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Note to Participants:

The most common violations that are encountered by Wardens are:

- ✓ **No License** – Carry your valid Fishing License with you at all times while fishing.
- ✓ **No Conservation Stamp** – You have to carry this one too.
- ✓ **Possession / Creel Limit** – You are only allowed 1 lake trout over 24” in your possession. CAUTION: A fish you caught yesterday that is in your cooler or freezer still counts towards your possession limit!
- ✓ **Illegal Bait** – Such as game fish minnows or live minnows.
- ✓ **Unattended Fishing Poles** – If you leave your pole for any reason, it must not have line in the water.
- ✓ **Using More Than 2 Poles**
- ✓ **Filleting Trout**

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Accommodations



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2012 Pinedale Boat Club Big Fish Winter Derby

March 3rd & 4th



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Kyle Robertson

2010 Grand Prize Winner

Rules And Regulations

Notice of Event

The Big Fish Winter Derby will be held at Fremont Lake, Pinedale, Wyoming on the weekend of Saturday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 4th, 2012. Only fish, freshly caught through the ice in Fremont Lake and meeting the size limitations set forth in these Rules and regulations are eligible for prizes. The hours of the Derby are:

Saturday, March 3 rd	-	7:00a to 4:00p
Sunday, March 4 th	-	7:00a to 2:00p

Headquarters and Weigh-ins

Derby headquarters will be at the Lakeside Lodge on the South end of Fremont Lake. **Each entrant must check in at derby headquarters prior to fishing each day.** Fishing is not allowed before 7:00a. Fish caught earlier than 7:00a will not be accepted for entry in the Derby and will result in immediate disqualification of the entrant and forfeiture of all prizes. All fish entered must be weighed-in and scored at Lakeside Lodge. Frozen fish will not be accepted for entry in the Derby. Entries will not be accepted after 4:00p on Saturday, March 3rd or 2:00p on Sunday, March 4th. Weigh-ins and scoring will be conducted by Derby Officials, whose decisions shall be final and binding.

Fees, Registration and G&F Rules

Entrants must have a valid 2012 Wyoming fishing license **and conservation stamp** in their possession during the hours of the Derby. **All Wyoming Fishing Regulations and creel limits¹ applicable to Fremont Lake shall apply** and will be enforced by Game and Fish personnel. Live fish bait is not allowed. The entry fees for the Pinedale Boat Club Big Fish Winter Derby are as follows:

Boat Club Members	-	\$20.00
Non-Members	-	\$40.00

Note: A single Boat Club membership is included in the price of non-member registration.

Registration for the Derby will be held on Friday, March 2nd from 6:00p to 9:00p at the VFW Post 4801, 1033 W Pine, Pinedale, Wyoming. Entrants also may register at the Derby headquarters on Fremont Lake beginning at 6:00a on the days of the Event.

Prizes and Size Limits

Prizes will be awarded on an hourly and daily basis for the biggest fish caught. The biggest fish will be determined by weight. To enter, a fish must meet the following size limitations:

Lake Trout	-	24" or longer
Brown Trout	-	16" or longer
Rainbow Trout	-	16" or longer

Fish not meeting the size limits should be released. Children under 14 may enter fish in the Youth Big Fish division with fish that are 12" or longer. Wyoming creel limits provide that an individual may possess six (6) trout and "only one (1) lake trout shall exceed twenty (24) inches". Accordingly, **anyone entering a lake trout, 24" or longer, in the Big Fish category may not enter another lake trout, 24" or longer on the same day**, as that would violate the participant's daily limit. Culling (releasing previously caught fish to maintain creel limit) is illegal and will result in disqualification. Entrants, however, can continue to participate that day and enter brown or rainbow trout. The categories and prizes are as follows:

DAILY BIG FISH

Grand Prize	-	\$1000.00
Second Place	-	\$400.00
Third Place	-	\$200.00
Fourth Place	-	\$150.00
Brown Trout	-	\$200.00
Rainbow Trout	-	\$200.00

HOURLY BIG FISH - \$100.00

YOUTH DAILY BIG FISH (under 14)

Grand Prize	-	\$100.00
Second Place	-	Fishing Rod & Reel
Third Place	-	Fishing Gear

Note: Any fish entered in the derby is considered "**reduced to possession**" under the Wyoming fishing regulations, and cannot be released.

Note: Possession limit means the maximum number of game fish that may legally be in possession **at any time in any form**. Game fish in transit or storage, **including home or domicile**, shall be considered in possession. Possession limits apply regardless of how many days an angler has fished.

Note: The daily big fish winner of the \$1000.00 Grand Prize will not be eligible for the hourly Big Fish prizes, but may enter the Brown and/or Rainbow Trout Big Fish category subject to creel limit provisions.

Entries in the Hourly Big Fish category must be freshly caught and promptly entered. If no fish are entered during any hourly period, the second largest fish from the preceding hour will be awarded the current hourly prize. If the following hourly period again has no entries, the third largest fish from the prior hourly period will be awarded that hours prize, and so on. In the event there are no prior entries, the hourly prize will accumulate and roll over until a winner is determined.

Disclaimers and Restrictions

Automobiles, trucks, and pets are prohibited on the ice, unless specifically authorized by Derby officials. Do not litter the lake, ice or adjacent area. Do not throw cigarette butts in the lake or on the ice. Entrants are expected to practice good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in a responsible and safe manner. Violation of these Rules and Regulations, or violation of Wyoming Fishing Regulations, will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all prizes. Each entrant assumes all risks and liabilities. The Pinedale Boat Club disclaims responsibility for any and all personal injury or other liability that might occur as a result of participation in this Derby.

¹ Wyoming Game and Fish Regulations Chapter 46 Section 6 regarding creel limits reads in part, "... (b) Any fish caught that is not to be counted in the creel limit shall be immediately released to the water with as little injury to the fish as possible. Any fish placed on a stringer, in a container, in a live well, or not released immediately to the water, shall be considered to be reduced to possession of the angler. No fish that has been reduced to possession of the angler shall be released alive without prior written approval from the Department." This means that any fish entered in the Derby is "reduced to possession", can not be released, and counts towards the entrants creel limit.