

# 2025 Benzie Fishing Frenzie - Lucky 7 “Big Boys” Rules

**WHEN: Thursday, August 21, 2025**

## **REGISTRATION**

Wednesday, August 20 at 5:30 PM

Location: Mineral Springs Park Pavilion

## **CAPTAIN’S MEETING:**

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$700 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 – 1:30 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

Boats must be inside the pierheads by 1:30:00 PM sharp or will be disqualified

### **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

Teams must declare their launch location at the Captains Meeting

### **Boat & Cooler Checks:**

Boats and coolers may be inspected on tournament day

### **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

### **Tournament Flags:**

Provided flag must be clearly visible on the port side during tournament hours

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## **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:**

7 Fish in any combination of salmon, lake trout, steelhead or brown trout.  
Teams must have 4 licensed anglers on board in order to weigh 7 lake trout.  
Size limits per DNR regulations

## **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. 1:00 PM on Friday at Mineral Springs Park Pavilion  
Coolers (max 7 fish) must be in line by 2:30 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**

Weather committee of 3 captains (varied boat sizes/types) will advise Tournament Director  
3+ hours of fishing between 6:30 AM – 1:30 PM required for valid tournament  
In case of weather stoppage, radio call will announce end of tournament  
All boats must return to port and coolers must be in weigh-in line within 1.5 hours

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

If canceled, a portion of the entry fee will be retained to cover expenses

## **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

## **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!**