PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON PROPOSED 2013-2014 ICE FISHING DERBIES

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking public comment period on fishing contests proposed for the winter season of 2013-2014. Participants must comply with state fishing regulations, including daily and possession limits. Most contests require catch-and-release fishing and participants in these contests may not keep any fish.

Applications for contests may be approved, denied, or approved with conditions.

Conditions placed on contests may help to minimize fish mortality, regulate harvest, reduce user conflicts, or require additional access site maintenance when needed.

Information on the proposed derbies can be obtained by contacting FWP at 406-444-2449, or by email: jlwindon@mt.gov. Please send comments on or before August 21 to: FWP-Fisheries Bureau, Attn: Public Comment on Fishing Derbies, Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, or email them to: jlwindon@mt.gov.

Proposed 2013-2014 Ice Fishing Derbies

Northwestern Montana, Region 1

| 12/28/13 | Sunriser Lions Smith Lake Family Fishing Derby – Smith Lake |
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| 01/25/14 | The Perch Assault – Smith Lake |
| 01/25-26/14 | Fisher River Valley Winter Fishing Derby – Thompson Lakes, et al |
| 02/01-22/14 | 11 th Annual Perch Pounder – Region 1 Waters |
| 02/08/14 | The Lodge at McGregor Lake Annual Fishing Derby – McGregor Lake |
| 02/15/14 | 14 th Annual Snappy Sport Senter - Lake Mary Ronan |
| 02/15/14 | Ryan Wagner Memorial Ice Fishing Derby – Murphy Lake |
| 02/22/14 | Canyon Kids Christmas Fun Lion Lare Fishing Derby – Lion Lake |
| 02/22/14 | The Perch Assault – Upper Thompson Lake |
| 03/01-02/14 | 3 rd Annual Bitterroot Bash – Bitterroot Lake |
| 03/08/14 | The Perch Assault – Lake Mary Ronan |

Southwestern Montana, Region 2

01/25-26/14 Pike On Ice – Seeley Lake & Salmon Lake

South Central Montana, Region 3

| 01/25/14 | Stan Shafer Memorial Ice Fishing Derby – Clark Canyon Reservoir |
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| 02/19/14 | Hebgen Lake NAIFC Qualifier – Hebgen Lake |

North Central Montana, Region 4

| 01/25/14 | Western Bar Ice Fishing Derby – Willow Creek Reservoir |
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| 01/25/14 | Broadwater Lions Perch Derby – Canyon Ferry (Silos) |
| 02/15/14 | Valier Volunteer Fire Dept. Fishing Derby – Lake Francis |

Northeastern Montana, Region 6

| 01/25/14 | Murph's 8 th Annual Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament – Nelson Reservoir |
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| 01/25-26/14 | 3 rd Annual Fresno Ice Derby – Fresno Reservoir |
| 02/01/14 | Hell Creek Ice Fishing Tournament – Hell Creek Bay/Fort Peck Reservoir |
| 02/15/14 | 17 th Annual Ice Fishing Derby – Fort Peck Reservoir |