

# THE GREAT ANNUAL WEST HARBOR POND FISHING DERBY

- The Fishing Derby is sponsored by the West Harbor Pond Watershed Association with the first round held during July and the second round during August. There is no fee to enter, and entries will be submitted with photographs.
- The West Harbor Pond Fishing Derby is an opportunity for fishermen (-women and -kids) to enjoy one of their favorite Pond activities in a friendly competition, to meet other like-minded Pond neighbors, maybe find some new friends, share the stories of their big catches online, and possibly get a trophy hat for a biggest in class catch. It is also a way for everybody to discover more about what is really swimming about out there in the Pond, and probably pick up a few choice photos for the WHPWA website. Read about all the details below.
  - When: July 1, to August 31,
  - Judging will be by photographs, some of which will be posted on the WHPWA website when received. The winner in each age category for each fish species will be determined by length.
- **Rules of the Fishing Derby**
  - **Categories:** Entries will be accepted in the following categories:
    - **Youth** 18 years and under
      - largemouth bass
      - smallmouth bass
      - other
      - white perch
      - pickerel
    - **Adult** Over 18
      - largemouth bass
      - smallmouth bass
      - other
      - white perch
      - pickerel
  - The Fishing Derby is held at West harbor Pond, Boothbay Harbor, Maine
  - **Submitting your entry/entries:** Please send in an email with the following information for each submitted catch. Email your submission to [whp-fishing-derby@comcast.net](mailto:whp-fishing-derby@comcast.net) with the subject line “WHP Fishing Derby”
    - a) Name of angler
    - b) Email address
    - c) Photograph showing angler and catch
    - d) Fish species and length, (the weight is optional)
    - e) Angler's age category
    - f) Date and time of day of catch
    - g) Type of gear (optional); fly, spin, plug, other (specify)
    - h) Any story about your catch that you would like to share

- Submit your entries by August 1 for the July derby and by September 1 for the August derby.
- There is no entry fee and no limit on the number of entries that an angler may submit to the derby.
- All anglers participating in the derby must comply with Maine fishing license requirements.
- All residents of West Harbor Pond and all members of the West Harbor Pond Watershed Association and their invited guests are eligible.
- Please respect waterfront property.
- **Please take care of your catch:** We suggest catch and release, since photos will be submitted used to judge the contest. If you are practicing catch and release, release your catch quickly and responsibly. If you harvest your catch, please bring it home with you.
- Photographs and stories will be posted on the WHPWA website as received.
- **Prizes:** The angler submitting the largest (by length) of each fish type (largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white perch, pickerel, etc.) in each age category will be awarded a WHP ball cap.



- By submitting a photograph to the Great West Harbor Pond Fishing Derby, the submitter agrees that the photograph may be used by the West Harbor Pond Watershed Association on its website and in any news publication.

An announcement of the derby will be posted on the WHPWA web site and sent to all WHPWA members.

The WHPWA will determine winners and will notify all derby entrants during the first weeks of August and September for the previous month's derby.

Derby results will be posted on the WHPWA web site [www.westharborpond.org](http://www.westharborpond.org).