

OFFICIAL RULES

I. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEE

- A. This tournament is open to everyone. Membership in Salmon Unlimited is NOT required.
- B. All participants will compete in one, open division.
- C. The entry fee is \$140 per boat.
- D. All entries received through August 15, 2010 are eligible for a \$20 "early-bird" discount on the entry fee, as well as a FREE slip at Northpoint Marina.
- E. All applications and payments must be received no later than August 20, 2010 at 7:00pm. NOTE: Entries received after August 15, 2010 will not receive the \$20 discount or the free slip from Northpoint Marina.
- F. Entry fees are non-refundable after August 20, 2010, 7:00pm, except in the event of the cancellation of the tournament.
- G. There will be an additional bonus prize for the highest finishing boat of 24' or less (hull length).

II. DATES AND HOURS

- A. The tournament will be held on August 21, 2010. Rain date will be Sunday, August 22, 2010.
- B. The tournament schedule will be as follows:
 - 1. Captain's Meeting – Friday, August 20, 2010
Location: Administration Building at Northpoint Marina at 7:00pm.
 - 2. Fishing Period - 5:30am to 1:00pm.
- C. Each boat and crew must have at least one member in attendance at the Captain's Meeting.
- D. The contest will be considered official if a total of three (3) hours are fished.

III. START AND FINISH

- A. All boats must start from and return to Northpoint Marina harbor by water.
- B. Check in will begin at 5:00am. Each boat must check in by VHF radio on channel 68 with Tournament Control as they leave the harbor.
- C. Run Time: Once checked in, each boat may leave immediately for their chosen fishing grounds. Boats may NOT begin running before checking in.
- D. The official start of the fishing period will be announced by the Tournament Committee at 5:30am on VHF channel 68.
- E. NO lines may be placed in the water before the 5:30am start announcement. You are on your honor.
- F. Each boat must be inside the break-wall prior to the end of the fishing period (1:00pm).

- G. Each boat must check in with Tournament Control, by VHF radio on channel 68, as they enter the harbor.
- H. Every boat must check in, even if they have no fish or elect to leave the contest early. Any boat unaccounted for will be reported as over-due to the U.S. Coast Guard.

IV. SCORING

- A. All winners will be determined by the Tournament Committee, and their decision will be final.
- B. Winners will be determined on the total accumulation of points. Points will be assigned as ten points per fish and one point per pound.
- C. The following species shall be eligible for points: COHO SALMON, CHINOOK SALMON, BROWN TROUT, STEELHEAD OR RAINBOW TROUT and LAKE TROUT.

V. PRIZES

- A. The prize money pool will consist of 85% of the total entry fees paid. The other 15% will go to the Salmon Unlimited Conservation Trust to help improve the Lake Michigan fishery.
- B. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 10 boats based on the following percentages of the prize pool:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PAYOUT</u>
1 st	30%
2 nd	20%
3 rd	15%
4 th	10%
5 th	7%
6 th	5%
7 th	4%
8 th	3.5%
9 th	3%
10 th	2.5%

- C. In case of ties, the prize money between the two or more places the participants would have won will be divided equally between the tied contestants.
- D. A bonus prize of \$1000 will be awarded to the biggest fish (by weight).
- E. Bonus prizes of \$250 each will be awarded to the largest fish of each remaining species.
- F. In the event of a tie, the Big Fish prizes will be divided equally between the tied contestants.
- G. If no fish of one (or more) species is weighed, that species' bonus prize(s) will not be awarded.
- H. A bonus prize of \$250 will be awarded to the highest scoring "small boat" (hull length of 24' or less).
- I. The tournament committee reserves the right to measure boats to determine eligibility for this prize.
- J. Participants may win more than one prize.

VI. BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- A. The Tournament Committee will furnish to each contestant a boat identification number and flag.
- B. The boat identification number must be displayed on the Starboard side of the participant's boat at all times during the contest. The flag must be displayed on the radio antenna or similar elevated location.

VII. GENERAL FISHING RULES

- A. All fish entered must be caught on hook and line in accordance with the DNR regulations of the state which has jurisdiction over the waters being fished.
- B. Each boat is limited to a maximum of nine (9) rods and a three-person limit of fifteen (15) fish, per DNR rules.
- C. Each boat may weigh a maximum of ten (10) fish, with a maximum of two (2) lake trout.
- D. Each team is responsible for choosing which of their fish are to be weighed, both for total catch and for individual big-fish bonus prizes.
- E. Fish entered for big-fish bonus prizes must be tagged with a zip-tie around the lower jaw.
- F. Fish entered for big fish bonus prizes must be part of the ten (10) fish tournament box.
- G. All fish to be weighed must be brought to the scale in a sealed cooler.
- H. Fish may be released when caught. Fish to be released must be returned to the lake immediately.
- I. There are no distance limits as to where a tournament boat may fish as long as all traveling is done on the water.
- J. All fish kept must be logged on the fish log sheet.
- K. Each boat that reaches the fifteen fish limit shall immediately cease fishing, bring in all lines, and return to the harbor for the weigh-in.

VIII. WEIGH-IN

- A. At the close of the contest, each boat must seal their cooler with tape and proceed immediately to the weigh-in at Northpoint Marina.
- B. Once there, a crew member will disembark with the sealed cooler of fish and signed fish log. Tournament staff will be at the pier by the launch ramps to direct contestants to the weigh-in location.
- C. A crew member must remain with the catch until it has been officially weighed.
- D. Once sealed, the cooler of fish must remain sealed until opened by officials at the weigh-in station..

IX. RADIO PROCEDURE

Every boat must be equipped with an operating VHF marine radio equipped with channels 16 and 68. All boats should monitor channel 68 for contest information.

X. CANCELLATIONS

A. The Tournament Committee will announce, one hour before fishing is scheduled to begin, their decision on whether or not the contest will be run. The Tournament Judges may cancel the Tournament at any time when, in their opinion, the conditions could be dangerous to persons or property.

B. The Tournament Committee may also decide to delay the start of fishing or to cut short the fishing due to deteriorating weather conditions.

XI. PROTESTS

A. Any and all protests must be made in writing to the Tournament Committee before 6:00pm on the day of the tournament.

B. Any written protest given to the Tournament Committee must be accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit, returnable if the protest is judged valid.

C. A panel of three (3) judges appointed by the Tournament Committee will resolve all disputes.

D. Winners and any person involved in any formal protest may be subject to polygraph testing, prior to the awarding of prizes. Such persons must be available to be tested within 2 weeks of the event.

E. The decision of the Tournament Committee and/or its duly appointed panel of judges shall be final.

XII. RULE CHANGES

The Tournament Committee may change or modify any of these rules, as necessary. Any changes will be communicated at the Captain's Meeting.

XIII. LIABILITY EXCLUSION

A. Each contestant shall accept responsibility to protect persons and property from injury or damage during the contest, and Salmon Unlimited of Illinois shall not be responsible for the safety of persons or property of participants, regardless of cause.

B. All participants further agree to hold Salmon Unlimited of Illinois, its officers, tournament committee and volunteers harmless from any liability for damage incurred as a result of participation in the Tournament, in whatever form or manner said liabilities or damages might be incurred.

Salmon Unlimited of Illinois Tournament Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Boat Name _____

Boat Length _____
(24' and under qualifies for bonus prize)

Description _____
(Make/Model, Color)

Do you need a slip? (Yes/No) _____

Register before August 15, 2010 to receive a FREE slip.

To register by mail, please make checks payable to:
Salmon Unlimited of Illinois and return this form to:

Salmon Unlimited Fishing Tournament
820 Queens Lane
Glenview, IL 60025

Registration can also be completed online with a credit card before August 15, 2010 at:

<http://www.salmonunlimitedinc.com/supainfo.html>

Registrations will be accepted in-person at the captain's meeting on Friday, August 20, 2010 at 7:00pm, but any registration made after August 15th, 2010 is not eligible for the \$20 early-bird discount or the free slip at Northpoint.

For more information, contact John Messina at 847-724-4828 or messina820@comcast.net

Salmon Unlimited of Illinois
Presents the



Salmon Unlimited Open Fishing Tournament

Saturday, August 21, 2010

Winthrop Harbor, IL
Northpoint Marina

\$140 Entry per Boat

Enter by August 15th and receive \$20 off the entry fee and a **FREE** slip at Northpoint!

\$1000 "Big Fish" Bonus Prize
\$250 Prizes for biggest of each other species
\$250 Prize for Top "Small Boat" (24' & under)

85% of the proceeds will be returned as prizes.
15% of proceeds will go towards improving the Lake Michigan fishery.

