

2026 Benzie Fishing Frenzie - Satellite To The Lucky 7

WHEN: Wednesday, August 26, 2026

REGISTRATION

Tuesday, August 25th, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: Mineral Springs Park Pavilion

CAPTAIN'S MEETING:

Tuesday August 25th, 7pm Mineral Springs Park Pavilion

Entry Fee: \$140 per team (includes captain and all crew)

4% processing fee applies to credit card entries

Checks payable to: Benzie Fishing Frenzie

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Fishing Time: 6:30 AM – 1:00 PM

All boats must remain within ½ mile of the Frankfort/Elberta pierheads before 6:30 AM

Official "GO FISH" call at 6:30 AM on VHF Channel 68

Coolers must be in line for weigh in by 1:00 PM

Communication:

Not a radio-silence tournament

VHF Channel 68 will be used for all official communication

Port Rules:

Boats may leave from any marina/launch on Betsie Bay

Boat & Cooler Checks:

Boats and coolers may be inspected on tournament day. If you have not been checked prior to 5:45 AM you are permitted to leave the dock. No boat may leave the dock/launch prior to 5:45 AM

Captain & Crew Requirements:

Maximum 9 rods, which requires 3 licensed anglers

Unlimited crew size

Observers:

Not required, but may be assigned at the Tournament Director's discretion

FISHING RULES

Max Lines: 9 lines total in the water at one time, A fish hooked is considered a line in the water

Line Rules: Max 2 baits per line; sliders must be under 72"

BOAT REQUIREMENTS

Minimum 18' length (per state registration)

Must have a working marine radio

No physical contact with other boats or shore unless pre-approved

Boats not returning under their own power are disqualified

FISHING LAWS & LIMITS

All Michigan DNR laws apply

Fishing must occur from a moving boat

No gaffing or shore fishing

All anglers must carry a valid MI fishing license

Catch Limits:

5 Fish in any combination of any legal species.

Teams must have 3 licensed anglers on board in order to weigh 5 lake trout.

Size limits per DNR regulations

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SCORING SYSTEM

10 points per fish + 1 point per pound

Ties broken by largest fish, then split prize if still tied

WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE

Begins at approx. 12:00 PM on Wednesday at Mineral Springs Park Pavilion

Coolers (max 5 fish) must be in line by 1:00 PM

Extra fish: One extra fish results in loss of that fish plus one more

Loose ice/water in cooler = -5 points

Foreign substances (e.g. ice in mouth/body cavity) = disqualification

Team is responsible for transporting its own cooler

WEATHER POLICY

This is a "Fish At Your Own Risk" Tournament. There will be no weather calls.

PROTESTS

Must be submitted in writing with a \$50 deposit within 5 minutes of the last fish leaving the scale

All Tournament Director decisions are final

PRIZES

Top finishing boats will be awarded free entry in the 2026 Benzie Fishing Frenzie Lucky 7 "Big Boys" to be held on Thursday August 27th 2026. 1st place is guaranteed no matter how many boats enter. Every 5 boats after the first 5 will add another free entry to the prizes. Free entries have no cash value and are non-transferable.

COMMUNITY CONDUCT

We are guests in the city of Frankfort, please treat the community with respect. Any actions by an individual that could reflect negatively on the Benzie Fishing Frenzie in the eyes of the Frankfort community could result in team disqualification.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Tournament Director:

Steve Joslin – (231) 633-6775

On behalf of the Tournament Director, committee, and our sponsors — thank you, stay safe, and have fun!