

FISHING – Salt Water

Competition Rules:

- All persons on boats or fishing on shore must be registered entrants and minimum age is 35.
- Fishing method must be rods or handlines only. No long lines, nets, pots or kontiki's.
- There is no maximum limit on the number of fish that an angler can weigh in for the competition.
- The fishing area is defined as:
 - o Boat fishing: Must use Wharf St slipway for launch & retrieval and may fish any accessible and legal area as defined by MPI regulations
 - o Shore fishing: South boundary along South Beach as far as the Whangaehu River, North boundary along Castlecliff Beach and Kai Iwi Beach as far as Ototoka Beach and fishing is allowed in the Whanganui River i.e. wharfs, fishing platforms and north and south moles etc.
- Fishing hours are from 6am to 4pm on Mon 08/02/2021 – Fri 12/02/2021. Anglers may fish any or all days during the competition. There will be no postponement or cancellation due to weather. It is the angler's sole responsibility to decide if the conditions are safe for fishing or not.
- **Weigh in procedures:**
 - o All weighing of fish to be done on the electronic scales at the Wanganui Manawatu Sea Fishing clubrooms located at 1 Wharf St, Wanganui
 - o There will be separate folders for the Boat and Shore based sections of the competition (please ensure you use the correct folder). You will record your name, Masters Games entrant number, species and weight.
 - o Any existing club members with access to the clubrooms (with their electronic key fob) may self weigh their fish and record the details in the relevant folder at any time of the day.
 - o Any non-members or out of town competitors that are unable to access the clubrooms during the day to self weigh their fish (i.e. if locked or unmanned) we will have the clubrooms & cash bar open and weigh station operating for you **between 4pm – 5pm each day of competition.**
- Only legal fish (i.e. in accordance with MPI regulations) will be accepted for weighing. Do not gut, gill or bleed fish for weigh in. Any undersized fish presented for weigh in will be disqualified along with the angler.
- All fish weighed remain the property of the angler and the Weigh Masters decision on any matter will be final.

Safety Requirements:

- All boats should carry the recommended safety equipment which includes but is not limited to VHF radio, cellphone, first aid kit, flares, EPIRB, life jackets (per person), anchor & warp, bilge pump, bucket, compass, knife, fire extinguisher, tools, torch
- It is the Captains responsibility to ensure that all crew wear life jackets when travelling and all crew are in a fit state to be at sea.
- Coastguard Radio: Wanganui Coastguard Radio is operated on **VHF Chanel 64** and you must lodge a trip report with them. Please remember to "close" out your trip report upon your return. If you do not have a VHF then you can also file a trip report by phoning Coastguard on 06 344 4686
- Shore based anglers should carry the appropriate safety gear applicable to the conditions and the location being fished and with any water-based activity it is advised that you tell someone of your plans and expected return time.

Medal Categories:

There will be separate categories for Boat and Shore-based fish caught with Gold, Silver & Bronze awarded in each categories for the heaviest fish in the following species:

Snapper Blue Cod Gurnard Tarakihi Kahawai Kingfish

If insufficient fish are caught/ weighed in a certain species/ category then those medals will not be awarded i.e. If only two Tarakihi are weighed in the shore-based fishing then no Bronze will be awarded. If no Kingfish are caught by shore-based angler then no medals awarded etc etc

Prizegiving/ Medal Ceremony:

Will be held on Friday 12th Feb 2021 @ 5:30pm at the Wanganui Sea Fishing Club, Wharf St, Wanganui with cash bar operating.

All entrants participate at their own risk. The organisers or any such person connected with the event accept absolutely no responsibility in any respect for injury, loss or damage regardless of the cause.