MUSKY FESTIVAL FISHING CONTEST

June 19-21, 2025 (Thursday-Saturday)

100% CATCH, PHOTO, WITNESS & RELEASE EVENT

Youth (1-12) and Adult Divisions
7 Fish Categories
Bluegill/Sunfish, Crappie, Perch,
Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass,
Northern Pike, Walleye,
Musky



Show us your pictures!

Bring your official entry pictures and other bragging pics to the Fish Contest Booth.

Pics may also be emailed to: muskyfestfish@gmail.com

Brought to you by Muskies Inc. Hayward Chapter and the Hayward Bass Club



Prizes Awarded at the Fish Contest
Booth on Main Street at 4pm,
Saturday, June 21st
Must Be Present to Win!
A Bonus Prize of a Kayak will be
awarded to one successful angler!



OFFICIAL FISH ENTRY FORM (Each fish requires a new form)

or emailed to muskyfestfish@gmai	I.com Compete Rules and I	nstructions on back	
ENTRANT'S NAME (Print Clearly)		AGE (If Youth)	
STREET ADDRESS		PHONE	
CITY	STATE	ZIP	
FISH SPECIES (check one) \square Bluegill/Sunfis	h □ Crappie □ Perch □	Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass	
□ Northern P	ike □ Walleye □ Musky		
FISH LENGTH (Nearest ½ inch—round down)	LAKE		
DATE RELEASED (check one) ☐ Thursday, J	une 19 🛘 Friday, June 20) □ Saturday, June 21	
ENTRANT'S SIGNATURE			
WITNESS NAME (Print Clearly)		PHONE	
WITNESS ADRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	
WITNESS SIGNATURE			
STAFF/JUDGES USE ☐ Picture presented	and verified Judges O	fficial Length	
If Bass Check one □ Largemouth □ Smallr	mouth If Musky Check o	ne □ Clear/Barred □ Tiger	
☐ Kayak Entry Su	bmitted		

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Catch, Photo & Witnessed Release Event

Contest Overview

- The Fishing Contest is open Thursday, June 19 (sunrise) Saturday, June 21 (3:00 p.m.) in all Hayward area waters.
- Wisconsin fishing and boating regulations apply. Check current rules for lake-specific guidelines.
- Fish must be caught, photographed, and released with a witness present for verification.

Entry Process

Capture and Measure

o Place the fish on a bump board or ruler and photograph, ensuring full length is visible in the photo.

Witnessed Live Release

- o Release the fish -- a witness must see and confirm the live release.
- o If the fish is **below legal harvest size or in a protected slot, it must be released immediately** after measuring and photographing with a witness present.
- o If legally harvestable, it may be transported to a witness before release.

Submit Your Entry

- o Complete the registration/release form, sign it, and have your witness sign.
- o Submit form(s) in person at the Fish Contest Booth on Main Street.
- o Photo evidence of the fish size is needed when form is submitted.
- Photo evidence can be: a printed picture, a picture shown to registration officials on an electronic device (phone, tablet, laptop), or you can email the photo(s) to muskyfestfish@gmail.com before you arrive with your registration form.
- Booth will accept entries: Friday: 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
- Additional angler photos (you with your fish) may be submitted or emailed for booth display.

Prizes and Winner Requirements

- The contest features two Divisions: Adult and Youth (12 & under).
- There are seven eligible fish categories:
 - Bluegill/Sunfish, Crappie, Yellow Perch, Bass (Largemouth & Smallmouth combined), Northern Pike, Walleye, Musky
- **First and second place winners** will be awarded in each category for both divisions. All successful Musky anglers will receive a special award.
- A big bonus award of a Kayak will be awarded via a drawing from all the successful anglers from either Division that entered a fish in any category!
- Winners must be present at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday at the Fishing Contest Booth ceremony to claim prizes.
- Judges will verify fish size using submitted photos. All decisions are final.

Contest Rules Summary

- ✓ All Hayward area waters are eligible.
- ✓ Wisconsin fishing and boating rules must be followed.
- ✓ Fish must be caught, photographed, and released between sunrise on June 19 and 3:00 p.m. on June 21.
- ✓ Photos must show the entire fish on a bump board or ruler for verification.
- ✓ A witness must verify the live release and sign the entry form.
- ✓ Registration forms must be submitted in person at the booth before the deadline.
- ✓ Entrants must attend the awards ceremony at 4:00 p.m. Saturday to win—includes kayak drawing.
- ✓ Rule violations result in disqualification.
- ✓ Judges' decisions are final.