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Title 163 - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Chapter 2 - Fisheries Regulations

008 FISHING TOURNAMENTS, DERBIES OR CONTESTS REGULATIONS

The following regulations are prescribed by the Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-304, 37-314, and 37-408. These regulations are effective following enactment by the Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

008.01 All fishing tournaments, derbies or contests held on waters owned, ~~or~~ controlled, or managed by the Commission, that require an entry fee to participate, must be registered with the Commission's Fisheries Division 45 days prior to the event. Fishing tournament registration forms are available in the Fishing Guide and on the Commission's website.

008.02 A fishing tournament approval certificate and tournament results form will be provided by the Commission's Fisheries Division. The tournament results form must be completed and returned by fishing tournament organizers to the Commission's Fisheries Division within 30 days following the completion of the fishing tournament. Failure to return the form or provide the requested information will result in denial of future fishing tournament requests for at least one year.

008.03 It shall be unlawful to sponsor, organize, promote, or conduct fishing tournaments, derbies, or contests that involve tagged or otherwise marked fish on waters owned, controlled, or managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission unless these events are sponsored or authorized by the Commission for scientific, educational, or angler recruitment/development/retention purposes.

008.04 Fishing tournament, derby, or contest applications may be denied if the date(s) and location(s) conflict with previously approved events. Applicant denial can also be based on safety concerns due to low water conditions or anticipated heavy use that could result in boat ramp congestion.

008.05 The Commission's Fisheries Division may impose special conditions not specifically covered herein for a fishing tournament, derby, or contest if deemed necessary to protect the resource or to assure public safety. Special conditions may include, but are not limited to: aerated live wells, release of live fish, designated release areas, and on-the-water measurement and release of fish (without an on-shore weight-in site).