

FAQs and Best Practices for Homer Halibut Tournament

The Location:

Homer Harbor Deep Water Dock. Follow the signs for the turn off at Freight Dock Road. Weigh ins will be held at the turn about near the Cruise Ship Dock. Festivities will be held on adjacent grounds. Refer to the aerial map for a visual guide on the layout of the Tournament. (Attach aerial).

Launching:

Launching is encouraged the night before or as early as 3 am. The Chamber has some nightly specials for nearby accommodations. Click [HERE](#) for a list of Homer accommodation options. There are 240 boat parking spaces in the Harbor therefore, you are encouraged to call ahead for space reservation. For RV and camping options, click [HERE](#). Additional parking in town for boat trailers if you are staying beyond the fishing time may need to be secured ahead of time. There IS trailer parking for boats up to 7 days on the lot behind the launch ramp.

Fuel: Obtain fuel the day before at the Harbor or on your way into town. This is a busy season in the Homer Harbor and the day of fuel up will be near impossible if you want your poles in at 6am. Petro Marine (the Harbor Fuel Dock) opens daily from 7am to 7 pm, 907-235-8548.

Moorage:

Contact Homer Harbormaster at 907-235-3160 to secure transient parking. The Launch fee is \$13 and parking is \$7. Payment can be made using the pay station kiosk located next to the Launch Booth. The kiosk accepts exact change in bills (no coins and does not make change) and credit cards. .

Bait:

There are 3 bait shops on the Homer Spit in addition to Ulmer's and the Gear Shed located in town.

License:

You must be a ADF&G licensed angler to participate and these can be prepurchased at their website: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/> . Your fishing license will allow for fishing in Dudiak Lagoon but all fish must be caught by vessel in open salt water that are entered to compete.

Radio:

Channel 16 is used for USCG communications and emergencies. Radio call in of your catch (is or is not required?)

Weigh-In:

To be counted toward prize weight, your fish must be weighed in each day you fish by 7pm. Refer to the Tournament Rules [HERE](#) for full explanation. The protocol for weigh in will be:

1. Off load your fish from your boat by wagon on the dock and bring up the freight ramp to the weigh ins, or
2. Pull your boat from the water and enter the weigh in drive through line beginning at the launch and proceeding through the turn-around at the Cruise Ship Dock. Look for your assigned parking stall location as you proceed forward to maximize the staging for off load and flow of traffic. Please keep children in the vehicle and only offload fish to be weighed in (1 per species per day for each category entered).

COVID CONTINGENCIES:

Though we wish we weren't in this environment it is our wish to keep you safe in this Tournament while still enjoying Alaska's outdoors. In order to adhere to current Mandates: Please maintain 6' separation. Be prepared to present your fish with a face mask on. Only send your weighing party to the weigh master. Please use the hand washing stations and frequently sanitize your hands. Current COVID announcements can be found [HERE](#).

Prize "Ceremony":

Stay tuned for the format of this as 2020 is an unprecedented year and we wish to celebrate a successful Tournament WHILE keeping everyone safe. We will announce the schedule for our final award ceremony the week preceding the Tournament when we have received our phased best practices from the Governor on gatherings of this nature.

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