

Elkhead Reservoir Fishing Classic Tournament Prizes and Rules

June 23 - July 1, 2018

PRIZE CATEGORIES

- **TAGGED FISH-1 NORTHERN PIKE and 1 SMALLMOUTH BASS**

One northern pike and one smallmouth bass will be tagged and released immediately prior to the tournament with individually numbered 2018 passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags that are not visible to anglers. Fish will be checked for tags at the CPW fish scanning station. If a 2018 tagged smallmouth bass and/or northern pike are/is caught during the tournament, the respective angler(s) will receive a cash award (check) of \$1,500 per fish on the day the fish is caught. This check will be presented by CPW and issued by the Craig Chamber of Commerce. If only one or neither of the 2018 PIT tagged fish are caught during the tournament dates, the remaining cash awards (checks) for this category (either one or both awards) will be drawn for and presented by CPW during the angler drawing at the conclusion of the tournament (approximately 3:30pm) on Sunday, July 1st. The winning angler ticket(s) will be drawn from all tickets dropped by the anglers into the ticket box, and must be identified with angler number. Angler tickets that are not identified by angler number will be discarded. Please note that northern pike and smallmouth bass were also PIT tagged in advance of the 2016 and 2017 Elkhead Fishing Tournaments. These 2016 and 2017 tagged fish are excluded from the 2018 tagged fish category, but are still eligible for other awards during the tournament. The cash awards (checks) for the 2018 tagged fish category apply only to the northern pike and smallmouth bass PIT tagged in 2018.

CASH AWARDS – Two, \$1,500 Cash Awards (checks): One each to the angler(s) who catches and turns in a 2018 PIT tagged northern pike and/or 2018 PIT tagged smallmouth bass.

- **MOST NORTHERN PIKE and MOST SMALLMOUTH BASS**

At the conclusion of the tournament, cash prizes (checks) of \$750 will be awarded to each angler(s) who has/have caught and turned in the most northern pike and/or the most smallmouth bass across the nine day tournament (June 23rd-July 1st, 2018). The

cash prizes (checks) will be awarded at the conclusion of the tournament (approximately 3:30pm) on Sunday, July 1st by CPW with checks issued by the Craig Chamber of Commerce.

CASH AWARDS – Two, \$750 Cash Awards (checks): One each to the angler(s) who has/have caught and turned in the most northern pike and/or the most smallmouth bass across the tournament.

- **ADDITIONAL DAILY PRIZES**

Additional prizes will be awarded daily in the following categories:

Northern Pike	Smallmouth Bass
Smallest per day	Smallest per day
Largest per day	Largest per day
Most Caught by day	Most Caught by day

RULES

1. There is no entry fee required by anglers to participate in this tournament.
2. This is a northern pike and smallmouth bass only tournament. Only northern pike and smallmouth bass caught within the June 23rd-July 1st, 2018 tournament from Elkhead Reservoir can be entered in the tournament. Any violations will result in tournament disqualification. You may possess other species as allowed by 2018 Colorado Fishing Regulations, but they may not be entered in the tournament.
3. There is no bag or possession limit for northern pike or smallmouth bass at Elkhead Reservoir.
4. Anglers must possess a valid Colorado fishing license and follow all 2018 Colorado Fishing Regulations, including manner of take. All northern pike and smallmouth bass caught must be disposed of by the angler according to 2018 Colorado Fishing Regulations. Anglers not wishing to keep northern pike and smallmouth bass will be allowed to donate their catch to CPW for scientific research.
5. Northern pike and smallmouth bass must be scanned for PIT tags at the CPW fish scanning station on the day they are caught before 5:00pm to qualify for the daily “most fish caught” prize. Fish caught after 5:00pm must be presented to the CPW fish

scanning station before 9:00am the following morning, and will be entered into the current day's prize tally.

6. Any angler cited for fishing violations and/or violations of tournament rules, will be disqualified and may be fined.
7. A Colorado State Parks Pass is required for entry into the park. A valid Colorado State Parks pass will be required to access the park to get to the CPW fish scanning station.
8. All 2018 Colorado boating regulations will be in effect and enforced.
9. All boats must be inspected for ANS purposes prior to launch.
10. Tournament angling will begin at 6:30am on Saturday, June 23rd, 2018, and end at 3:00pm Sunday, July 1st, 2018.
11. Only northern pike and smallmouth bass are eligible for angler tickets and scanning for PIT tags, and must be brought to the CPW fish scanning station dead and in reasonably fresh condition. Anglers will receive one angler ticket for each northern pike or smallmouth bass they present for scanning. It is illegal to transport live fish in Colorado.
12. There are no daily time restrictions on angling within the official tournament period. However, fish will be scanned, measured, and enumerated only when the CPW fish scanning station is open. The CPW fish scanning station will be located at the Elkhead Reservoir State Park shop near the Park entrance, which is north of the access road to the boat ramp. The CPW fish scanning station will be open from 8:30am to 5:00pm daily for the duration of the tournament except for July 1st when the tournament will conclude at 3:00pm.
13. Anglers must register for the tournament when they first present fish at the CPW fish scanning station. Anglers will receive an angler number after providing their phone number, mailing address, and email address for correspondence regarding winning prizes. The angler number will be used to match winning angler tickets to the angler they belong to, and each angler will be responsible for putting his/her angler number on all angler tickets he/she enters. Angler tickets without an angler number will not be eligible for prizes.

14. Angler tickets will be dropped into a locked box at the CPW fish scanning station by each angler as the angler checks out. This box will not be opened until the ticket drawing on Sunday, July 1st, 2018.
15. All northern pike and smallmouth bass will be marked at the CPW fish scanning station after they are scanned so that anglers cannot receive multiple angler tickets for an individual fish.
16. Winners not present to claim their cash awards (checks)/prizes will be contacted by Monday, July 16th, 2018, using the angler number contact information. To claim their cash awards (checks)/prizes, winners must contact CPW personnel at the Yampa State Park office, located at 6185 US. Hwy. 40 in Hayden (970-276-2061). Any cash awards (checks)/prizes unclaimed after August 31st, 2018 will be forfeited.
17. Colorado Parks and Wildlife claims no responsibility or liability for accidents occurring related to this tournament.
18. Colorado Parks and Wildlife employees are not eligible for participation in the tournament.
19. In the event of a dispute, the ruling of the NW Region Senior Aquatic Biologist will be final.