

Why we need a derby permit from Fish & Wildlife

Your steering committee is working hard and planning ahead for next year. On August 15, we had a meeting with **Angie Montalvo** at the Rancho Cordova Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. We are lucky she works at the Rancho Cordova office, as she is in charge for permitting clubs like ours for the entire state. In attendance from our club were: **Paul Wells, John Kinslow, Walter VanHoy, Tim Lipscomb, and Bob Schmidt.**

We all went into this meeting thinking "how can we get away from getting these permits?" the requirements for which are spelled out in Section 230, Title 14 of the Calif. Code of Regulations governing game fish contests.

The key section in the code that we fall under is "Annual Type" -- *An Annual type permit may be issued if the number of participants for each contest does not exceed 50 and the total value of all prizes or inducements for each contest does not exceed \$1,000.* **There is NO Minimum Values and No Time Limit on Prizes set in this regulations.**

The only way around this to not give out any type of prizes, i.e. anything of any value, cash, gift cards, fishing gear, plaques, and anything that the club buys or gets for a price. This also includes the green jacket for Fisherman of the Year.

We also learned that we don't have to map out the whole year at one time. We can apply for the dates of our NDOs and derbies that we already know, and leave some of the locations as "Pending." If we know the location, such as Camanche in January and Pardee in February, we'd fill them in. Of course it is better to fill has many spots as we can. For pending locations it would be best to make the decision at our meeting the month – not the week -- before. Montalvo said she would allow some changes if needed a few days before the event via email. We can make up to 3 changes without an additional cost.

Officials at many of the lakes we fished this year asked us if we have a contest permit. All inland lakes and rivers in California require this permit when prizes are given out. Even if we do not give out prizes, there is no exception permit issued, and it's only our word that we don't give out prizes. This could lead to investigation into our club and finances. There is also the legal obligation. If the club is ever sued for damages or injury, we could be in trouble for having an event without a permit.

All who attended the meeting agree now, whether we like it or not, that we should be getting the permits for next year. An annual permit costs about \$65 per region and we fish in 2 regions. If you are asked at an NDO or derby if we have the permits, Peter, Walter and I will have copies with us. Call us on the radio and we can bring the permit to you.

The second big concern is Group Access Fees. Certain lakes like New Melones, Oroville, and Folsom require a Group Access Fee. At these lakes we have to show proof of insurance for \$1 million, which we now have, as well as provide a copy of our

DF&W permit and pay \$70 before we go. This is an administrative fee for checking our insurance and permits.

We are still planning to fish New Melones in September for the NDO and Derby and the paperwork has been submitted to them. We will need to charge an additional \$4 per person for each event to cover this cost. That makes the cost for the NDOs \$7 and the Derbies \$9. We need 18 people to sign up to break even. Any extra money will go into the winner's pool..

Finally, at the September meeting, a questionnaire will be handed out asking for input on potential NDO and derby sites for 2020. You will see here what the questionnaire will look like, so come prepared at the September meeting to share your input. At our September Meeting and by the end of October's meeting I would like to have all tentative fishing locations for next year picked.

Poll - Jolly Hookers Fishing Locations for 2020											
Month	2019 NDO	2020 NDO	2019 Derby	2020 Derby	Choices						
Jan	Camanche		Camanche		1	Camanche	9	Delta			
Feb	Camanche		Pardee		2	Berryessa	10	Pardee			
Mar	Pardee		Pardee		3	New Melones	11	Oroville			
Apr	Delta		Delta		4	Ice House	12	Folsom			
May	Berryessa		Berryessa		5	Union Valley	13	Collins			
June	Oroville		Oroville		6	Bullards Bar	14	Caples			
July	Ice House		Ice House		7	Sacto River	15	Stampede			
Aug	Union Valley		Union Valley		8	Jackson	16	Other			
Sep	New Melones		New Melones		P	"Pending" ONLY 4 times					
Oct	Sacto River		Sacto River		P+ Number Example P4						
Nov	Delta		Delta		P4 Pending Ice House						