

# 2017 WINTER KING SALMON TOURNAMENT RULES

Saturday, March 18, 2017, sponsored by the Homer Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center

1. Alaska State Rules\_- All anglers must have a 2017 Alaska Department of Fish and Game fishing license and a valid King Salmon Stamp. All anglers must comply with all Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game regulations. Accusations of ADF&G rule violations must be reported directly to the Alaska State Troopers at 235-8239. Safety equipment must be in compliance with Coast Guard regulations.
2. Registration\_- All anglers must have completed a tournament entry form prior to fishing. A licensed Charter Boat Captain and a deck-hand do not need to be registered in the Tournament UNLESS they are planning on fishing in the Tournament. All individuals on a boat that is participating in the Tournament must be registered in the Tournament. The Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center reserves the right to photograph all entrants, reproduce any photographs for publicity and retain all photo rights.
3. Communication\_- All participating boats must have a VHF radio or cell phone aboard. All salmon landed must be reported to Tournament Headquarters on VHF #69 or cell phone at time of landing. (boat name, angler, time, etc.).
4. Boundary\_- The north boundary is the Coast Guard marker light at Anchor Point extending offshore on a line at 59°46'142" North to the west boundary at 152°00'00" West which runs south to a line at 59°25'00" North which runs east to point south of Point Pogibshi. (See map).
5. Fishing\_- One (1) rod per angler. **Fishing lines in no earlier than 9:00 am for all boats. Lines out at 4:00 pm for all boats.**
6. Weigh In\_- All fish must be weighed in by the registered angler at Tournament Headquarters by 6:00 pm. Anglers must call tournament headquarters in advance to arrange for fish to be weighed in before 2:00 pm. No live fish will be accepted as an entry. Top ten qualifying fish must be gutted and plugged at Coal Point Trading.
7. Prizes - All entries and prize awards are subject to review and final determination by the Tournament Committee. All prizes may be subject to IRS withholding. Prize money will be awarded upon final results being approved by the Committee. In order to receive prize money, entrant must first execute a standard declaration and release form confirming compliance with the Tournament Rules. All contestants by entering into the tournament are subject to testing by a lie detection apparatus at the discretion of the Tournament Committee and refusal to take such test will result in automatic disqualification. Decisions by Tournament Committee will be final and binding.
8. Violations – All complaints of rule violations must be submitted in writing within 24 hours of the end of fishing. Vessels and anglers violating ANY tournament and state rules will be permanently banned from entering in future tournaments sponsored by the Homer Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.
9. Weather - In case of bad weather on Sunday March 19, the Tournament will be postponed until Saturday March 25, then Sunday March 26. In case of questionable weather prior to start of fishing, the Tournament Officials will assess the conditions every thirty minutes, with the final decision for the day being made prior to 10am.
10. Cancellation Policy - No refunds will be given for tournament entry after the start of fishing unless the tournament is canceled or postponed. If the tournament is postponed before 10 am the day of the tournament, full entry fee will be refunded or applied to rescheduled date. **All anglers registered in the tournament at time of cancellation must notify tournament officials before the start of the postponed day's tournament if they plan to withdraw.** All entry fees will be applied to the rescheduled day's tournament unless the angler withdraws prior to the start of the rescheduled tournament. All entry fees will be applied to the postponed day's tournament unless the angler withdraws his/her entry from tournament officials. No refunds will be issued to anglers who have entered fish. Refunds will be given to those not wanting to participate on the rescheduled day only if the request is received prior to start of fishing. All refunds will be mailed to entrants within 10 working days of cancellation date.
11. All individuals on board a boat registered in the Tournament must be registered as a participant in the tournament for the boat to enter side bet.
12. A boat side bet is a bet placed under the name of the boat in any of eleven different categories. Maximum number of boat side bets placed under the name of a boat is FIVE
13. Each boat must appoint a representative to make the payment for the side bet, who must be an angler on or skipper of the boat for bets placed before 8:30 am day of tournament.
14. Each boat representative or buyer is responsible for receiving and disbursing the prize money.
15. If a boat enters a side bet category, only fish caught on that boat can be entered under that boat name
16. Any angler's fish caught on a boat participating in a side bet can be entered as a side bet fish even if that angler was not a side bet participant.

17. Prizes: The winning boat in each category wins 75% of the total boat entries for that category. All other proceeds of the boat side bets go to the Homer Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.
18. If no fish are caught on any boat within a category, a random drawing of all the boats in that category will take place and the winner of the drawing will be awarded 75% of the total boat entries for that category.
19. Grand Prize: The boat in each category with the largest salmon entered wins 75% of the total entries in that category.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**What is a Boat Side Bet:** Boat side bets are a way to increase your winnings if someone on your boat catches "A BIG ONE". If you enter any of the \$25 through \$500 boat side bet categories, you are betting that someone on your boat will catch the biggest king out of every other boat entered in that category. **REMINDER:** all individuals on board the boat must be registered in the Tournament.

**Boundaries:** The boundaries are the same this year. The north boundary is the Coast Guard marker light at Anchor Point extending offshore on a line at 59°46'142" North to the west boundary at 152°00'00" West which runs south to a line at 59°25'00" North which runs east to point south of Point Pogibshi. (Pending changes, call Alaska Fish & Game)

**Awarding of Prizes:** Top 20 **unofficial results** will be announced immediately following weigh-in at the awards party. Boat side bets will be announced the Monday following the Tournament, after results have been certified by the Winter King Salmon Tournament Committee. IRS regulations require gambling winnings to be reported by the Chamber of Commerce. Individuals may be taxed on their winnings.

**Fishing Rules Enforcement:** Report any violation of tournament rules to the Homer Chamber of Commerce. If someone is breaking ADF&G or Coast Guard rules, contact the state enforcement office at 235-8239. The dispatcher will immediately contact the troopers on the water. The Alaska State Troopers Patrol Boat will be on the water all day.

**Fish and Game Regulations:** If you are 16 or older, you must have a 2017 sport fishing license or an Alaska Department of Fish and Game permanent ID (PID) card. You must have a king salmon stamp if you are an Alaska resident between the ages of 16 and 59 or you are a non-resident 16 or older.

**ANNUAL LIMIT, HARVEST RECORDING REQUIREMENT:** Bag limit between Bluff Point, north to the Anchor Point Light has been increased to two king salmon of any size with no recording requirement prior to April 1. Therefore, within the boundaries of the Tournament, the daily bag and possession limits for kings are two per day. If you intend to release a king salmon 20 inches or longer you may not remove it from the water. A king salmon 20 inches or longer, removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it. *This is not a comprehensive list of the sport fishing regulations and you are responsible for familiarizing yourself with the sport fishing regulations for the waters you intend to fish - consult the 2016 Southcentral Sport Fishing Regulations Summary for a complete listing of the sport fishing regulations pertaining to this area. The 2017 Sport Fishing Regulations Summary will not be available until mid-April.*

**Alaska Boating Safety Law:** Just a friendly reminder about the importance of safe boating during the salmon tournament this year! If you have questions or would like to set up a vessel safety check, contact the Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Examiner in your area Homer: 299-0232 or 299-6150. Soldotna/Kenai/Nikiski: 776-8457 or 398-6548. Anchorage: 349-7903.

**You are required to meet U. S. Coast Guard safety equipment regulations and requirements.**

For a complete copy of Alaska's Boating Safety law, access the link [www.alaskaboatingsafety.org](http://www.alaskaboatingsafety.org) or contact AK Boating Law Administrator at (907) 269-8705.

### QUESTIONS? Tournament Headquarters: 235-7740

Homer Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center will be open:

**Monday – Wednesday 9-5, Thursday 9-6, and Friday 8-8. On Saturday, TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS is at Coal Point Trading which opens at 7**

