

Approved 2023 Open Water Fishing Contests

| Region | Contest Name | Date and Time | Waterbody | Fish Species | Contest Sponsor | ALS # | Contact Person | Phone Number |
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| R1-R5 | Western Native Trout Challenge | January 1-December 31, 2023 | R1-R5 Lakes & Reservoirs | Westslope & Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout | Western Native Trout Initiative/WAFWA | 01/01/1500-3233 | Therese Thompson | 303-236-4402 |
| R1 | 2023 Fall Mack Days | September 14- November 12, 2023 Daylight-Dark | Flathead Lake | Lake Trout | CSKT | 01/01/1500-38 | Cindy Benson | 406-675-2700 ext. 7294 OR 406-270-3386 |
| R1 | 2023 Spring Mack Days | March 16-May 14, 2023 Daylight-Dark | Flathead Lake | Lake Trout | CSKT | 01/01/1500-38 | Cindy Benson | 406-675-2700 ext. 7294 OR 406-270-3386 |
| R1 | Big Sky Bass Bash Echo Lake (April) | April 22, 2023 7am-3pm | Echo, Abbott, Peterson | Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass | Treasure State Angler Circuit | 01/01/1500-3139 | Chancy Jeschke | 406-314-8024 |
| R1 | Big Sky Bass Bash Echo Lake (September) | September 30, 2023 7:30am-3pm | Echo, Abbott, Peterson | Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass | Treasure State Angler Circuit | 01/01/1500-3139 | Chancy Jeschke | 406-314-8024 |
| R1 | Bull Lake Pike Strike | June 17-18, 2023 6am-4pm | Bull Lake | Northern Pike | Halfway House Bar & Grill | 01/01/1500-3061 | Jason Williams | 406-295-4358 |
| R1 | Cabinet Gorge | July 8 22, 2023 6am-3pm *DATE CHANGE* | Cabinet Gorge Reservoir | Northern Pike | North Idaho Pike Assoc | 01/01/1500-3222 | Brock Morrow | 208-661-6303 |
| R1 | Fall Frenzy | September 9-10 , 16-17 2023 7am-4pm *DATE CHANGE* | Noxon Rapids Reservoir | Northern Pike | North Idaho Pike Assoc | 01/01/1500-3222 | Brock Morrow | 208-661-6303 |
| R1 | Koocanusa Resort & Marina 21st Annual Derby | May 20-21, 2023 12:01am-2pm | Lake Koocanusa | Rainbow Trout, Kokanee Salmon | Koocanusa Resort & Marina | 01/01/1500-30 | Randy Burch | 406-293-7474 |
| R1 | MT Bass Nation Qualifier (Noxon) | August 19-20, 2023 Safe Light-3pm | Noxon Rapids Reservoir | Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass | MT Bass Nation | 01/01/1500-3156 | Levi Ployhar | 406-270-2115 |

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| R1 | MT Bass Nation Buddy Tournament | May 6-7, 2023 Safe light-3pm | Noxon Rapids Reservoir | Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass | MT Bass Nation | 01/01/1500-3156 | Levi Ployhar | 406-270-2115 |
| R1 | MT TBF Student Angler Federation | October 14, 2023 8am-3:30pm | Flathead Lake, River & Sloughs | Largemouth Bass | MT Student Anglers | 01/01/1500-3403 | Randy Siemens | 406-249-1132 |
| R1 | Noxon Spring *CANCELLED* | June 17-18, 2023 7am-4pm | Noxon Rapids Reservoir | Northern Pike | North Idaho Pike Assoc | 01/01/1500-3222 | Brock Morrow | 208-661-6303 |
| R1 | TBF/ABA Buddy Series Qualifier (April) | April 23, 2023 7am-3pm | Echo, Abbot, Peterson Lakes | Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass | TBF of Montana | 01/01/1500-3155 | Don Collins | 406-261-3924 |
| R1 | TBF/ABA Buddy Series Qualifier (August) | August 5, 2023 6am-3pm | Lower & Middle Thompson Lakes | Largemouth Bass | TBF of Montana | 01/01/1500-3155 | Don Collins | 406-261-3924 |
| R1 | TBF/ABA Buddy Series Qualifier-TBF High School | April 29-30, 2023 7am-3pm | Flathead Lake River & Sloughs | Largemouth Bass | TBF/ABA of Montana | 01/01/1500-3155 | Don Collins | 406-261-3924 |
| R1 | TBF/ABA Buddy Series Qualifier-TBF High School Championship | May 20-21, 2023 6am-3pm | Noxon Rapids Reservoir | Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass | TBF of Montana | 01/01/1500-3155 | Don Collins | 406-261-3924 |
| R1 | TBF Draw Series Qualifier | June 3-4, 2023 6am-3pm | Noxon Rapids Reservoir | Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass | TBF of Montana | 01/01/1500-3155 | Don Collins | 406-261-3924 |
| R1 | TBF Semi-Final MT vs ID | September 23-24, 2023 Safe light-3pm | Noxon Rapids Reservoir | Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass | TBF of Montana | 01/01/1500-3155 | Don Collins | 406-261-3924 |
| R1 | Tobacco Valley Rod & Gun Fishing Derby | Sept. 24-25, 2023 7am-3pm | Lake Koocanusa | Rainbow Trout, Salmon | Tobacco Valley Rod & Gun Club | 01/01/1500-22 | Rose Carvey | 406-291-2173 |

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| R1 | Tri-State Open Buddy Tournament | July 29-30, 2023 6am-3pm | Noxon Rapids Reservoir | Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass | Clark Fork Anglers/TBF of Montana/ABA | 01/01/1500-3155 | Don Collins | 406-261-3924 |
| R3 | 2023 Youth Fly Fishing Natinal Championships | October 7-8, 2023 8am-6pm | Dailey Lake | Rainbow Trout | Brian Kimmel/US Youth Fly Fishing Team | 01/01/1500-3180 | Brian Kimmel | 406-209-5294 |
| R3 | Kids Day Fishing Contest | June 17, 2023 10am-1pm | Blacktail Meadows Kids Fishing Pond | Westslope Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout | Beaverhead Outdoors Assoc. | 01/01/1500-3157 | Gene Loder | 406-925-1811 |
| R4 | Ackley Lake Club Summer Fishing Derby | June 3-4, 2023 8:00am-4:00pm | Ackley Lake | Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Tiger Muskie | Ackley Lake Club | 01/01/1500-20 | Lewis Reedy | 406-423-5645 |
| R4 | Augusta Kids Fishing Derby | July 15, 2023 9am-2pm | Willow Creek Reservoir | Rainbow Trout | August Area Chamber of Commerce | | Tammy Dellwo | 406-925-0605 |
| R4 | Broadwater Rod & Gun Walleye Derby | July 15 8am-3pm | Canyon Ferry Reservoir | Walleye, Carp, Northern Pike | Broadwater Rod & Gun Club | 01/01/1500-19 | Debi Randolph OR Doug Breker | 406-451-6035 OR 406-949-0070 |
| R4 | Canyon Ferry Walleye Festival | June 24-25, 2023 6am-3pm | Canyon Ferry Reservoir | Walleye, Carp, Northern Pike | Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce | 01/01/1500-3292 | Tim Denton | 406-600-3473 |
| R4 | Fort Benton Spring Classic Fishing Derby | June 2-4, 2023 5pm-1pm | Missouri River Teton River Marias River | Channel Catfish, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Common Carp, Walleye, Goldeye, Fresh Water Drum, Burbot, Yellow Perch, Shovelnose Sturgeon | Fort Benton Community Improvement Assoc | 01/01/1500-47 | Dustin Lehman | 406-799-6358 |

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| R4 | John Arnold Memorial | August 18 8am-3pm | Hauser Reservoir | Walleye, Northern Pike | Walleyes Unlimited-UMRC | 01/01/1500-3255 | Josh Starkel | 406-250-7203 |
| R4 | Lewistown Bowhunters Assoc Carp Quest | July 8, 2023 First light-4pm | Petrolia Reservoir | Carp | Lewistown Bowhunters Assoc | 01/01/1500-49 | Stephen LePage | 406-535-5636 |
| R4 | Lions Club Father's Day Fish Derby | June 18, 2023 7am-3pm | Newlan Creek Reservoir | Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Kokanee Salmon | WSS Lions Club | 01/01/1500-34 | Gerald Zarr | 406-547-3802 |
| R4 | Montana Bowhunters Assoc Carp Safari | June 10 First Light-3pm | Canyon Ferry Reservoir | Carp | Montana Bowhunters Assoc | 01/01/1500-57 | Kevin Robinson | 406-531-8243 |
| R4 | Tiber Tournament | July 22-23, 2023 7am-4pm | Tiber Reservoir | Walleye | Walleyes Unlimited-Great Falls Chapter | 01/01/1500-2882 | Ray Cole | 406-868-2028 |
| R5 | 17th Annual Yellowstone Challenge | May 13, 2023 10am-6pm | Yellowstone River | Catfish | Montana Catfish Assoc. | 01/01/1500-2942 | Brady Flaten | 406-230-1018 |
| R5 | Bighorn Carp Tournament | June 9 10:00am-4:00pm | Bighorn Reservoir | Carp | Bighorn River Alliance | 01/01/1500-352 | Anne Marie Emery OR Melissa Lobardozi | 406-534-2915 OR 208-520-6290 |
| R5 | EMBA/ABA Qualifiers | June 3, 2023 Sunrise-4pm | Bighorn Reservoir | Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass | EMBA | 01/01/1500-3142 | Joe Taylor | 406-670-6235 |
| R5 | NBAA Qualifier July | July 8-9, 2023 6:00am-4:00pm | Bighorn Reservoir | Smallmouth Bass | NBAA | 01/01/1500-3142 | Richard Gilmore | 406-208-0564 |
| R5 | NBAA Qualifier Oct | October 14-15, 2023 6am-4pm | Bighorn Reservoir | Smallmouth Bass | NBAA | 01/01/1500-26 | Richard Gilmore | 406-208-0564 |
| R6 | 23rd Annual Pikemasters Tournament | June 10-11, 2023 7am-3pm | Fort Peck | Northern Pike, Walleye, Smallmouth Bass | MT Pikemasters | 01/01/1500-23 | Clay Buckmiller | 406-860-7435 |

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| R6 | 23rd Annual Womens Fishing Contest | July 29, 2023 7am-3pm | Fort Peck | Walleye Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass | Walleyes Unlimited Glasgow Fort Peck Chapter | 01/01/1500-2882 | Jill Meiers | 406-263-7553 |
| R6 | 24th Annual Milk River Catfish Classic | June 3 4pm-12am | Milk River | Channel Catfish | MT Catfish Assoc | 01/01/1500-59 | Brenner Flaten | 406-263-7909 |
| R6 | 36th Annual MT Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament | July 14-15, 2023 7am-4pm July 13 Guys & Gals 8am-12pm | Fort Peck | Walleye Northern Pike | Glasgow Chamber of Commerce | 01/01/1500-2941 | Lisa Koski | 406-228-2222 |
| R6 | Crooked Creek Walleye Classic | May 19-20, 2023 7am-4pm | Fort Peck | Walleye | Walleyes Unlimited-Crooked Creek Chapter | 01/01/1500-352 | Mike Gapay | 406-350-0120 or 406-366-0898 |
| R6 | EMBA/ABA Qualifiers (September) | Sept. 16-17, 2023 Sunrise-4pm | Fort Peck | Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass | EMBA | 01/01/1500-449 | Joe Taylor | 406-670-6235 |
| R6 | Fishin' For The Cure | August 12 7am-3pm | Fort Peck | Walleye Northern Pike | Fishin' For The Cure | 01/01/1500-31 | Tyler Schlosser | 701-290-2415 |
| R6 | Fresno Challenge | June 10-11, 2023 7am-4pm | Fresno Reservoir | Walleye, Northern Pike | Walleyes Unlimited-Fresno Chapter | 01/01/1500-35 | Steve Chvilicek | 406-262-3199 |
| R6 | Hell Creek Walleye Tournament | July 22-23, 2023 7am-3pm | Fort Peck | Walleye, Northern Pike | Walleyes Unlimited-Jordan Chapter | 01/01/1500-35 | Casey Thomas | 406-977-2718 |
| R6 | Hell Creek Women's Walleye Tournament | June 24, 2023 7am-3pm | Fort Peck | Walleye, Northern Pike, Bass | Walleyes Unlimited-Jordan Chapter | 01/01/1500-35 | Tristan MacDonald or Bethany Ryan | 406-853-2052 or 406-939-0976 |
| R6 | Jerry Johnston Memorial Tough Guy Tournament | April 15, 2023 8am-4pm | Fort Peck | Walleye, Northern Pike | Walleyes Unlimited-Jordan Chapter | 01/01/1500-3156 | Clyde Phipps | 406-977-2200 |
| R6 | MT Bass Nation Qualifier (Fort Peck) | September 9-10, 2023 Safe light-3pm | Fort Peck | Smallmouth Bass | MT Bass Nation | 01/01/1500-3339 | Levi Ployhar | 406-270-2115 |

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| R6 | NBAA Qualifier Sept | September 23-24, 2023 6am-4pm | Fort Peck | Smallmouth Bass | NBAA | 01/01/1500-3337 | Richard Gilmore | 406-208-0564 |
| R6 | Rock Creek Tournament | June 3-4, 2023 7am-4pm | Fort Peck | Walleye Northern Pike | Walleyes Unlimited Circle Chapter | 01/01/1500-352 | Chris Kwasney | 406-974-7489 |
| R7 | EMBA/ABA Qualifiers | Sept. 9, 2023 Sunrise-4pm | Tongue River | Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass | EMBA | 01/01/1500-3291 | Joe Taylor | 406-670-6235 |
| R7 | Fire on the Water | April 29, 2023 8am-4pm | Yellowstone River | Channel Catfish | Custer County Fire | 01/01/1500-3290 | Whitney Hilliard | 406-853-0222 |
| R7 | Glendive Walleye Tournament | Sept. 23, 2023 8am-4pm | Yellowstone River | Walleye | Visit Glendive | 01/01/1500-3290 | Steve Linder | 406-939-5925 |
| R7 | Glendive Catfish Tournament | May 20, 2023 8am-4pm | Yellowstone River & tributaries | Channel Catfish | Visit Glendive | 01/01/1500-2882 | Steve Linder | 406-939-5925 |
| R7 | Monster Catfish Roundup | July 15, 2023 7am-3pm | Yellowstone River | Channel Catfish | MT Catfish Assoc | 01/01/1500-17 | Steve Harris | 406-489-1170 |
| R7 | Savage Volunteer Fire Dept. Catfish Tournament | June 10, 2023 7:30a-4:00pm | Yellowstone River-Cottonwood Creek downstream to Sidney Bridge | Catfish | Savage Volunteer Fire Dept. | 01/01/1500-3051 | Brady Reuter OR Jason Nelson | 406-480-9041 OR 406-776-2474 |
| R7 | Yellowstone River Classic | September 16, 2023 8am-4pm | Yellowstone River & Tongue River | Walleye, Smallmouth Bass | Walleyes Unlimited-Miles City Chapter | 01/01/1500-2989 | Ramon Dyba | 406-853-0487 |
| R7 | Yellowstone River Rats Walleye Tournament | October 14, 2023 8am-4pm | Yellowstone River & tributaries | Walleye, Northern Pike | Yellowstone River Rats | | Todd Dooley | 701-580-4227 |