

# 2026 Alpine Juan de Fuca Fishing Tournament Rules and Regulations

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## 1. Official Fishing Date & Times

Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 2026, from daybreak until 4:00 p.m. PDT.

## 2. Derby Headquarters and Fish Weigh Station Location

The Alpine Juan de Fuca Fishing Tournament ("AJDFFT") will be headquartered at **Pedder Bay RV Resort and Marina, 925 Pedder Bay Drive, Victoria, BC V9C 4H1**. There will be **ONE official Weigh Station for the derby also located at Pedder Bay Marina**. The event coordinator, derby officials and weigh master will be stationed at the derby headquarters during weigh scale open times.

## 3. General Rules

- (i) – **2026 AJDFFT** tickets are \$175.00 – each ticket includes one rod entry;
- (ii) – **2026 AJDFFT** tickets are non-refundable;
- (iii) – by purchasing a ticket and entering the derby, individuals agree to abide by the **2026 AJDFFT** rules;
- (iv) – South Vancouver Island Anglers Coalition, the Alpine Juan de Fuca Fishing Tournament organizers, will appoint event officials to oversee the smooth and fair operation of the event,
- (v) – **2026 AJDFFT** officials may, where necessary, make a ruling on or decisions related to the application of the official derby rules,
- (vi) – in the event of any dispute, the derby organizers and derby officials decisions will be respected and deemed as final; and,
- (vii) – **2026 AJDFFT** officials have the right to conduct detailed examination or inspection of disputed or suspect catches that are in contention to win any prize, draws or event contests.

## 4. Fishing

- (i) – all fishing must be conducted within the **2026 AJDFFT** rules;
- (ii) – all derby participants **MUST** abide by Fisheries and Oceans Canada tidal waters recreational sport fishing regulations and be bound by any DFO fisheries management variation orders in effect at the time of the event;
- (iii) – fish caught outside the derby boundaries or at a time before or after the derby are not eligible;
- (iv) – derby participants can only register **ONE (1)** salmon in their name per ticket;
- (v) – contestants can fish with **ONE** rod per ticket;
- (vi) - no boats entered in the derby may come within 30 feet of any other boats. (Except official government vessels or derby officials); and,
- (vii) – No boats entered in the derby may come within 30 feet of the shore except when docking or removing the boat from water at a launching ramp.

## 5. Weighing in Fish

- (i) - There is only one official weigh station for the **AJDFFT** located at **Pedder Bay RV Resort and Marina, 925 Pedder Bay Drive, Victoria, BC V9C 4H1.**
- (ii) – The weigh station will open on **Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** and remain open until **4:00 p.m.** when fishing in the derby ends,
- (iii) – Contestants weighing fish in the **2026 AJDFFT MUST** be in the weigh scale line up by the derby closing time (4:00 p.m.) for their entry to be valid,
- (iv) – Contestants weighing in fish **MUST** provide the weigh scale staff with their Derby Entry Ticket and a valid DFO tidal waters fishing license with necessary salmon stamp attached, for their entry to be validated,
- (v) – Contestant derby rod tickets **MUST** all be assigned to a person’s name for the derby and the weigh master **MUST** know that information before any fish can be weighed in on that ticket,
- (vi) – Each participant may only enter **ONE (1) salmon,**
- (vii) – All salmon entries must be greater than **twelve (12)** pounds in weight;
- (viii) – The **2026 AJDFFT** is run under DFO tidal-water recreational standards and regulations in place at the time of the event. Only fish legally caught using DFO compliant recreational tackle and under a valid DFO recreational fishing license can be entered,
- (ix) – Only salmon that meet the species and size criteria set out in the tidal water recreational fishing regulations and **2026 AJDFFT** rules in place at the time of the derby will be accepted at the scales (contestants are responsible to ensure they are fishing in compliance with DFO regulations),
- (x) – **if there is a slot or maximum size limit for any species in place at the time of the 2026 AJDFFT, only fish within that slot limit will be accepted at the weigh scale,**
- (xi) – In the event of a “tie” or “draw” (equal weight) for the largest salmon at the official scale, the fish weighed in **first** as per the weighmasters derby time clock will be judged the winner,
- (xii) - fish are not to be cleaned, gutted or physically damaged prior to being weighed in; and,
- (xiii) – any person attempting to weigh in fish caught illegally, not in compliance with derby rules, caught outside the boundaries and/or caught outside the derby times will be disqualified immediately.

## 6. 2026 Alpine Juan de Fuca Fishing Tournament Prize Board

**Total Prize Pool - \$57,000**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Largest Salmon	\$ 30,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 7,000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 5,000.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 3,000.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 2,500.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 2,000.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 1,750.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 1,500.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 1,250.00

10 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 1,000.00
Ladies – Largest Salmon	\$ 1,000.00
Junior (Under 16 yrs) – Largest Salmon	\$ 1,000.00

## 7. Fishing Boundaries

The maps below outline the official 2026 Alpine Juan de Fuca Fishing Tournament boundaries.

**AJDFFT** contestants may fish in Canadian tidal waters off: Oak Bay, Victoria, Esquimalt, Colwood, Metchosin, East Sooke and Sooke, where those areas are open to recreational fishing.

For reference purposes the fishable areas of the **AJDFFT** are within DFO Fisheries Management Areas 19-3, 19-4, 20-4 and 20-5. If there are **Southern Resident Killer Whale fishing closures in place at the time of the derby, contestants must not fish in those areas.**

Any contestants fishing outside the fishing boundaries during the derby or attempting to weigh in a fish found to be caught outside the official boundaries will be disqualified. *PLEASE NOTE: Sombrio Point is the Juan de Fuca westernmost AJDFFT Derby boundary; therefore, Port Renfrew is outside the fishing boundaries.* Fishing in US waters is not permitted.



**AJDFFT DERBY BOUNDARY MAPS** – Fishing area includes Canadian waters open to tidal-water recreational angling from the South Vancouver Island shoreline to the international US border in DFO Fisheries Management Areas 19-3, 19-4, 20-4 and 20-5.

