



**Forked River Tuna Club
32nd Annual Ladies' Catch of the Day
Fluke and Sea Bass Fishing Tournament
Tournament Rules and Regulations**

- **Fishing Day:** **Saturday, July 12, 2025.** Bad Weather Day – Sunday, July 13, 2025
Awards picnic (rain or shine) will be immediately following the day of fishing at 4:00 PM.
- **Mandatory Angler's Meeting:** **Friday, July 11, 2025,** from 6:00 - 8:00PM at the Forked River Tuna Club. Angler tournament packages will be distributed at this time. All rules and regulations will be reviewed. Doors and kitchen will open at 6:00 PM. Registration will close at 8:00 PM.
- **Fishing Hours:** Lines in the water at 7:00 AM. Weigh-in time will close at 4:00 PM. Start and finish times will be by official clock only.
- **Weigh-in Station:** **Forked River Tuna Club - 18 Bay Avenue, Forked River**
- **Early Entry Drawing:** Only **Adults** are eligible for the "Early Entry" drawing. (postmarked by June 27th) Drawing will be Friday, July 11, 2025, at the Angler's Meeting.
- **Mermaid Division:** Entrants must be **12 years of age or under** and must be accompanied by an adult (male or female). Adult accompanying mermaid must be a registered tournament angler or a paying male parent/guardian. All fishing and/or crabbing must be done by the registered mermaid. All tournament rules apply to Mermaid Division.
- **Refunds:** If the angler, for whatever reason, decides not to fish or crab, there is no refund of registration fee. All participants will fish or crab at their own risk. A male may operate boat, but the registered female angler or mermaid must do all the fishing and/or crabbing.
- **Prizes:** In the Women's Division, there will be prizes for the fluke and sea bass categories. In the Mermaid Division, prizes will be awarded for fluke and crab categories. Crabs must be a minimum of 4-1/2" point to point. An eligible fluke must be a minimum of 18" in length. There is a 3 fish limit per person at 18" or greater. Sea bass have a minimum size limit of 12 1/2" and there is a 1 fish limit per person.
- Prizes will be awarded by weight only. All fish and crabs must be weighed in at the Forked River Tuna Club no later than 4:00 PM. on Saturday, July 12, 2025, and must be weighed in by a weigh-in station official. Adult Anglers are limited to one fluke and/or one sea bass per angler. Mermaid Anglers are limited to a one fluke and/or a total weight of five (5) preselected crabs, caught by drop line or individual crab trap per angler. If a crab trap is used the dimensions must not be greater than 12-1/2 inches by 12-1/2 inches by 12-1/2 inches.
- In case of fish of equal weight, first fish weighed in holds the position.
- A weigh-in station official will inspect all fish and crabs considered for place in tournament. Their decision concerning eligibility is to be final.
- Prizes will only be awarded to anglers registered in the tournament. Each angler is limited to one prize per category. If no fluke are weighed in, there will a drawing for the custom rod for all adult registered anglers.
- Results will be posted at the Forked River Tuna Club prior to awards dinner for review. All protests must be made **IN WRITING-IN PERSON by 4:00 PM. on the fishing day** at the Forked River Tuna Club. Any discrepancies should be reported to a Tournament Chairperson. All entrants agree that the decision of the Tournament Chairperson(s) shall be final.
- When drawing Door Prizes, if a basket contains alcohol and a minor's number is called, she will receive the next basket that does not contain alcohol.