

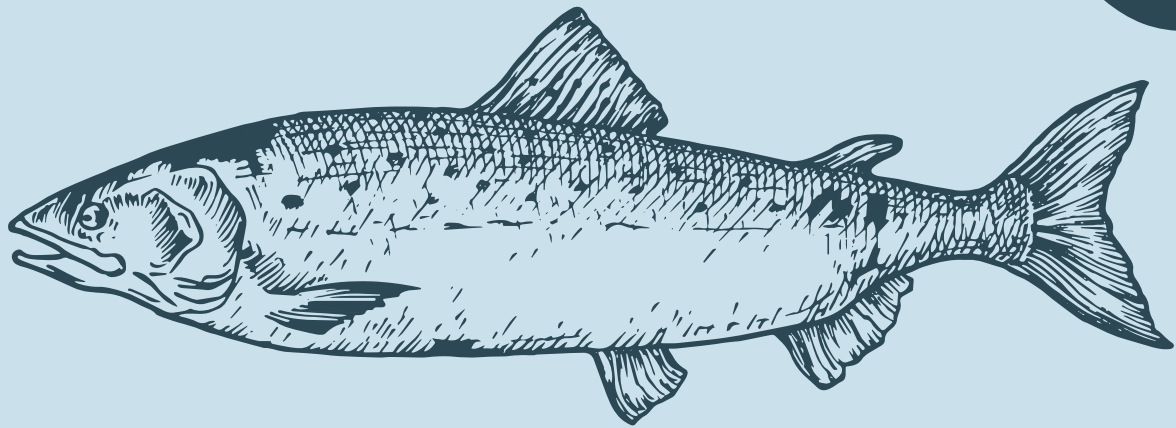
HAWKE'S BAY FRUITGROWER'S ASSOCIATION

FISHING

CONTEST

2025

**\$30 PER
ANGLER**



November 4th 2025

Hawke's Bay Sports Fishing Club

Nelson Quay, Ahuriri



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FISHING RULES

- All fishing based contestants must abide by the Maritime New Zealand and the Ministry of Fisheries rules and regulations.
- Boats must have life jackets for every person on board.
- All boats must report to the Coastguard VHF channel one prior to 9am with location, people on board, and an approximate return time. On arrival back to inner harbour, please ensure you report back to Coastguard.
- Each boat must carry safety equipment. We recommend a VHF radio and cellular phone.
- The contest is open to fruitgrowers, fruitgrowers staff and/or sponsors.
- Entry fees are to be paid upon return at the HBSF Clubhouse. Only anglers who have fished on the day and have paid the entry fee are eligible to enter the competition.
- All fish weighed in must be the legal size. Any undersized fish presented for weigh-in will disqualify the entire boat. No prizes for any shark species, skate/ray, grouper, and barracuda.

Species included in the competition are:

1. Snapper
2. Kingfish
3. Gurnard
4. Trevally
5. Tarakihi
6. Blue Cod
7. Special (includes John Dory, Gold Snapper, & Spotted Gurnard)
8. Mackerel
9. Red Cod
10. Kahawai
11. Other fish species (No Grouper / Hāpuku)



- Nets, droppers, set-lines and kontiki fishing is prohibited.
- HBSFC base VHF channel 62. If any boat is in trouble, contact the Coastguard VHF channel 1. In case of emergency, call 111.
- Listen to HBSFC channel 62 for lucky draws and competition updates during the day.
- In the event of a tie, the first fish over the scales will take the prize. The weigh station is open between 2-3pm.
- All prize winning anglers must be present at the prizegiving to receive their prize. If not in attendance, the next place-getter will receive that prize.
- One prize per angler. (anglers are encouraged to weigh in the largest of each species.)
- The competition is held in the spirit of amateur fishing and fair competition. If, in the opinion of the organising committee, competitors have breached the spirit of the competition, the committee reserves the right to exclude competitor(s).
- The committees decision is final on any dispute.
- HBFA and any of its committee members will not be held responsible for any vessels or persons decisions on the competition day. It is the boat skippers responsibility to make the decision whether or not their vessel goes out and where the vessel goes to. Each skipper must use their own discretion in making this decision.
- Any queries, please contact the Fishing Contest Coordinator, Carl Fairey on 027 203 0204

HEALTH & SAFETY

I have entered into the above fishing competition. I understand and accept that it involves a certain degree of risk to be associated with fishing either land based, from personal watercraft, or from any sized vessel. Hazards that I could encounter whilst involved in this activity may include, and is not limited to, weather conditions, sea conditions, underwater obstructions, channel markers, other vessels, navigating, anchoring, travelling during darkness, mooring, and all other matters related to the sport of fishing and boating in general.

1. All skippers and/or anglers must sign a copy of this document prior to commencing the tournament.
2. Where possible, it is recommended that all skippers should attend a tournament briefing.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the skipper to advise his/her other team members of the information given at the briefing.
4. It shall be the responsibility of the skipper to advise the correct authority of their intended fishing area and estimated time of return. – Coastguard channel 1.
5. In the event of an emergency on the water, participants are to notify their nearest Coastguard or radio operator.
6. All participants agree and accept:
 - To enter this tournament at their own risk.
 - That boating and fishing involved a risk.
 - Not to hold tournament organisers, officials, sponsors, or any other person involved with the tournament liable for any loss or injury to person or equipment incurred during the tournament.
 - Notwithstanding any representations made, it shall be the responsibility of all participants to ensure that the provisions of all statutes, ordinances, regulations, and by-laws related to (but not limited to) boating and fishing are complied with.
7. All participants agree to have read and understood the tournament rules.



SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY

It is the skippers responsibility to decide whether or not to put to sea on any one day, taking into consideration the prevailing conditions, the seaworthiness of their vessel, the status of safety equipment on board, and the crews seamanship skills.

- I have the necessary skill, knowledge, and qualifications to safeguard all on board.
- My vessel and all equipment are properly maintained.
- My vessel carries all the necessary safety equipment.
- We have a minimum of two means of communication; i.ee VHF Marine Radio, cellphone, flares etc.
- Each passenger has a correctly fitting buoyancy aid.
- My passengers are briefed on the location and use of all safety equipment.
- My vessel is loaded within its limit and all equipment is stowed.

I agree that neither the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers Association nor any parties associated with the event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any risk incident that may arise, whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury, or death that might be sustained by me or my crew, from my intended or actual participation in the event or related activities.

I have made my crew aware of these conditions and have authority to sign on their behalf.

By registering my vessel in this competition, I understand my responsibilities and accept the terms and conditions.



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