

MUSKY FESTIVAL FISHING CONTEST

June 25-27, 2026 (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 27th
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)

Each fish entry requires accompanying photo of fish on a bump board or ruler

Photos must be brought to the Contest Booth via a printout, an electronic device (phone, tablet, digital camera or laptop)
or emailed to muskyfestfish@gmail.com Compete Rules and Instructions on back

ENTRANT'S NAME (Print Clearly) _____ AGE (If Youth) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

FISH SPECIES (check one) Bluegill/Sunfish Crappie Perch Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass

Northern Pike Walleye Musky

FISH LENGTH (Nearest 1/2 inch—round down) _____ LAKE _____

DATE RELEASED (check one) Thursday, June 25 Friday, June 26 Saturday, June 27

ENTRANT'S SIGNATURE _____

WITNESS NAME (Print Clearly) _____ PHONE _____

WITNESS ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

WITNESS SIGNATURE _____

STAFF/JUDGES USE Picture presented and verified Judges Official Length _____

If Bass Check one Largemouth Smallmouth If Musky Check one Clear/Barred Tiger

Kayak Entry Submitted

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Catch, Photo & Witnessed Release Event

Contest Overview

- The Fishing Contest is open **Thursday, June 25 (sunrise) – Saturday, June 27 (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**
 - Place the fish on a bump board or ruler and photograph, ensuring full length is visible in the photo.
- **Witnessed Live Release**
 - Release the fish -- a witness must see and confirm the live release.
 - 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.
 - If legally harvestable, it may be transported to a witness before release.
- **Submit Your Entry**
 - Complete the **registration/release form**, sign it, and have your witness sign.
 - Submit form(s) **in person** at the **Fish Contest Booth on Main Street**.
 - 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. Do not email registration forms.
 - **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) are requested 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!**
- **Other prizes will be awarded by drawing from all entrants.**
- **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 25 and 3:00 p.m. on June 27.
- ✓ 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—including kayak drawing.**
- ✓ Rule violations result in disqualification.
- ✓ Judges' decisions are final.