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2008 Black Bass Fishing Contest Permit Drawing

The Department of Fish and Game would like to welcome you to this year's Black Bass Fishing Contest Permit Drawing. We have included agendas for both the Northern California Drawing which will again be held at the Prison Industry Authority Conference Facility in Sacramento Friday, July 11th and the Southern California Drawing will be held at our DFG Field Office in Los Alamitos Friday, July 18th.

We would like to reiterate the importance of receiving your proposed tournament schedules (Dates and Locations) before the day of the drawing. This will enable us to add them onto our calendars and into our database, which in turn will significantly reduce the time it will take to get started and for everything to run smoothly. If you would like to make a change to your schedule after it has been sent to us, please contact us anytime before the day of the drawing, so that we can make the appropriate correction. All proposed schedules will be kept confidential until the day of the drawing.

Also, we would like everyone to be aware of the change in application fee for 2008. The current application fee is \$50.00 per Event type contest application.

Hope to see you all at the tournament drawing.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle D. Murphy".

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To All Holders of Tournament Permits:

As you are aware, quagga and zebra mussels, invasive mollusks with high reproductive capability, have become established in the waters of the Colorado River, a water in San Benito County, and in southern California. Water districts have been highly concerned with both increased cost of maintenance of water systems and spreading of mussels to non-infested areas. Some water districts have closed their lakes to all boats in general or to those from infested areas. Many districts and legislators have approached the Department of Fish and Game about the potential threat of moving the larvae and adult mussels by vessels launching in infested waters and moving to un-infested waters, especially those associated with fishing tournaments. These mussels pose a great ecological risk to the fisheries on which we rely.

As you also know, special conditions may be applied to tournament permits to provide for the welfare of fish populations as noted below from Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 230, (f) and (h):

(f) Special Conditions. To provide for the welfare of fish populations or individual fish, the department may impose special conditions not specifically covered herein for any contest. The Department shall provide such conditions in writing to the applicant when issuing the permit. The applicant shall provide copies or otherwise inform every participant of the special conditions. It is unlawful for any person participating in a contest permitted under the authority of this Section to violate any condition of the permit.

(h) Revocation or Denial of Permits. Failure of a permittee to comply with the provisions of this section, and any special conditions applied under this section, can result in the revocation of current permits or denial of applications for future permits, as determined by the department.

The Department has found it necessary to apply new special regulations to all contests and has developed the following rules for **all** fishing contests involving vessels, including float tubes, belly boats, and other devices. *These conditions are hereby an addendum to the contest permits issued to you for 2008, and will be part of all 2009 permit special conditions:*