

Elkhead Reservoir Fishing Classic Tournament Prizes and Rules

June 22 – June 30, 2019

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 2019 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 2019 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 2019 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, June 30th. 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, 2017, and 2018 Elkhead Fishing Tournaments. These 2016, 2017, and 2018 tagged fish are excluded from the 2019 tagged fish category, but are still eligible for other awards during the tournament. The cash awards (checks) for the 2019 tagged fish category apply only to the northern pike and smallmouth bass PIT tagged in 2019.

CASH AWARDS – Two, \$1,500 Cash Awards (checks): One each to the angler(s) who catches and turns in a 2019 PIT tagged northern pike and/or 2019 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 22nd-June 30th, 2019). The

cash prizes (checks) will be awarded at the conclusion of the tournament (approximately 3:30pm) on Sunday, June 30th 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 22nd-June 30th, 2019 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 2019 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 (ages 16 or older) must possess a valid Colorado fishing license (youth ages 15 and under may fish without a license) and follow all 2019 Colorado Fishing Regulations, including manner of take. All northern pike and smallmouth bass caught must be disposed of by the angler according to 2019 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 2019 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 22nd, 2019, and end at 3:00pm Sunday, June 30th, 2019.
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, other than the tournament start time of 6:30am on Saturday, June 22nd, 2019 and the tournament end time of 3:00pm on Sunday, June 30th, 2019. 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 maintenance 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 June 30th when the tournament will conclude at 3:00pm.
13. Registration for the tournament is required and may be completed when anglers first present their fish at the CPW fish scanning station. During registration, anglers (ages 16 or older) must produce and present their valid Colorado fishing license to CPW staff, and provide their phone number, mailing address, and email address for correspondence regarding winning prizes. Upon completion of tournament registration, anglers will

receive an angler number. 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 remain closed and locked until the ticket drawing on Sunday, June 30th, 2019.
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 15^h, 2019, 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, 2019 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.