



## 2017 Fishing Contest Permit Drawing For Fishing Contests to be Held During 2018

The Department of Fish and Wildlife invites you to this year's Fishing Contest Permit Drawings, to be held in both northern and southern California. The dates and locations are as follows:

### Northern California Drawing

(For contests north of the Tehachapi Mountains)

Friday, July 21, 2017, 10:00 AM  
National University, Sacramento  
Campus Conference Room  
10901 Gold Center Drive  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

### Southern California Drawing

(For contests south of the Tehachapi Mountains)

Friday, July 28, 2017, 10:00 AM  
DFW Ontario Office  
Main Conference Room  
3602 Inland Empire Blvd. Suite C-220  
Ontario, CA, 91764

The permit drawings provide a forum for sponsors to efficiently coordinate their fishing contests for the following year. *If you are planning fishing contests during 2018 that will offer prizes totaling more than \$1,000 in value or attract more than 50 participants, we strongly recommend your attendance.* We will provide updated information and forms at the drawing, and therefore also recommend the attendance of your tournament directors.

If you are requesting more than four contests, please have a representative at the drawing. If you are participating via mail-in, you must provide a **separate check** for each event and a daytime contact phone number for the day of the drawing.

### **New Procedures for 2017:**

In response to requests from sponsors an analysis was conducted on drawing data from recent years and it was determined that there were a number of dates being requested, but not ultimately applied for. In an effort to streamline the process and provide equity to all sponsors the following changes are being made to the permit drawing process this year:

1. For proposed tournament schedules sponsors will be limited to:
  - a. No more than one request per month per water
  - b. No requests for simultaneous Delta events (e.g. no requesting Delta-Contra Costa and Delta-Sacramento on the same day)
2. On the morning of the drawing sponsors will be assigned a randomized drawing order. After all conflicts are resolved there will be a drawing held for any additions to the calendars. One addition to the calendars will be allowed per sponsor per round. The order will be the same for all rounds, but will be snaked (i.e. #1 pick of the first round will have the last pick in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, and the last pick of the 1<sup>st</sup> round will have the #1 pick of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round). Rounds will continue until there are no more additions.

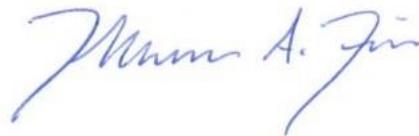
**Please provide your proposed tournament schedules (dates and locations) to Max Fish by **COB Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> for the Northern Drawing** and by **COB Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> for the Southern Drawing**.**

This will enable us to add all proposed events to our calendar and immediately identify conflicts among sponsors, which will facilitate conflict resolution at the drawing. All proposed schedules will be kept confidential until the day of the drawing. If you fill out any applications prior to the drawing, please use the most current version of Form FG-775 posted online at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fish/Administration/Permits/FishingContest/>.

The current filing fee is \$61.03/application. You must pay for approved applications at the time of the drawing to reserve the date and location. In addition, you must have all overdue contest reports from previous tournaments completed and turned in. **If you have overdue contest reports from the previous year, you will not be allowed to reserve dates and locations for 2018 fishing contests.**

Please refer to the guidelines enclosed for a more detailed schedule of each drawing. Also, please contact me if you require interpretive services for the deaf and hard of hearing, or other special requests. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (916) 327-8849 or [max.fish@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:max.fish@wildlife.ca.gov)

We look forward to seeing you at the tournament drawing!



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