**Fishing**

Whether it be fly fishing, surf casting, boat fishing or spear fishing - find all the info regarding fishing and fishing competitions in the NZFS right here.

**News:**

National Trout Fishing competition - Click [**HERE**](http://firenet.fire.org.nz/Sports-and-Social/NZFS%20Document/Trout%20Fishing%20entry%20form.doc) for entry form.

**Up-Coming Events:**

THE COMPETITION

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|  Monday      | 6th August 2012    |  Registration |
|  Tuesday  | 7th   August 2012    |  Competition |
|  Wednesday  | 8th  August 2012    |  Competition |
|  Thursday  | 9th   August 2012    |  Competition and prize giving |

VENUES :     TURANGI  –  LAKE TAUPO

FISHING AREA:

Anywhere in the Lake Taupo Area as detailed and as explained on the front of the Taupo District License as issued by the Conservation Department for that year.

ELIGIBLE COMPETITORS:

1.  All personnel employed by the NEW ZEALAND FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION i.e. volunteer, permanent, civilian staff, retired personnel, and those brigades covered under the determination as works, their spouses and children.

2.  Outsiders – as long as they are with a party of fire persons, and no more than one outsider per fire person.

CONDITIONS ON COMPETITORS:

1.  All anglers must hold a current “LAKE TAUPO FISHING LICENSE” and shall produce it at registration and to any other  person on demand.

2.  All anglers must register in person before 2000hrs on Monday at the Turangi Fire Station where A.G.M. will follow at 2000hrs.

3.  All anglers must abide by ALL fishing regulations in force at the time for the area as laid down by the ;

            Fisheries Act 1983.

            Taupo Fishing Regulations 1984.

            Maori Land Amendment and Maori Land Claims Adjustment Act 1926.

            D.O.C. Regulations as promulgated.

 4.  All anglers must abide by the rules of the competition as set out by the judges of the competition.

 5.  The Judges decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

 6.  A protest can be lodged with the judges so long as:-

(a)     It is done before the daily weigh in is completed.

(b)    It pertains to that day only.

(c)  No protest shall be recognized unless it is in writing and a $20 bond is lodged with the protest.

ENTRY FEE;

Total fee is $36.00 per entrant.

TEAMS;

$45.00 per team (payable on Registration Day – Monday)

Teams shall consist of three persons.

ONE entrant only may be a Non Fire Service Member.

Cost to individual members of teams will be:   $15.00.

Team members can enter their catch in individual and team events.

All monies not used for the competition costs will be used for special spot prizes.

All bar coats will be met by the competitors. Final day buffet meal will be approximately $10.00 per head payable on Registration Day.

Monday evening;

Registration at Turangi Fire Station in the social room commencing at 1900 hrs and concluding at 2000 hrs. Followed by the A.G.M.

Tuesday;

0500 hrs  \_   Competition will start.

          1200 hrs  –   1230 hrs,  First weigh in at Turangi Fire Station.

2000 hrs  –   2100 hrs,  Second weigh in at Turangi Fire station  .

A social drink will be available to all.

Wednesday;

0500 hrs Competition will start , and the weigh in times are the same as day one.

Thursday;

0500 hrs  -  Competition will start , final day.

Mid-day weigh in as above.

1700 hrs –  1800 hrs  final weigh in.

ALL WEIGH IN TIMES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

PRIZE GIVING;

Will commence after the buffet dinner. Time to be announced by our hosts Turangi Fire.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1)      Competitors must be holders of current Lake Taupo Fishing Licenses and will    obey all fishing regulations laid out on the license.

2)      Fishing license must be produced at registration.

3)      All boat owners must have launching ramp permits

4)      All competitors must be employees or servants (volunteers) of the New Zealand Fire Service Commission.

a)        Non members must be sponsored by a New Zealand Fire Service member on a one to one ratio.

b)       New Zealand Fire Service members spouses or children are classified as members for the competition.

5)      All competitors must obey the rights of access to private land as a privilege and achieve such rights themselves. This competition does NOT give such rights.

6)      All competitors shall adhere to any request by Conservation Department Rangers (appointed under the Conservation Act 1983) in the execution of their duty.

7)      All competitors must remember other anglers have as much right to fishing positions as themselves. Being a competitor gives no rights to fishing spots or positions on the rivers or lakes.

8)      All fish presented for ‘weigh in’ must be caught on the day. No frozen, weighed or gutted fish will be accepted.

9)      No spent fish shall be kept for competition purposes.

10)  The MINIMUM length of fish shall be as per the current Taupo fishing license regulation.

11)  All fish weighed in will have a notch cut in the anal fin to mark that they have been weighed, to ensure they are not produced twice. Where a trophy fish is presented special arrangements can be made at the judges discretion.

12)  All competitors will agree that any fish may be retained by the judges until final day of the competition.

13)  Only appointed weigh masters to conduct weigh ins. No fish will be accepted before or after set times, and weigh in times will be strictly adhered to.

14)  All competitors must accept in the case of a draw (in the weight competition) the condition factor, will be the decider.  And in the condition factor, the weight will be the deciding factor.

15)  All competitors shall agree to any conditions set down by the judges, even once the competition has commenced.

16)  All competitors must agree to names or photos of winners being published in the New Zealand Fire Service Gazette or any other publication as decided by the judges.

17)  A non fire service competitor is NOT eligible for the trophy prize.

18)  The New Zealand Fire Service Commission will not be held liable, or made liable for any action, damage, accident or loss caused by any competitor, during,    before or after the competition.

19)  All teams will be nominated at the time of registration. Payment for team entry at the same time.

20)  RIGHT OF PROTEST.

Any protest as to the running or conduct of competitors or the competition will be heard only after the protest is in writing and a $20-00 bond has been lodged. Protest can only be for the day of the alleged offences. (If protest is upheld the $20-00 bond will be refunded. If not upheld $20-00 bond will go towards competition costs). The judges and two other persons, who can be nominated by the protester and the defendant, will hear the protest.

21)  The judges reserve the right to default a competitor for breach of these rules.

22)  The competition will be limited to 100 entrants only.

23)  23. The judges will be named on the day of registration and will include at least three   persons from the organizing committee.