

# BENZIE FISHING FRENZY



## PRO/AM - ENTRY FORM

Annual Lake Michigan Pro/Am Salmon & Trout Fishing Tournament  
August 22-23, 2009 - Frankfort, Michigan

**Minimum Size limit for this event - 18 inches. Maximum for lake trout - 23 inches or 1 over 34 inches.**

CAPTAIN INFORMATION: Captain's signature required on bottom to complete this registration.

Captain's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  Pro Div  Am Div  
Street Address/PO Box \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone including area code: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(Night) \_\_\_\_\_  
Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Location during Tourn \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check division you wish to fish . . . Pro Teams MUST Fish Division III - See Pro teams defined in Rules page**

**Please make checks payable to: Benzie Fishing Frenzy**

- Division I - Big Fish \$100 - **Division I - Big Fish Only - August 22-23**
- Division II - Amateur \$300 - **Division II - Amateur Teams - 2 Man Limit - Includes Div I Big Fish - August 22-23**
- Division III - Pro \$500 - **Division III - Open to all - 2 Man Limit - Includes Div I Big Fish - August 22-23**

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** By signing this document the person whose signature appears below acts as representative of team and agrees to the following: I hereby release, discharge and waive all claims of any type against Frankfort-Elberta Chamber of Commerce, and any and all persons officially connected with this event, including the Tournament Committee from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY, LOSS CLAIM OR DAMAGE OF ANY TYPE ARISING OUT OF/OR RELATED TO OR CAUSED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS OR ANY EVENT, ACTIVITY OR ACTION OCCURRING AT OR DURING THIS OR ANY COMPETITION SANCTIONED BY FRANKFORT-ELBERTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I acknowledge receipt of the rules and regulations, certifying and consenting to have shown copy of same to all team members and agree that I will abide by all tournament rules and will accept the decision of the tournament rules committee and agree that the decision of the tournament rules committee will be final and I will PURSUE NO ACTION contesting any decision of the rules committee. I am fully qualified and have experience in events such as this and am of legal age and capacity (participants under the age of 18 must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian). I understand that all photos, video or any other materials which may be used for future promotion are property of Frankfort-Elberta Chamber. I understand that all applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winners. All winners and/or protest participants may be required to take a polygraph test. I state that I have read this document in full and understand that I am giving up all rights to damages from injuries to any person and/or property, as well as giving up all rights to seek damages as a result of the tournament rules or committee decision. My signature appears voluntarily with full knowledge of the rights I have under the law. I fully understand and agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein. I am under no disability, legal, physical or mental condition which impairs my ability to sign.

**CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

Send Completed Registration to: **Frankfort-Elberta Chamber of Commerce**  
517 Main Street - P.O. Box 566  
Frankfort, MI 49635  
Phone: (231) 352-7251

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
Payment Rec'd _____
Form _____
Entry # _____

# BENZIE FISHING FRENZY RULES

2 Days - Saturday & Sunday August 22 & 23, 2009

**CAPTAINS MEETING:** 7:30 PM Friday, August 21, 2009 at Mineral Springs Park, Frankfort. Meeting held to ensure understanding of rules and their interpretation. Changes may be made at Captain's Meeting. Failure to follow rules may result in disqualification. For these reasons we would suggest entire team attend.

**TOURNAMENT TIME 6:30AM - 2:30PM** all divisions. Boats will leave from just outside pier heads at 6:30AM and be inside pier heads by 2:30PM. Failure to be inside pier heads by 2:30PM disqualifies team for that day. Spotters will be at pier heads. Listen to Channel 68 for start and exact count down to 2:30PM each day. No radio silence for this event.

**WEIGH-IN:** Starts at noon at Mineral Springs Park, Frankfort as you arrive.

**CAPTAIN & CREW ALL DIVISIONS:** Captain must be designated on entry form. DNR regs allow 3 rods per person. Any number can fish. No observers for this event. DNR rules apply. **9 (NINE)** rod limit requires min 3 licensed fishermen.

**BOAT SIZE** 18 ft minimum - Marine radio required all divisions. All tournament fishing must be done from boat outside Harbor.

**LIMITS:** Divisions II & III - best 10 fish 2 man species limit each day. Okay to sort. Div I weighs heaviest fish each day. All divisions weigh one fish (heaviest fish), all Fish 18" minimum, each day. Complete details will be discussed at Captain's Meeting.

**TOURNAMENT COOLER:** Block or bagged ice only. Loose ice or water in cooler will result in 5 LB deduction of total weight. Division I weigh your heaviest fish. Division II & III - 10 fish max in tournament cooler at weigh-in. Combination not to exceed 2 man limit. Extra fish or fish under minimum size limit will be disallowed, plus a penalty of one fish will be deducted for each extra or under min size fish you have beginning with the smallest of that species. Once weigh slip is signed, no changes or re-weighing.

**TOURNAMENT SCORES:** Divisions II & III - 1 point per pound, 10 points per fish using Tournament Scales. Fractional weight of .05-.50 will not count for points. .55-.95 will count as 1 point. Our scales weigh in increments of 5/100's of a pound.

**TIE BREAKERS:** When points and pounds are used total weight will break ties. If still tied - biggest fish, if still tied - split.

**FINAL PAYOUTS:** Based on registration, will be posted after Captain's Meeting and will supersede all previously posted payouts.

**BAD WEATHER and/or FOG:** In case of bad weather 4 hours of fishing constitutes a completed day. If only 4 hours of a 2-day tournament can be fished, it will be considered complete. If we cannot fish the first day of 2-day tournament by 11 AM because of weather conditions, we will cancel for the day. Fishing will be allowed for the rest of the day. On the 2nd day we will wait until 12 noon to cancel (due to poor weather conditions). If we can start by 12 noon, fishing will end at 4PM. Committee has authority on weather conditions. If tournament is called because of bad weather after a minimum of 4 hours, you will have one hour to return to harbor. If weather conditions require fishing to be stopped, you **MUST** stop fishing at that time, and you have 1 (one) hour to return to the harbor. It is your responsibility to monitor channel 68 for tournament information and weather conditions. It is your responsibility to monitor Channel 9 or 68 for safety and emergency info. If due to unforeseen circumstances tournament is canceled in its entirety, a refund check will be mailed within 14 days. However a portion of the registration fee may be retained to cover tournament costs.

**HARBOR FISHING:** No fishing inside a line between North and South Pier heads. 18' minimum boat required for Benzie Fishing Frenzy.

**NUMBER OF RODS:** **9 (NINE)** - 2 baits per rod max. Sliders - 1 per rod, 72" maximum length.

**MICHIGAN LAWS:** Michigan fishing laws must be observed, written DNR violations disqualifies team with no refund.

**GAFFING FISH:** Not allowed - foreign substances including ice packed into mouth or body cavity disqualifies team.

**IDENTIFICATION:** All tournament boats must clearly display identification flag at all times during the tournament.

**DISABLED BOATS:** Boats must return under their own power. No boat may come in physical contact with another boat. Physical contact will result in disqualification for both teams. Boats in distress, dangerous/life threatening situations must be dealt with accordingly. Disabled boats that arrive late will not be able to weigh that day's catch. Registered boat must fish both days, changing boats at any time during tournament will result in disqualification.

**Mechanical Breakdown:** If unable to repair a mechanical breakdown of a tournament boat, boat will be disqualified and no refund will be given.

**OBSERVERS:** No observers will be required, but may be placed on boats at the discretion of tournament officials.

**INSPECTIONS:** Boats must be manned with radio on Channel 68 at 5.45 AM each day. Each boat may be inspected at Dock prior to leaving each day.

**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** A committee will be selected at the Captain's Meeting from tournament participants and will preside over the tournament for judgment on weather conditions, disputes, or violation of rules. Your participation indicates your acceptance of this procedure and your agreement that the decision of the committee will be final. Immediate action for non-compliance of rules will be the jurisdiction of the tournament committee. When you elect to fish in Benzie Frenzy you agree by your signature to abide by policies, rules, and decisions set forth by the tournament coordinator and tournament committee.

**POLYGRAPH EXAM:** All participants who weigh fish and are eligible for cash and prizes may be required to submit to a polygraph exam. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of any and all cash prizes.

**CHEATING:** A **\$500 REWARD** will be paid for information that results in disqualification. Cheating will not be tolerated. Cheaters will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and their names sent to all Great Lakes Tournament Officials.

**PROTESTS:** All protests must be submitted within 1 hour after posted tournament fishing time ends each day.

**PRO TEAMS DEFINED:** Obvious Pro Teams are required to fish Div III -

1) Teams or individuals who represent a MAJOR fishing related product or sponsored by a product where sales may be increased by the results of tournament participation must fish in Div III. Field testers are generally not Pro Teams. 2) All charter boats and/or charter captains who worked as captain on any charter boats in the last two years must fish Div III. 3) Pro Teams (for example) Big Jon, ProKing, Dreamweaver, Stinger, etc. must fish Div III. Questions about your Pro-Am status? Call the Frankfort-Elberta Chamber of Commerce at (231) 352-7251 for clarification before you register. Failure to fully disclose all pertinent information may result in disqualification with NO refund. **It is your responsibility to comply with the Pro/Am Rules.**

**QUESTIONS? Contact the Frankfort-Elberta Chamber of Commerce at 231-352-7251.**