021 Fishing Contest Permit Drawing For Fishing Contests to be Held During 2022

UPDATE: REVISED TIMELINE AND DEADLINES

In response to requests from applicants for additional time to resolve conflicts, CDFW will be extending all remaining deadlines for the 2021 permit draw by two weeks. Please find the updated timelines below.

Due to continued public health concerns around COVID-19, CDFW will be again conducting the Fishing Contest Permit Drawing remotely. In response to independent feedback from stakeholders and the associated permit holder survey conducted in 2020, CDFW will be conducting the drawing within the guidelines below, as this approach has allowed for reduced conflicts and productive collaboration in the past. Additionally, CDFW will be monitoring the overall efficiency, compliance, and analytics of the permit drawing process in 2021 to help inform a more formal regulatory revision process of the fishing contest permit drawing moving forward. Remaining available dates following the permit drawing will be open to first come, first serve applications through regional offices starting August 10th. Not all guidelines used to facilitate the 2020 permit draw will apply to the 2021 permit draw, so please read these guidelines carefully.

Both conflict resolution draws on August 18th & 19th will be available for public viewing through Microsoft Teams.

Request Submission Procedures:

1. Each *person (applicant)* wanting to participate should submit a list of all dates/locations they want for **2022**. Submit separate lists for northern and southern California waters. *Only submit a request for dates you are willing to pay for, payment in full will be required for all selections awarded. Failure to pay for selections awarded will result in forfeiture of those selections.*
 - a. Only one list per applicant will be accepted for each of the northern and southern California permit drawings.
 - b. List must include applicant name. **This name will be used on the calendars and will be the name on any permits awarded.**
 - c. If you want to participate in conflict resolution with other applicants, **please include contact information with your list of requests. This contact information will be posted on the website for other applicants to see. Inclusion of contact**

information for conflict resolution purposes is optional, and *not* required for participation in the permit drawing.

- d. Lists must be received by 5:00 pm on July 14th
 - e. Please submit lists through email (tournaments@wildlife.ca.gov). Make sure you receive a confirmation email that your list was received.
2. All dates will be added to the calendar and conflicts will be identified. This calendar will be posted to the CDFW Fishing Contest webpage (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/Contests>) on July 16th. Request lists will be kept confidential until the calendar is posted.
 3. Applicants will be given two weeks to resolve conflicts on their own. The applicant who is changing their date/location must be the one to submit the change request through email (tournaments@wildlife.ca.gov). Changes will be made by first come first serve, according to the time stamp on the email. An updated calendar will be posted to the CDFW Fishing Contest webpage (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/Contests>) by 9:00 am each business day. All resolutions must be received by 5:00 pm on August 13th.
 4. Any remaining conflicts will be resolved via random draw
 - a. [Northern California Waters](#): August 18th @ 9:00 am (916-535-0984; Conference ID: 971 058 409#)
 - b. [Southern California Waters](#): August 19th @ 9:00 am (916-535-0984; Conference ID: 991 257 705#)
 5. Finalized calendar will be posted to the CDFW Fishing Contest webpage (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/Contests>) on August 23rd and emailed to all email addresses on file along with a bill for the total cost for all permits awarded.
 - a. All permit applications and payments are due to the **License and Revenue Branch** by September 8th. ***Any dates not paid for on time will be forfeited and released***
 - b. Mail applications and payments to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
1740 N. Market Blvd.
Sacramento CA 95834

Important Dates

List Submission Deadline:

July 14th

Conflict Resolution:

July 16th – August 13th

Remaining Conflict Draw (NorCal)

9:00 am, August 18th

Remaining Conflict Draw (SoCal)

9:00 am, August 19th

Payment Deadline:

September 8th

Regional offices begin accepting

applications for remaining open dates:

August 24th

The current filing fee is \$68.50/application.

For questions, please send all inquiries to tournaments@wildlife.ca.gov

/s/ Valerie Cook

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