2019 Mac Attack Derby
27-28 April, 2019
Flaming Gorge Reservoir

Official Derby Rules and Regulations

- This is a lake trout only derby.
- Only lake trout with a total length less than 25 inches are eligible.
- Each team member can enter up to 12 lake trout less than 25 inches per day.
- Each team may enter up to 24 lake trout less than 25 inches per day and up to 48 for the derby.

Prize categories:

- Team with the most weight of lake trout less than 25 inches:
  - The tie breaker will be the first team to enter their catch on Sunday.
  - Fish greater than 25 inches will be disqualified and not count towards the total weight. Derby officials make the final determination.
- Participation prize:
  - Winning team will be drawn from all eligible teams that check in one or more eligible lake trout both days.
  - Winners of the teams with most weight category are not eligible for the participation prize.
- Payouts:
  - Team with the most weight of lake trout less than 25 inches:
    - 1st place – 40% entry fees
    - 2nd place – 20% entry fees
    - 3rd place – 15% entry fees
    - 4th place – 10% entry fees
    - 5th place – 5 % entry fees
  - Participation prize:
    - 1st place – 10% entry fees
- Winners: Flaming Gorge Chamber of Commerce will post winners on their website - Flaminggorgecountry.com and on Facebook - visitflaminggorge. Prize money will be contingent on entries. Entry fees will be redistributed as prizes, therefore the more anglers that enter the derby the bigger the prize payouts. A small amount of entry fees may be used to defray derby costs (e.g. insurance, permit fees, etc.). Checks will be mailed to winners.
Derby Rules and Regulations:

1. **A team will consist of 2 members.** All team members must fish together i.e. use the same boat, bank, etc. Passengers are allowed in the boat.

2. **Entry fee: $100.00 per team.** This is a cash-in – cash-out derby. Please be prepared to pay entry fee in cash.

3. **Derby registrations:** A team must be registered to be eligible for prizes. Registration will be **Friday April 26, 2019, between 8:30 am-5:00 pm.** Each member must register in person at one of the following locations: Lucerne Marina Store, UT, Flaming Gorge Market, Manila UT, Green River Chamber of Commerce, WY or Rock Springs Chamber of Commerce, WY on. **After hours registration** will also be available from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Flaming Gorge Market, Manila UT and Lucerne Marina Store, UT. **All participants must sign an affidavit agreeing to comply with all derby rules.**

4. Any unregistered angler in your party may jeopardize the validity of your team’s catch and be grounds for disqualification.

5. All of Flaming Gorge Reservoir is involved in the tournament, except for no fishing inside of the buoys at Buckboard, Lucerne and Cedar Springs Marinas.

6. **Official derby fishing hours:** Thirty minutes before sunrise to 3 pm both Saturday and Sunday.

7. Three fish weigh-in locations will be open from 12 pm to 5 pm both Saturday and Sunday: Lucerne Marina Store parking lot, Wyoming Game and Fish Department office parking lot in Green River, WY and Cedar Springs Marina parking lot, near fillet station. **Fish must be checked in each tournament day.** No exceptions. Fish caught on Saturday cannot be entered again on Sunday. Weigh-in locations will close promptly at 5 pm. Any team that is not in line by 5 pm sharp, either day, will not be allowed to enter their fish in the tournament.

8. To ensure fish are not entered both days, participants will be required to remove half of the tail fin after their fish have been checked in and prior to leaving the weigh-in location.

9. Contestants are reminded that lake trout are a game fish and small lake trout are great table fare. Take care of them properly and enjoy eating them. It is unlawful for a person to take and leave, abandon, or allow any game fish or edible portion to intentionally or needlessly go to waste.

10. The Derby committee claims no responsibility for accidents. It is highly recommended that all entrants wear life vests while on the water. The tournament is subject to cancellation or temporary suspension due to weather. Cancellation will be determined by tournament officials, the US Forest Service (USFS), Daggett County Sheriff’s Department, Sweetwater County Sherriff’s Department, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) or Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD). Anglers may be notified by Marine Band Radio or text message.

11. A USFS Recreation Use Pass may be required for anglers using certain areas in the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. It is the participant’s responsibility to be aware of those locations.

12. If fishing in Wyoming and using an ATV, a Wyoming Off-road Vehicle Permit is required. It is your responsibility to make sure you are complying with all local, state and federal regulations.

13. All contestants must observe all US Coast Guard, Wyoming Game and Fish, Utah DWR, Utah State Parks, US Forest Service, and Daggett/Sweetwater County rules and regulations concerning
sport fishing and safe boating on Flaming Gorge Reservoir. This includes UT and WY AIS regulations. Participants violating rules or regulations of any of the above will be disqualified.

14. **Per Wyoming Game and Fish and Utah DWR:** Culling is not permitted. The decision to release a fish or keep it for contest entry must be made immediately upon capture. Any fish caught that is not to be entered into the contest shall be immediately released to the water with as little injury to the fish as possible. Once a fish is put on a stringer, in a container or in a live well it cannot be released. Participants violating this rule will be disqualified.

15. **AIS inspection requirements:** Any contest watercraft coming from out of the state of Wyoming by land from March 1 through November 30 is required to undergo a mandatory inspection by an authorized AIS inspector prior to launching. Participants violating that regulation will be disqualified. **Teams that launch and/or fish from a boat in Utah that do not present a copy of the Boater Aware Certification from Utah Division of Wildlife Resources with their entry fee before registration risk being disqualified.** Computers will NOT be available to complete this certification, teams must plan ahead. Complete the certification at the following website: [https://dwrapps.utah.gov/wex/dbconnection.jsp?examnbr=510060](https://dwrapps.utah.gov/wex/dbconnection.jsp?examnbr=510060).

16. **Violation regulations:** All contestants must abide by all Wyoming Game and Fish Department and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources regulations concerning fishing, aquatic invasive species and boating. Any participant found to violate any WGFD or UDWR regulation from thirty minutes before sunrise Saturday, April 27 until 3 pm Sunday, April 28 will be disqualified.

Permitted by the Ashley National Forest Service, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.
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Mission and Justification

Mission: Enhance the world class fishery in Flaming Gorge Reservoir.

The Mac Attack Derby at Flaming Gorge Reservoir was conceived with two objectives: 1) instantaneous removal of a large number of small lake trout (\(< 25\) inches), 2) educate the public about the high numbers of small lake trout, liberal harvest limits on small lake trout, that they are great table fare and fun to catch. So do your part during this derby and the remainder of the year to enhance our fishery - harvest small lake trout.

The diverse fishery in Flaming Gorge Reservoir features rainbow trout, Bear River cutthroat trout, kokanee salmon, and trophy lake trout. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and US Fish and Wildlife Service stock large numbers of rainbow trout, Bear River cutthroat trout, and kokanee to enhance angling opportunity in the reservoir. The coming years should see exceptional fishing for kokanee and great fishing for rainbow trout and Bear River cutthroat trout. Lake trout maintain themselves through natural reproduction. There is also a very large population of small lake trout (\(< 25\) inches) in the reservoir.

Although small lake trout eat predominantly zooplankton, crawfish and aquatic insects, seasonally they also prey upon significant numbers of juvenile trout and salmon. To maintain a healthy fishery, the number of small lake trout needs to be reduced, thereby minimizing their impact on the other fisheries -- especially kokanee. Fewer small lake trout also equates to faster growth for the remaining population. A future robust trophy lake trout fishery depends on reducing competition between juvenile lake trout so they have enough food available to grow fast and achieve trophy size while they are young. Angler harvest is a highly effective tool to reduce the population of small lake trout.