

Kenai Silver Salmon Derby Rules & Regulations

Presented by the
Kenai Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center & The City of Kenai

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Summary

To promote residents and visitors coming out to enjoy the Kenai River and the City of Kenai during the shoulder season, the Kenai Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center (“KCCVC”) and the City of Kenai (“COK”) will host a Silver Salmon Kenai Fishing Derby event in Kenai, Alaska.

Anglers that desire to participate will purchase a ticket **BEFORE** going fishing, then come to Kenai if they desire to have a fish they have caught weighed and entered in the competition.

It is the intent of KCCVC and the City of Kenai to dedicate net proceeds from this permitted derby to utilize the funds for management and protection of riverbanks and other riparian zones in the City of Kenai, including improved wetland access and educational signage and development, development and improvement of bird-viewing platforms in riparian areas, and improvements to Cunningham Park.

Dates & Times

The Derby runs from 12:01am Tuesday, September 9 through 7:30pm Sunday September 14, 2025.

Entry Fees

The Derby Entry fee is \$10 for one day, or \$50 for the entire Derby. Tickets may be purchased at the Kenai Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center and other locations to be determined.

Eligibility & Rules

- Any contestant who complies with the rules is eligible.
- Contestant must have an official validated Derby ticket **prior** to the time of the catch and fish must be caught on the date(s) indicated on the Derby ticket
- All fish entered must be a Coho (“silver”) salmon caught in the Kenai River
- Only fish weighing more than four pounds (4 lbs.) can be entered
- All fish must be caught on rod and reel
- All fish must be hooked in the mouth
- Entrants may not proxy fish on behalf of another individual while participating in the Derby; individuals may not proxy fish on behalf of a Derby entrant
- Entrants may not weigh in fish caught by other anglers
- Only persons 16 years of age and under are eligible for the “youth” category
- All contestants must abide by Alaska Department of Fish & Game regulations
- All participants must have a current sport fishing license at the time of ticket purchase AND of catch, as required by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- Failure to live up to any of the requirements or failure of an angler to conduct themselves as a sportsperson during the Derby shall disqualify the contestant from the Derby and from eligibility for prizes
- The purchase of a Derby ticket constitutes a waiver of liability absolving the KCCVC and COK, their officers, directors, staff, and sponsors of any and all damages or liability which may occur after entering the Derby
- Photographs of contestants become property of the Kenai Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center and/or City of Kenai and may be used for publicity purposes without compensation
- The Kenai Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has the power to make decisions in all matters pertaining to the Derby, including eligibility, weights, time limits, fishing limits, right to receive awards and all matters relative to participation in and conduct of the Derby

Weigh-In & Magic Weight

All fish to be weighed and entered must be presented in the round (fresh, whole, and uncut) at one of the listed Weigh-In Stations on the Kenai Silver Salmon Derby website. Weigh-In Station hours will vary depending on location. Entrants are asked to bring fish in a container (i.e. cooler, tub, etc) when using a weigh-station located indoors.

To have fish weighed in, an entrant must show a validated ticket at the time of weighing in of fish. Entrants must sign the official weigh-in ticket at the time of weighing in of fish. Participants may only weigh in three fish per day **or the legal daily bag limit** as established by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, whichever is less.

At the close of the derby daily, the Magic Weight will be randomly generated. The Magic Weight will be to the nearest hundredth of a pound. The entered fish closest to the daily Magic Weight will be eligible for that corresponding prize. All daily entries remain eligible for the overall Magic Weight winner, which will be selected at the conclusion of the final day of the Derby.

All fish may be opened and checked. Any evidence of fish tampering will result in disqualification. If there is doubt as to whether an entrant's fish is a silver salmon, it will be weighed in and an Alaska Fish & Game Biologist will make the final determination

Prizes

Cash prizes will be available based on the weight of the fish at the time of entry. Prizes will be awarded as a portion of gross Derby ticket sales, broken into Adult and Youth categories with Daily and Overall category winners as outlined below:

- **Adult Daily Award: \$100**
- **Adult Overall Award: \$5,000**

- **Youth Daily Award: \$50**
- **Youth Overall Award: \$1,000**

Each fish entered increases a participant's chances to win the daily magic weight, as well as the overall magic weight.

All prizes will be awarded within ten (10) days of the close of the Derby. In the case of ties for any place, prize money will be split evenly between tied entrants. Winning entrants may be required to complete IRS paperwork prior to receiving their prize(s). Any taxes on prizes are the sole responsibility of the individual winner. Winners need not be present to win, although all prizes must be claimed in Kenai within thirty (30) days after the prize list is made public by the Kenai Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center. The final prize list is binding, and no other prize lists are valid. All unclaimed prizes become the property of the Kenai Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center.

SPECIAL IN 2025 - Club 49 Ticket

Overview

The Kenai Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center ("KCCVC") and Alaska Airlines are excited to offer the *Club 49* prize: up to three (3) winners who catch a silver salmon weighing exactly 4.90 pounds during the Silver Salmon Kenai Fishing Derby will receive two (2) roundtrip coach tickets each.

How to Enter

- Club 49 is a separate Derby ticket that must be purchased for \$4.90 per day in addition to a Silver Salmon Derby pass.
- Both the Club 49 ticket and the Silver Salmon Derby pass must be purchased at the same time for the same day(s) of participation.
- Only one Club 49 ticket is required per day, regardless of the number of fish entered.

Eligibility

- Only anglers who hold a valid Silver Salmon Derby pass for the same day are eligible.

- Club 49 entries must comply with all regular Silver Salmon Derby rules (rod and reel only, hooked in the mouth, fish must be whole, etc.).
- Each fish caught must be exactly 4.90 pounds, measured to the nearest hundredth of a pound at an official Weigh-In Station.

Prize Conditions

- Each winner will receive two (2) coach roundtrip tickets valid on Alaska Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines (North/Central America and Hawai'i).
- Transportation is valid on Alaska Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines..
- Each main cabin ticket is valued up to \$1,750.
- Vouchers must be ticketed prior to the expiration date printed on the voucher.
- Up to three (3) winners will be awarded; valid only to the FIRST three anglers catch a silver salmon weighing exactly 4.90 pounds.
- If no silver salmon weighs exactly 4.90 pounds on the day(s) entered, no airline tickets will be awarded.
- Winners must comply with all airline requirements and provide necessary information to redeem tickets. Any taxes or fees associated with ticket usage are the responsibility of the winner.

Additional Rules

- Club 49 tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Only fish entered on the day(s) for which a Club 49 ticket was purchased are eligible for the prize.
- Participation in Club 49 constitutes agreement to abide by all Kenai Silver Salmon Derby rules and Alaska Airlines terms and conditions.
- By entering Club 49, contestants agree to release KCCVC, the City of Kenai, Alaska Airlines, and all affiliates from any liability related to the prize or participation in the Derby.