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To whom it may concern,

RE: 4th Sport Fishing World Champion Cup (Fishing World Cup) 2008 Gold Coast, Australia

Please find important information regarding dates, fishing categories, accommodation and rules.

Participants should submit Registration form by March 15th 2008

Participants should submit required documents by April 15th 2008

Expense : Entry fee for International participants US\$100

Entry fee for Australian participants A\$350

Airline costs to Gold Coast Airport and Brisbane International Airport to be paid by participants.

Transport to and from the Tallebudgera venue, boat hire, accommodation and food (except for optional sight seeing tour) is at the host country's expense

Overview of the 2008 Fishing World Cup

1. Purpose: By holding The 4th World Sport Fishing Champion Cup Tournament, Gold Coast Australia 2008, we hope to exchange fishing culture, fishing methods and skills from all nations and promote world fishing culture as a way to World Peace. Through encouraging the building of friendships and International connections this sporting activity will contribute to peace across the borders and barriers of race, religion and culture.

2. Host Country: Australia

Sponsor - World Sport Fishing Federation International and the World Sport Fishing Federation Oceania Inc.

Supporters – Pacific Marine Life Institute

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3. Participating Nations: All nations in the world are welcome to send up to 3 representatives in each category as their nominated national team. However, if after the registration date there is still availability in a category more registrations will be permitted. These additional competitors shall compete as individuals.

4. Date: August 22nd - August 26th 2008

5. Accommodation: All participants (including those from the Gold Coast), in order to promote a sense of community, will be housed in six bed dormitory accommodation at the Queensland Government Sport and Recreation Centre: This is a no smoking and no alcohol facility situated on the beach and beside Tallebudgera Creek. It allows for the competitors to fish from the sandy beach or rock walls in their spare moments. The competition venues are 25 minutes south and north of Tallebudgera and Gold Coast Airport is 15 minutes to the south.

6. Schedule:

Day One: Friday 22nd August: Arrivals, Welcoming Ceremony and Opening Program

Tournament Rules Conference

Day Two: Saturday 23rd August: Boat Fishing Preliminary and Rock Fishing Preliminary and Quarter Finals,

Day Three: Sunday 24th August: Boat Fishing and Rock Fishing Semi Final and Finals.

Fisheries Symposium Day One.

WSFF international Planning Conference

Day Four: Monday 25th August: Fisheries Symposium Day Two,

Sightseeing

Tournament Awards ceremony combined with Fisheries Symposium close.

Day Five: Tuesday 26th August: Competitor Departures

7.

Competition Pacific Ocean off the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

Venue:

8. Participators: Each Nation's selected anglers - Boat Angler Total: 80 - Rock Angler, Total 60

a) Participants should submit Registration form by March 15th 2008

b) Participants should submit documents by April 15th 2008

Please note that all participants should carry their own travel insurance

Separate Registration form attached.

9. Expense: Entry fee for International participants US\$100

Entry fee for Australian participants A\$350

Airline costs to Gold Coast Airport and Brisbane International Airport by participants.

Transport to and from the Tallebudgera venue, boat hire, accommodation and food (except for optional sight seeing tour) is at the host country's expense

10. Competition Rules and Judging Regulations:

Rock Fishing Contest Rules

Please note while Rules are correct as of writing they may be varied up to Contestant Briefing on the 22nd August 2008

- I Competition Date: Saturday, August 23th to Sunday, August 24th 2008
- II Contest Location: Tweed River Breakwater
- III. Number of Contestants: 60 people
- IV. Competition Schedule
 - 1. The competition is run through a group elimination process. The winner of each round progresses to the next round.
The schedule includes a First-Round, Quarter Final, Semi Final and Final.
The top three contestants in the final competition will receive gold, silver, and bronze trophies.
 - 2. In the first-round competition, 60 contestants are divided into 10 groups, each group with 6 contestants.
Rotate positions each 30 minutes. The top two contestants from each group will progress to the next round competition.
 - 3. In the quarter final competition, twenty contestants are divided into 4 groups with 5 contestants.
Rotate positions each 30 minutes. The top two contestants of each group will progress to the next round.
 - 4. In the semi final competition, ten contestants are divided into two groups with 5 contestants.
Rotate positions each 30 minutes . The top two contestants of each group will progress to the next round.
 - 5. In the final competition there will be four contestants.
Rotate positions each 30 minutes The winners will be announced after the whole competition is over.
- V. Competition Rules
 - 1. The target species is Yellowfin Bream *Acanthopagrus australis* or Luderick *Girella trichoptera* (if in season)

2. The length of Bream (from the nose to the tip of the tail fin) has to reach twenty-five centimeters, and for Luderick twenty-seven centimeters and score according to the total weight.

If the length of each caught fish does not reach required length, the Federation score according to who catches the target fish first.

The length of the first-caught target fish, which doesn't reach the required length, is to be measured by the contestant, and handed to the judge for another measure, which is recorded on the record card and then sealed.

The judge, the recorder and contestant have to sign on the record card and seal it.

The fish will be released. The score will be invalid without going through this process.

3. Fish are to be measured with a ruler that the tournament HQ provides.
4. Any fish that does not reach twenty-five centimeters or is a non-target species must be released.
5. Contestants MUST prepare their own fishing equipment. Only one fishing rod is allowed. The fishing method is "float fishing" with one set of fishing equipment.
6. The congress will provide fishing bait. Contestants are not allowed to use other baits or cages when fishing.
7. The contestants will draw lots to decide the group, and which positions on the fishing shore. These positions will be rotated every 30 minutes
8. In the final competition, the contestant who draws number one can be the first one to choose their position, and others choose according to their draw number. These positions will be rotated every 30minutes.
9. If there are any weather and/or ocean problems in the competition, the Federation and judge will make the final decisions as to locations for fishing and time of event.
10. The congress will clear the line according to the numbers of contestants in the group. The contestants can't cross the line. If for some reasons, such as, to pursue fish or buoys, three minutes at most is permitted.
11. How to shift positions: face the ocean, move toward right clockwise.
12. The contest fishing time will not pause during the shifting of contestants' positions.

13. The time of each heat must end according to the rule set by the organizers.
14. Before the contest begins, the organizer/congress or the judge has to announce the time according to the following schedule.
 01. Time on
 02. Time of starting contest
 03. Position-shifting every XX minutes
 04. Time over

Notice will be given 10 and 5 minutes before shifting positions and when time is up. Also, a final count down 5.4.3.2.1 will be given prior to the end of the competition. It is obligatory to inform the contestants in this manner.

15. The beginning and end of the contest is determined by the signal/sound of a whistle.
16. Before the contest, contestants are not allowed to throw baits into the ocean, and test the depth of water.
17. During the contest, other people cannot assist contestants with their fishing.
18. When hearing the time-stop whistle, contestants should stop fishing by pulling up the fishing wire/thread. If any fish hooked at this same time, it will be valid if it is pulled onto the shore within 3 minutes.
19. Before starting the final contest, the fishing equipment is split apart. Only when the contest begins, can the contestants combine the fishing pole, hook and fishing line to use.
20. Beside the judge, at least the chief or vice chief of judges has to stay on the site to monitor the fishing during the final contest.
21. If any contestant breaks a competition rule, they should be reported to the Federation immediately. The congress will not accept any complaints after the competition has concluded.
22. If there is any dispute, the judges and the head judge will make the final decision. If the contestant is not satisfied with the outcome, he should report to the congress with

documents at least six hours before the closing ceremony. The congress will convene a meeting of the judges to adjudicate on the matter.

23. Any participant in The Fishing World Cup 2008 has to take out his/her own safety insurances, and take self-safety seriously. The Federation will not be held liable for any accidents during the tournament.
24. If there are any matters that the congress has overlooked, through its leaders' meetings, the congress will address them and make a subsequent announcement.
25. One week before the competition, no participants are allowed to test fish in the competition area.

VI. Scoring:

1. The Target fish will be Bream *Acanthopagrus australis* or Luderick *Girella trichoptera*. The length of the fish (from the nose to the tip of the tail fin) for Bream has to reach twenty seven centimeters, and for Luderick twenty –seven centimeters and score according to the total weight.
2. When the total weights are the same, the congress will decide winner by the following methods.
 - A. The total number of fish
 - B. the total weight of three fish chosen by the contestant
 - C. the heaviest fish
 - D. the second heaviest fish
 - E. comparing the fish until the winner is decided
 - F. If can't be separated then by lottery with the lowest position number in the group to be the winner.
3. If no fish of target length are caught the first round will be decided according to
 - A. The length of the fish caught first by each contestant.
 - B. If the lengths are the same according to the first caught fish
 - C. If above are all equal then by lottery with the lowest position number in the group.
4. The equipment for measuring fish should be approved by the Federation.
5. Before measuring fish, the judges should shake the fish three times so as to eliminate water and record the weights on the record card, with judge, recorder, and contestant's signatures.
6. If there are any objects or small fish in the mouth of the fish, remove them before

measuring the fish.

7. In the primary heats, contestants who do not catch a fish are eliminated. Only contestants in the, Quarter-final and Semi-final who did not catch a fish can use the total weights of previous heats as a qualification standard.
8. In the final, if no contestant catches an assigned fish, the first contestant who catches one of the two target species in a 30-minute extension of time is the champion no matter what size the fish is. If fish are caught at the same time, the winner is decided according to the weight. If no fish are caught contestants score according to the total weights of first-round, second-round, quarter final and semi-final contests.

VII. In the rock-fishing contest, the congress will provide the following items:

- A. One life vest
- B. One Ruler for measuring fish
- C. One fish bag.

Boat Fishing Contest Rules

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- I. Competition Date: Saturday August 23rd to Sunday August 24th 2008
- II. Contest Location: Ocean area East of Gold Coast.
- III. Contestants: approximately 80 people
- IV. Competition Schedule:
 1. The competition is run through a group elimination process. The winner of each round progresses to the next round. The schedule includes a First-Round competition, Semi-Final and Final. The top four contestants in the final competition will get award.
 2. In the first-round competition, 80 contestants are divided to 8 groups, each group with 10 contestants on one boat.
Trip time is 9 hours. One hour practice fishing. Contest time is approximately 5 hours, shifting positions every 60 minutes.
The top three contestants of each group (boat) will progress to the semi-final competition.

3. In the semi-final competition, trip time is 5 hours. 24 contestants are divided to 3 groups, each group with 8 contestants on one boat. Contest time is 180 minutes, shifting positions every 60 minutes. The top three contestants of each group (boat) will progress to the final competition.
4. In the final competition, trip time is 5 hours. There are nine contestants on one boat. Contest time is 180 minutes, shifting positions every 60 minutes. The winner and the places of the other contestants will be announced after the contest is over.

V. Competition rules

1. The primary target species are: Snapper *Chrysophyrus auratus*,
Pearl Perch *Glaucosoma scapulare*, Venus Tuskfish *Choerodon venustus*

The secondary target fish are:

Teraglin *Atractoscion aequidens*

Yellowtail Kingfish *Seriola lalandi*

Cobia *Rachycentron canadus*

Amberjack/Sampson fish *Seriola hippos*

Tuna all except Mackerel Tuna *Euthynnus affinis*

All non-target fish are to be released unless there is a high chance of them dying.

(All species above are eligible for largest fish award.)

2. In the first-round competition, the contestants who do not catch a target species fish will be eliminated.
3. The length of the primary target fish (from the nose to the tip of the tail fin) has to reach thirty-five centimetres, and score according to the total weight. If the length doesn't reach thirty-five centimetres, the contestant who catches the target fish first is the champion.
4. The length of the first-caught target fish even if less than thirty five centimetres is to be measured by the contestant, and handed to the judge for another measurement, which is recorded on the record card and then sealed.
The judge, the recorder and contestant have to sign on the record card . The fish shall be released.
The score will be invalid without going through this process.
When both contestants catch fish at the same time, score according to the length of fish. If the lengths are still the same.
Score according to fish type in order above snapper, pearl perch, tuskfish.
If same type and same length. Then score by boat position draw number lowest draw number wins

5. Target fish are to be measured by the contestant himself with a ruler that the tournament HQ provides, and then decides to keep or release. Fish length to be checked by judge. All fish that do not measure 35 centimetres must be released. All fish to be according to length at time of weighing. (Take account of shrinkage.)
6. Contestants may prepare their own fishing equipment. Only one fishing rod is allowed, and a maximum of two hooks.. Artificial lures are forbidden. The hooks should be on the top of the sinker, in a paternoster rig, dropper loops to be no more than 30cm. Hooks and swivels to be provided and rigged by competitors.
7. Fishing rods and reels supplied by charter boat may be used but must be rigged by the competitor. In all cases of
8. Fishing rods to be no greater than 195 cm long, Line to be monofilament, up to 15kg test. Electrical fishing rods and rod stands are forbidden.
9. The organizing country will provide fishing bait. Contestants are not allowed to use other baits or crank baits when fishing.
10. The sinkers required on the day of the tournament will be provided by the Chartered boat. (between 8oz and 16oz , 225 and 450gm)
11. The contestants draw lots to decide which boat they will fish on and their fishing positions on the boat.
12. In the final competition, the contestant who draws number one can be the first one to choose their position on the boat, and others choose according to their draw number.
13. The organizer will define the area of the positions on the boat according to the contestant numbers. The contestants cannot leave the area to fish.
14. Way of position shifting: facing the head of the boat, move right clockwise.
Eg. : 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 10
1-3,,2-4, 3-6, 4-7, 5-7, ...10-2 , and so on.
15. The Contest fishing time will not pause while the boat is moving and the shifting of contestants' positions or when lunch is served.
16. The time of each heat has to end according to the rule set by the organizers.
17. Before the contest, the organizer/congress or the judge has to announce the time

according to the schedule. (eg. if contest is shortened due to weather conditions.)

- 01. Time on
- 02. Time of starting contest
- 03. Position-shifting every XX minutes
- 04. Time over

Notice will be given 10 and 5 minutes before shifting positions and when time is up. Also, a final count down 5.4.3.2.1 will be given prior to the end of the competition. It is obligatory to inform the contestants in this manner.

- 18. The beginning and end of the contest is determined by the signal/sound of a whistle.
- 19. The anchor will not be dropped. The boat will drift on the water. The captain alone will decide if there is a need to change the location of the boat. All the contestants must agree without exception. When hearing the time-stop whistle, contestants should stop fishing by pulling up the fishing line, and put the sinker into the boat. If any fish hooked at this same time, it will be valid if it is pulled into the boat within 3 minutes.
- 20. During the contest, other people cannot assist contestants with their fishing.
- 21. In case of large fish hook up boat crew may if necessary direct all competitors to clear lines. No fish hooked after wind up direction given will be counted. Fishing will recommence according to the whistle.
- 22. In case of large fish hook up boat crew may if necessary direct all competitors to clear lines. No fish hooked after wind up direction given will be counted. Fishing will recommence according to the whistle.
- 23. When contestants' fishing lines tangle together, the fish caught will not count toward their score, and they must be set free.
- 24. In the final contest, the fishing equipment is split apart. Only when the contest begins, by hearing the whistle signal, can the contestants combine the fishing pole, hook, fishing line and sinker to use.
- 25. In the final contest, at least the judge or vice judge has to stay on the scene to monitor the fishing.

26. If any contestant breaks a competition rule, they should be reported to the congress immediately. The congress will not accept any complaints after the competition.
27. Any participant in The Fishing World Cup 2008 has to take out his/her own safety insurances, and take self-safety seriously. The congress will not be held liable for any accidents during the tournament.
28. If there are any matters that the congress has overlooked, through its leadership meetings, the congress will address them and make a subsequent announcement.

VI. Scoring:

1. The primary target species are: Snapper *Chrysophrys auratus*,
Pearl Perch *Glaucosoma scapulare*
Venus Tuskfish *Choerodon venustus*
: the length of the fish (from the nose to the tip the tail fin) has to reach thirty-five centimeters, and score according to the total weight.
2. If the length is less than thirty-five centimeters, the congress will score according to the first-caught fish, which should be one of the three target species and confirmed by the judge as above.
3. When the total weights are the same, the congress will the decide winner by the following method.
 - A. the total numbers
 - B. the total weight of three fish chosen by the contestant
 - C. the heaviest fish
 - D. the second heaviest fish
 - E. comparing fish until the winner is decided
 - F. If can't be separated then draw lots to decide winner
4. The equipment for measuring fish should be approved by the Federation.
5. Before weighing fish, the judges should shake the fish three times so as to eliminate water and record the weights on the record card, with judge, recorder, and contestant's signatures.
6. If there are any objects or small fish in the mouth of the fish, measure after removing.

7. In the first-round competition, contestants who do not catch a fish are eliminated. Only contestants in the Semi-final who did not catch a fish can use the total weights of previous heats as a qualification standard
8. In the final, if no contestant catches an assigned fish, the first contestant who catches one target species in the 3 O-minute extra-time is the champion. If the fish are caught at the same time the winner is decided according to the weight. Otherwise anyone catches a specified fish is champion. If no fish is caught, contestants score according to the total weights of first-round, second-round and semi-final contests.

VII, The order to determine places.

1. Target species over thirty –five centimeters by weight
2. Target species less than thirty five centimeters by length
3. Other fish, no matter what size the fish is, according to sequence of catching fish. (this clause is a special one when contestants cannot meet the requirement of the above-mentioned conditions)

VIII Those things supplied:

In the boat-fishing contest, the Federation will provide the following items

- A. One ruler for measuring fish
- B. One Bait container per person
- C. One uniform vest with number

IX Responsibility of charter boat operator:

1. Maintain all legal requirements relating to safety.
2. Leave and return according to schedule
3. Ensure that the crew know the rules and assist judge.
4. Manage boat to give no unfair advantage or disadvantage to any competitor.
5. Give instruction and demonstrate fishing procedures according to the particular requirements of the boat.
6. Crew shall not fish themselves including live baiting
7. Once competition has started, crew shall not assist in any fishing operation including putting on bait, retying hooks etc, other than untangling lines or assisting in breaking off snagged lines.
8. Provide bait cut and distribute to competitors

9. Provide lunch and drinks during times of resetting drift.
10. Shall not troll on the way to/from the bottom fishing grounds.
11. Target the primary species above
12. Return all non target species to the water or if high likelihood of dying shall be kept separate f from the target species and remain the responsibility of the boat operator. All fish returned to port shall be donated to a worthy charity.
13. Fish shall be kept on ice but not in water slurry to ensure no extra water is taken into the fish but no weight is lost through dehydration
14. All target fish to be left fully intact.

11. Awards:

In order to create fairness according to team numbers

- 1) National group shall nominate team of three anglers maximum before competition.
Top three from nominated team, aggregate weight shall be winner.

First place, Second place, Third place trophy

- 2) Individual rock-fishing winners award according to rules.

First place US \$ 10,000 & Trophy

Second place US \$ 5,000 & Trophy

Third place US \$ 2,000 & Trophy

- 3) Individual boat-fishing winners award according to rules.

First place US \$ 10,000 & Trophy

Second place US \$ 5,000 & Trophy

Third place US \$ 2,000 & Trophy

- 4) Individual largest fish award from all rounds.

First place Medal and sponsored prize

Souvenir will be given to all participating competitors.