

# 2011 ATHC RULES

- **Invitational/Open** – The tournament is open to all teams with the intent to cap it at 80 teams. All teams entered from the previous year are guaranteed a spot and entry priority when their entries are received and postmarked on or before November 16<sup>th</sup>. After November 16<sup>th</sup>, entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until all spots are filled. All teams that did not participate in the prior year are encouraged to enter early to better their chance at securing a spot. Entry this year ensures your team entry priority in next year's event. Teams are encouraged to have at least two anglers although solo anglers will be allowed at the two angler rate.
- **Check In** – Team check-ins begin at 3:45 am until 5:15 am, at the Dana Landing launch ramp in Mission Bay. A team member **MUST** check in to pick up their captain's bag and grid map. Boats will then meet in the water on the North East side of Ventura Bridge (Mission Bay) no later than 5:30 am for roll call and group photo shot from bridge. Have your VHF turned on to channel 71. The start will take place at approximately 6:30 am. Early departure will be grounds for DQ.
- **IGFA Rules Apply** - Bounce-balling and drift fishing with trap rigs is allowed with single hooks only. Gang (double and treble) hooks are permitted when attached to plugs or other artificial lures that are specifically designed for this use. Baits may not be used with Gang hooks.
- **Gaffs** - Not to exceed 8 feet.
- **Rods** - Anglers may use up to 2 rods per angler at any time.
- **Boundaries** - Includes the inside waters of Mission Bay and the outside waters strictly North of Mission Bay jetty to Oceanside.
- **Tournament Ch - 71**. All boats must have a working VHF radio. **All legal Halibut (22 in) brought aboard boat and kept must be called into tournament control immediately to report anglers name and the grid area where the fish is caught.** A special grid map will be given to all boats at check-in on the morning of the tournament.
- **Weigh In** - All boats must be at the weigh-in dock by 3:00 pm sharp (NO EXCEPTIONS!). Due to the possibility of multiple boats needing to weigh in you will be required to call in on Ch -71 once you are near the weigh-in dock and a visual can be made of your boat. This will only need to be done if there is no room at the weigh-in dock. In the unlikely event of two fish weighing the same weight, the first fish weighed will be determined the winner. In the event that no legal fish are taken there will be drawings for all places. The side jackpots will also be awarded by a separate drawing (- 15%) to the team that participated in one or more of the side jackpots. If a team did not participate in all side jackpots then the drawing will continue until all side jackpots are claimed. If there are an insufficient number of halibut weighed in to claim all the cash prizes (not including side jackpots) the unclaimed cash prizes will be added to the claimed prizes on a pro-rata basis. One team will be allowed to place multiple times (1st, 2nd, etc.).
- **Weather** - In the event that weather causes a cancellation the tournament will be held the following day Sun the 27th of November. In the event that weather also cancels Sunday the 27th of November a drawing(s) will be held until all prizes are claimed. Rain will not necessarily constitute a cancellation. All teams/anglers fish at their own risk.
- **Refunds** - Refunds will be given only if notice is received by November 16, 2011 **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **Special note** - Due to the growing number of boats in this tournament, please be considerate to others and promptly pull your vehicle and boat forward of the launch area to allow for things to flow smoothly for all.