

~THE~ RESURRECTION DERBY

Bellingham Bay 2026 Derby Rules

- Read All Rules Carefully – Avoid Disqualification!!!
 - Derby tickets shall cost \$100.00 per angler. Only 400 tickets will be sold. If tickets are not sold out, the last day to purchase online tickets is Friday August 28th, 2026, at 9:00 PM.
 - Fishing is only allowed in the area known as [Bellingham Bay](#) as defined by WDFW. Click on the link for more information.
 - There will be no official Derby check-in. Fishing may begin at sunrise and continue until the scales close.
 - Winners need to be present to claim all prizes.
1. The Resurrection Salmon Derby, with a weigh in location at Cap Sante Marina, dock A-02 in Anacortes, <https://www.portofanacortes.com/marina/marina-map/> will be held Saturday and Sunday August 29 and 30, 2026 with a non-mandatory Captains meeting Friday evening, August 28. Fishing will begin at sunrise on Saturday and Sunday and contestants may be underway before that time. Fish may be brought to the weigh in by boat or vehicle.
 2. Weigh in times will be 3:00 to 6:00 PM Saturday and 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Sunday. You must be in line to weigh your fish when the scales close and weigh your fish the same day they were caught to be eligible for prizes. Fish may be transported to the weigh in site whole and un-gutted. You may bleed your fish if you choose to. Derby officials may choose to open the weigh in station early for safety reasons such as inclement weather.
 3. There is NO limit to the number of Derby participants on each boat. Every individual on-board a vessel fishing in the Derby must have a Derby ticket.
 4. Participant's Derby ticket must be presented at the weigh in when weighing in a fish.
 5. Prizes shall be awarded for the largest salmon by weight. All weights from the scales shall be considered final and represent the official weight to determine winners for the Derby. Each angler presenting their fish for weighing also must present their Derby ticket and shall at the request of Derby officials sign an affidavit attesting that the fish was caught in compliance with state sport fishing and Derby rules and regulations. Derby officials may ask to examine the Derby tickets and catch record cards of all occupants of the angler's boat.
 6. There shall be no refunds. This is an all weather Derby. Participants are expected to use reasonable judgment and common sense with respect to weather and/or sea conditions.

- Awards Presentations will start at 6:00 PM Sunday at the Depot Center, 611 R Avenue in Anacortes, WA. Note: Payout will be 50% of Derby proceeds.

First Place: \$10,000

Second Place: \$2,000

Third Place: \$1,000

Secret Weight: \$500

Veteran: \$500

Women: \$500

Youth: \$500

(the secret weight will be more than 7 pounds so smaller fish may be released at the participants' discretion)

- Each angler must have a valid WDFW license and catch record card and their Derby ticket in his or her possession while participating in the Derby. Each contestant must play and weigh in his or her own fish.
- Fishing is only allowed in the area known as [Bellingham Bay](#) as defined by WDFW.
- All fishing must be done in compliance with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife sport fishing rules and regulations.
- It is requested that each vessel prominently display the American flag in honor of our veterans, past and present. This recognition is a long-standing tradition of the Resurrection Salmon Derby. Thank you!
- An individual may only win one of the top cash prizes for salmon. Prizes will be offered in descending order for the heaviest salmon. In the event of identical official weights, the first fish weighed will have priority for the higher prize.
- The Derby judges shall consist of three persons and up to four alternates. Any dispute concerning enforcement of the Derby rules or procedures shall be settled by majority vote of the judges. There will be no appeal of their decision. Judges are not eligible to win cash Derby prizes. Alternate Judges may compete for Derby prizes, however, if an alternate acts as a judge in any respect, that person shall abstain from competing for Derby cash prizes.
- Derby officials may direct that a fish be gutted after weighing and/or that it be examined by a fishery biologist or other expert, at the judges' discretion. All fish entered in the Derby may remain the property of the Fidalgo-San Juan Islands Chapter of PSA until the conclusion of the awards ceremony, or longer if necessary, in the opinion of a majority of the Derby judges.
- One person may purchase tickets for other contestants; in that event the person buying the ticket shall be deemed to agree to these rules on behalf of the other contestant(s) for whom the tickets were bought. Anyone purchasing a ticket for someone else shall complete the registration form in the other person's name.
- Any violation of Derby rules and/or WDFW fishing regulations and/or anyone receiving a citation, shall subject the violator and entire boat to disqualification. Persons observing possible rules violations are required to submit a written protest to the judges no later than 5:00 PM on Sunday August 30th, 2026.
- Prize recipients are responsible for payment of any taxes that might be owed on a particular prize. All prizes shall be final at the time of the award.
- These rules may be changed by Derby officials at any time.

Any changes to these rules and any questions concerning these rules will be posted on the Resurrection Derby Facebook page. Derby participants agree to hold harmless the Fidalgo-San Juan Islands Chapter of the Puget Sound Anglers, Derby officials, judges, sponsors, and/or their respective officers, officials, volunteers and employees from any demands, claims, and/or liabilities of any kind or nature from and for any injuries or damages of any kind that participants might sustain as a result of participation in the Derby, including the awards ceremony. PLEASE DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE. Derby officials would be happy to arrange for a cab at the contestant's expense upon request.