



**7th Annual Gordie McAdams
Speckled Trout Surf Fishing Tournament**
Saturday, October 24 – Saturday, November 28 at 6:00pm

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Tournament Director:

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Official Weigh Master:

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Boundaries- Trout must be caught from Bogue Banks (Emerald Isle to Fort Macon) shore only-- surf, pier, inlet or sound.
NO BOATS. Only trout caught from places that you can walk to and fish from on Bogue Banks will be eligible.

Registration- FREE registration! The tournament begins Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 5:00am and ends Saturday, November 28, 2009 at 6:00pm. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PRE-REGISTER AND THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 5:00PM.** Registration forms may be picked up at The Reel Outdoors or at the Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Community Center. Forms may also be downloaded from www.emeraldisle-nc.org/eiprd. Registration forms may be mailed to: *Gordie McAdams Tournament, EIPRD, 7500 Emerald Drive Emerald Isle, NC 28594*; forms can also be submitted by FAX: 252.354.9019.

Eligibility-

- A. The only eligible fish is the southern spotted weakfish (IGFA designation), commonly known as speckled trout.
- B. Contestants must have already registered with the tournament before landing a trout to be entered.
- C. All trout entered must be caught by hook and line only.
- D. From the time that a trout strikes or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight, and land the trout without the aid of any other person. Assistance with a *landed net* is permitted.

Weighing-

- A. All trout entered must comply with current state regulations including length and bag limits.
- B. All trout must be weighed at The Reel Outdoors Tackle Shop, 7802 Emerald Drive Emerald Isle, NC, 252.354.6692.
- C. *Tournament Participation Card* must be presented when weighing in fish at The Reel Outdoors.
- D. Daily weigh-ins begin at 8:00am and end at 6:00pm. *NO exceptions, especially on last day of tournament, November 28.*
- E. Anglers are responsible for weighing their own fish and may **not** designate another to do so. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- F. At the weigh-in station, contestants must certify the time and general location of their catch.
- G. The official Weigh Master will certify the weight, length and girth of each fish.
- H. Contestants may only weigh in ONE fish per day.
- I. No fish below 15 inches will be eligible for weigh-in.
- J. Once fish is weighed it becomes property of the tournament and will *not* be returned to the angler.
- K. Released fish are not eligible for any prize.

Tournament Rights-

- A. Tournament officials reserve the right to cut open for inspection or otherwise mark any entry after weighing.
- B. Tournament officials also reserve the right to authorize an acknowledged expert to examine any entry and to reject those entries not fully complying with tournament regulations.
- C. The decision of tournament officials is final. In case of tie weights, the winning entry will be determined by length, then girth. If still tied, the first trout entered will be the tie breaker.
- D. Tournament officials reserve the right to photograph any entry and to use those photographs for publicity purposes.
- E. Any contestant found violating any of the rules and regulations of the tournament will be disqualified.
- F. Neither beach conditions nor beach access are guaranteed by the Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Department.