



Supporting the Heart of Our Community

22nd Annual Molson Ice Fishing Derby January 17th, 2026

FISHING CONTEST RULES

ALL fishing contest participants must check in to complete registration and get a number assigned. Check in starts at 7:00 a.m. in the Molson Grange Hall. Participants must be licensed to fish. Contest fishing time is 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Grand Prize of a \$500 check and a \$500 gift certificate from Country Store will be awarded to the adult contestant with the longest single fish.

Youth Grand Prize is \$300 for the youth with the longest fish.

Heaviest Catch Prize is \$300 minimum. This payout is driven by the total number of entries and may exceed \$300. To qualify participants must register for the optional weight category (Adults only). Heaviest total weight of up to 5 fish will receive prize.

Contestants can only win one of the top prizes should they have an entry in both “longest fish” and “total weight category”.

For questions or communication with Derby Officials at the lake visit:

- the Weigh Station – Clay Warnstaff
- the Molson Grange Hall – Rocky DeVon or Peggy Shaw

The opinion of the panel of judges is final for contest placements. All winning contestant's fish in the weight category will be opened/inspected. In the event of ties, the weight of the biggest fish will be used as a tie-breaker. Your registration must be readable and complete. It is your responsibility to follow WA Department of Fish and Wildlife rules to fish.

You and persons with you are participating in the Molson Ice Fishing Derby at YOUR OWN RISK and must sign our liability waiver. Use your own judgment concerning safety at all times.

The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife rules **MUST** be followed for fishing. Five (5) Fish limit. No catch and release. All fish need to be weighed at the Weigh Station



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immediately. You must be in line to weigh your last fish prior to and no later than 1:00 pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

All holes must be augured and have a diameter no larger than 10 inches. There will be no axes, chain saws or other tools or equipment allowed to put a hole in the ice. Use an abandoned hole if possible.

- No fishing in open water or within 100 feet of open water
- Parents are to be responsible for their children and pets.

Awards & Raffle results will follow in the Grange Hall.

PROTECT OUR HIGHLAND FREEDOMS, PLEASE:

- If you have a pet, please clean up after them. Pets must not bother other visitors.
- Do not leave garbage. Please haul out your own trash. You may bring ice huts, chairs and iceboxes, etc. There will be food and beverages at the Grange Hall.
- PLEASE KEEP PARKING SPOTS OPEN for Emergency Services, which will be on site.
- Parking is free. Please do not park in derby staff spots.
- All assigned prizes must be picked up by a contestant or representative on that day.
- Raffle winners must be present to win, however you may have a friend hold your ticket for you and take possession of any prizes you are awarded.

Your participation assumes your agreement with all rules. Anyone in violation of the rules will be disqualified.

THANK YOU FOR COMING AND THE BEST OF LUCK!