

## **Single Fly Event Rules**

Please note that per Montana regulations, we are unable to award prizes for anything having to do with size, species, or number of fish caught. No worries...we've come up with other ways to recognize your fishing skills and the adventures of your fishing day!

*The Guides are generously donating the day's float, the value of which is included in the registration. Gratuity is not included and we encourage you to provide your hard-working guide with something extra in thanks for a great day on the Bitterroot!*

**Don't forget to bring your camera or cell phone w/ camera!**

**TEXT PHOTOS DURING FISHING DAY TO:**

**WHITNEY MILHOAN: 406-546-9497**

**INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK OR TWITTER POSTS BEFORE AND DURING THE ENTIRE EVENT PLEASE TAG @CASTINGFOR RECOVERY AND USE: #COFH2019**

### **Equipment**

- Anglers will furnish their own fly-fishing equipment. Each may bring up to two fly rods in the boat.
- Type and size of rod/reel are angler's choice.
- No real or artificial fish attractants, such as scents, are allowed.

### **Event Flies**

- Each angler chooses one (1) fly to fish with at the beginning of the day until it's lost. Upon loss, they may continue fishing but results for "Longest-Lasting Fly" for that angler will be noted and closed for further consideration.
- All conventional fly patterns (dry, nymph, wet, streamer, etc) may be used with single barbless hook only.
- Flies must be tied on a single barbless hook or hook with the barb crimped.
- Any retying of fly with thread or tying materials during fishing hours is prohibited. Repair may be done using glue or any adhesive. Broken hooks may be honed or filed to a usable sharpness via any sharpening tool.
- Standard strike indicators may be used but may not be larger than the diameter of a quarter. Flies of any form may *not* be used as an indicator.
- Only a single fly may be used at all times.

### **Fishing**

- All catch-and-release fishing. Please handle these fish carefully and quickly, they are all wild!
- Fishing hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Guides or fellow boat anglers may assist in landing any fish with the permission of the fisherman who has a "fish on" to ensure safety of the fish caught.
- Flies caught in brush or snags may be recovered and reattached to the leader, allowing the contestant to continue fishing.

### **Results**

- Catch-and-release methods must be observed at all times with minimal handling of trout.
- Rubber net materials are encouraged.
- All fish must be "in the net" to be counted as taking the fly for "Best Fly".
- Boat guides are responsible for tracking results as indicated below.

### **Awards Given:**

**Longest Lasting Fly** (only the first fly qualifies)

**Best Fly** (taking the fly)

**Most Flies Lost**

**Best Line Tangle** (photo evidence)

**Best Photo of the Day** (Fishing)