

FAQs and Best Practices for Homer Halibut Derby

The Location:

The Tournament Headquarters and weigh-in area will be at **The Spit Visitor Center**, located at the top of Ramp 4 in the parking lot along the Spit Highway.

Derby Tickets:

Derby tickets are \$40 per person per day of fishing and must be purchased by 8 AM to be eligible for that day of fishing. Fish must be caught on the date indicated on the Registration Receipt. Daily Derby tickets must be purchased online at www.HomerHalibutTournament.com.

Participating anglers must fish from a vessel that departs from and returns to the Homer Harbor on the same voyage.

Weigh-In:

To be counted toward prize weight, your fish must be at least 55 inches in length and weighed in each day you fish between 2:00 and 6:00 PM. Refer to the [Tournament Rules](#) for a full explanation. Only 1 fish may be entered per day of fishing per angler, including a released fish.

Released Fish:

To enter the Released Fish prize drawing, you must complete the official registration form and present a receipt of a valid derby ticket at the Spit Visitor Center or Homer Chamber of Commerce on the same day you registered to fish. The Released Fish Form must be signed by the captain, deckhand or witness, verifying that a live fish measuring **48 inches** or more (cell phone picture as proof) was caught and released on the day the ticket was purchased for. Please see the Halibut Length/Weight Chart for the estimated fish weights by length.

License:

To participate, you must be a 2024 ADF&G licensed angler. Licenses can be purchased at their website: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/>.

Radio:

Channel 16 is used for USCG communications and emergencies ONLY. For all event Radio communications you can call 907-399-7477 during the tournament or call the Chamber office during business hours at 907-235-7740.

Prize Drawing:

The weekly prize period will run from Mon–Sun. If no fish is over 55 inches in the weekly award, that amount will be added to the next week. The winning angler in the jackpot prize will be announced after the close of the derby on September 2nd at 6:00 PM..

The unofficial results will be announced once the tournament software has been updated. Official results will be announced over the next 2-3 business days when all banking transactions have settled, and the State has cleared all winners for child support payments.

To register for the Homer Halibut Tournament, go to <https://www.homerhalibuttournament.com/>