Sec. 26-112-42. Fishing tournaments/derbys

No person or club shall conduct, on waters open to public fishing, a fishing tournament or derby which is open to persons sixteen years of age or older without having first obtained a Fishing Tournament/Derby Permit as herein provided.

(a) Each person or club wishing to conduct a fishing tournament or derby on waters open to the public shall make application for such tournament or derby to the Commissioner on forms provided by him. Information required on such application may include, but need not be limited to: the full name and address of the applicant; name of the tournament or derby; sponsor; location; date(s); starting time(s); check-in time(s); check-in location(s); anticipated number of participants; daily bag limits; size limit; entry fee; and total value of awards.

(b) Permits for fishing tournaments or derbies on waters open to public fishing shall be issued at the discretion of the Commissioner.

(c) Each permittee shall, within seven days after conducting a tournament or derby, report to the Commissioner, on forms provided by him, information on the results of the tournament or derby. Such information shall include, but need not be limited to: total number of participants; total hours fished; total number of each species caught; total weight of each species caught; number of fish released after weigh-in; and number of fish retained after weigh-in.

(d) Representatives of the Commissioner may collect biological and statistical information on any or all fish caught by participants at any permitted tournament or derby.

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