

OCEAN COUNTY FISHING CONTEST 2012

RULES

1. All participants **must register between 7:30 am and noon** and will receive a wristband.
2. Fees are **\$2.00 per child** (age 15 and under) and **\$4.00 per adult** (age 16 and older)
3. Eligible fish species include:
 - a. For children and adults - Catfish, Crappie, Pickerel, Trout, Yellow Perch
 - b. For children only - Sunfish
4. All other fish species are ineligible especially BASS and TIGER MUSKIE.
5. It is the fisherman's responsibility to know the law:
 - a. Adults (age 16 and older) **MUST HAVE A VALID NEW JERSEY FISHING LICENSE.**
 - b. Adults (age 16 and older) **MUST HAVE A VALID TROUT STAMP TO POSSESS TROUT.**
 - c. Any fish below the state minimum size may not be entered, and must be released.
 - d. All fish must be caught in the manner known as angling, using a hook and line.
6. Participants may fish any freshwater location in Ocean County. Following measurement and weigh-in, **fish must be returned to the body of water in which they were originally caught.**
7. The contestant must catch all entries on the day of the Fishing Contest. Contest judges reserve the right to disqualify any fish deemed not caught on that day.
8. In order to qualify for the contest, fish **must be measured and weighed by 2:00 pm, or fishermen must be in the weigh-in line by 2:00 pm.**
9. Please do not bring more than one fish per species to weigh in. Only bring the largest fish caught from each of the eligible species.
10. An individual fish may not be entered more than once by the contestant, or by multiple contestants.
11. The winning fish in each category will be based on **LENGTH** in inches; ties will be decided by **WEIGHT** in ounces.
12. Fisherman may only take a single prize under each fish species. Prizes will be awarded, at a minimum, for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each species.
13. Prizes will be awarded between 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm.

Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation
Encourages that all fisherman practice
“CATCH AND RELEASE”
to ensure future populations of fish.

We also ask that all fish be released where they were caught. This is to prevent the spread of disease, invasive species, and fish death due to temperature shock.

Please support the businesses that have made this event possible:

Brick Area

- Pell's Fish & Sport

Brielle Area

- Brielle Bait and Tackle

Ship Bottom Area

- Fisherman's Headquarters

Lakewood Area

- Shenandoah Boating

Little Egg Harbor Area

- Scott's Bait and Tackle

Manahawkin Area

- Tony's Bait and Tackle

Point Pleasant Area

- Reel Life Bait and Tackle

Forked River Area

- Lacey Marine

- Grizz's Forked River Bait and Tackle

Toms River Area

- Murphy's Hook House

Seaside Area

- Grumpy's Bait and Tackle

- Dock Outfitters

- Betty & Nick's Bait and Tackle