

SECTION 6 – MID CANADA FISH CARVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

General Competition Rules, Skill Levels, Awards, Judging and Registration:
Please see pages 4 to 8 of the rules booklet

Division W Natural Finish Fish

- Category 1 Natural Finish Fish – Realistic
- Category 2 Natural Finish Fish – Stylized or artistic

- All entries must be of a species native to North America.
- Carvings are not required to be life-size.
- Carvings can have either a smooth or wood burned finish.
- Only transparent stains and clear finishes may be used. Opaque paints are not allowed.
- The wood grain must be visible through the finish.
- Glass eyes or other inserts are not allowed **except inserted wood fins**
- Stylized or Artistic is open to any interpretation or style provided the finished carving is not a true-to-life carving.

Division X Fish Decoys

- Category 3 Realistic decoys
- Category 4 Working Decoys

- All Fish Decoys must be weighted with an attachment point and **will be swimming in this competition**. A water tank will be available for the swimming competition.
- Fish decoys may have adjusted pectoral and pelvic fin positions to accommodate decoy performance.
- Realistic Fish Decoys are a lifelike rendition of the species. Maximum detailing allowed.
- Working Fish Decoys must reflect the traditional style of decoy used for fishing through the ice as used in a spear house. Minimal detailing allowed.

Division Y Decorative Fish

- Category 5 Decorative Salmonids
- Category 6 Decorative Warmwater gamefish
- Category 7 Decorative Tropical Fish
- Category 8 Decorative Open Ocean fish

- All carvings of North American species, both freshwater and salt water, will be accepted.
- Habitat must be made by the carver, however natural bases may be incorporated.
- Decorative fish are to be textured and painted, and will be judged against the live subject.
- Glass eyes are accepted.
- Larger species may be reduced in size to a minimum of 45 cm (18 inches) but will be judged against the mature anatomy of the life-size species.
- Salmonids include: salmon, trout, chars, freshwater whitefishes, and graylings
- Warmwater gamefish include: walleye, pike, bass, sunfish, carp, catfish, etc.
- Tropical reef fish include: wrasses, butterflys, angels, damselfish, squirrelfish, groupers, eels, and other primarily reef-dwelling species.
- Open ocean fish include: sharks, rays, mahi mahi, tuna, etc.

Division M Cocktail Carvings

- Category 4 Fish

- Includes any cocktail sized carvings representative of Division W, X, Y: Fish
- See Division M rules at bottom of page 17