



MOUTCHA BAY  
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# 2021 Kayak Derby

Welcome, and thank you for attending the 2021 Kayak Derby at Moutcha Bay Resort!

The Nootka Marine Adventures Annual Kayak Derby is in its 18th year, and since its inception, this event has attracted the absolute best of what the sport of kayak fishing has to offer – participants that are true outdoor enthusiasts and skilled anglers with the utmost respect for the environment we depend on.

Our Kayak Derby is designed to **raise funds for salmon enhancement and habitat restoration** within the Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet watersheds. Our goal is that by actively promoting and participating in these essential projects, we will bring awareness of the importance of environmental programs to the angling community.

**Different from previous years events, in an effort to reduce impact on large broodstock Chinook, we are moving to hidden weights for our prize categories.** Prizes will be awarded to 3 hidden weights per day. In addition, we will have a U16 category, a Buzzbomb Tackle category and more. Hidden weights will be chosen ahead of time at random by derby staff. A silent auction will be setup in the lobby and accepting bids all weekend! Auction closes at 5:00pm SHARP on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

*In our efforts to preserve our future fisheries, fishing in the Conuma River will be off limits for the Derby, however those with freshwater licenses and following BC Freshwater Fishing Regulations may fish as non-derby entrants.*

Don't forget why we're all here! To help secure healthy returns of salmon for the future. Do your part, fish responsibly. And lastly, HAVE FUN! Please contact any NMA staff member if you need assistance.

Tight Lines,  
Nootka Marine Adventures

*Thank you for  
your support*



# Itinerary

## Friday, August 27

**11:00am-8:00pm** - Check in and distribution of Rules & Regulations  
*Don't forget to check out the silent auction in the lobby!*

**4:00pm-6:00pm** - Test drive a pedal drive kayak! Sponsored by Old Town Kayaks & JohnsonOutdoors. At the marina with Old Town Pro Staff Brad Torry.

**6:30pm** - Opening ceremony and sponsor recognition on the patio at the main lodge.

Vancouver Island Brewing's PSF Chinook Lager is on special! With proceeds going directly to the Nootka Sound Watershed Society.

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## Saturday, August 28

**First light** - Fishing commences!

**8:00am-4:00pm** - Weigh-in at cleaning stations at Moutcha Bay Resort Marina

**4:00pm** - Weigh-in closes

**4:00pm-6:00pm** - Test drive a pedal drive kayak! Sponsored by Old Town Kayaks & JohnsonOutdoors. At the marina with Old Town Pro Staff Brad Torry.

**7:00pm-9:15pm** - Live music performance by WiL and the I Break Strings crew! In the parking lot in front of the main lodge.

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## Sunday, August 27

**First light** - Fishing commences!

**8:00am-4:00pm** - Weigh-in at cleaning stations at Moutcha Bay Resort Marina

**4:00pm** - Weigh-in closes

**5:00pm** - Silent auction closes. Closing ceremony, winners announced. In front of the main lodge.

# **Prize Categories**

## **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Moutcha Bay Kayak Derby**

**Day 1 Hidden Weight # 1**

**Day 1 Hidden Weight # 2**

**Day 1 Hidden Weight # 3**

**Day 2 Hidden Weight # 1**

**Day 2 Hidden Weight # 2**

**Day 2 Hidden Weight # 3**

**Under-16**

**Buzzbomb Tackle Trophy**

**First Coho to the Dock**

**Costume Contest**

**Door Prizes**

# Rules & Regulations

Any individual wishing to be eligible for door, hidden weight, and contest prizes must purchase a Nootka Sound Watershed Society (NSWS) membership at the Front Desk upon check in (\$25, in addition to rod fees). Any such individual will herein be referred to as a "Participant", and agrees to abide by the following rules and regulations:

1. Nootka Marine Adventures will appoint a Kayak Fishing Derby Committee whose decision in respect to application in any of the NMA Rules & Regulations shall be final and binding on all Participants.
2. Nothing in the NMA Rules & Regulations shall be interpreted in any way so as to change, vary or modify the Fisheries and Oceans Canada regulations.
3. Once paid, NSWS memberships are non-refundable.
4. Participants may carry as many rods and reels in their boat as they wish but only 1 rod per participant may be used at one time.
5. Boats must always fish at least 15 feet from shore while angling. No boat shall contact any point of land, other boats (with the exception of observation boats or while assisting to net another angler's fish) or docks, except Moutcha Bay Resort marina docks. Participants may return to the above docks or explore out of bounds areas and then return to fishing if they wish, but they are required to check in and out with the NMA Kayak Fishing Derby Committee at either the weigh in station or with one of the Observation Boats.
6. Observation Boats will be identified by the NMA signage on their hulls. They will be patrolling the Kayak Fishing Derby grounds and will answer calls on VHF Channel 06. Kayak Fishing Derby announcements will also take place on this channel.

# Rules & Regulations

7. Participants observing any violation of the Rules & Regulations set out herein, or the Fisheries and Oceans Canada Regulations are asked to report the violation immediately to the nearest Observation Boat or Kayak Fishing Derby Official.

8. Participants must be in possession of a valid Canadian Pacific Tidal Fishing License and Salmon Stamp and present it prior to their catch being weighed and to be eligible for prizes.

9. Fish must be hooked ahead of the operculum (gill plate) to qualify for entry into any contests and be retained.

10. All salmon entered for prizes will be inspected, weighed, and certified by a Kayak Fishing Derby Official. Once a legally caught fish is harvested, an Observation Boat will pick up your catch. Your catch will then be tagged with your participant number and documented. The fish will be held on ice until the Observation Boat makes one of its routine stops to deliver fish to weigh-in station. You may also take your catch directly to the weigh-in station yourself.

11. At no time are Participants allowed to enter the river mouth or the shallows of the estuary while participating in the Kayak Fishing Derby. Boundaries will be clearly marked by buoys, and a map is included in your welcome package.

*Thank you for your cooperation and sportsmanship!*



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## **FISHING NEAR WILDLIFE**

Participants agree to abide by Fisheries and Oceans Canada Marine Mammal Regulations (MMR) and maintain safe and respectful distance between their vessel and any wildlife. Seals and Sea Lions (pinnipeds) in the area may become interested in a kayak anglers catch – For your safety, in the case where a pinniped takes a fish you have on your line, break it off and let them take it. Do not engage in a tug-of-war with them; you will lose. Avoid putting yourself and other anglers in danger of being capsized.

## **LEAVE NO TRACE**

Participants agree to practice Leave No Trace principals while enjoying the outdoors at Moutcha Bay Resort and on the water. Participants will make their best efforts to collect any fishing line, lures, or general debris that may be lost while fishing or camping. Respect for your surroundings including the wildlife and people around you will our priority throughout the weekend.

*We have receptacles form "Clear Your Gear" on site to dispose of any used fishing line for safe recycling.*

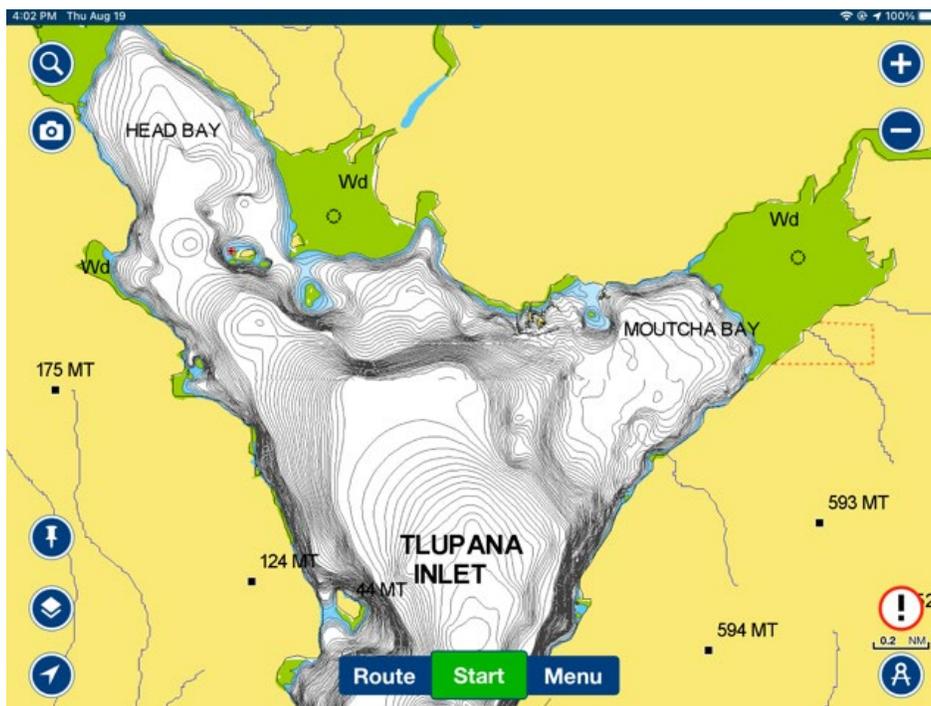
## **YOUR CATCH**

Your fish are not to be cleaned before weigh-in. Fish will be disqualified if found to be foul hooked and you will be disqualified if you are deemed to be attempting to "snag" fish. Kayak Fishing Derby Officials will have the final decision and will be on board the Observation boats at all times during fishing hours.

## **FISH STORAGE**

Once your catch is officially weighed in, participants can then clean and process their fish. Government inspected fish processing as well as cold/frozen storage services are available at Moutcha Bay Resort.

# 2021 KAYAK DERBY FISHING BOUNDARY



If you are fishing outside of the Derby boundaries, catches will not count toward the Derby and observation boats must be notified. Our observation boats will be patrolling and DFO will be on site.

Fishing inside of the Conuma River boundary requires a non-tidal waters fishing license and is not permitted to be eligible for the derby.

Remember that we are here to raise funds for critical salmon enhancement projects in the area to secure healthy returns for years to come. Please fish responsibly.