

## Fishing Tournament Parking Plan Information

The perception that tournament participants utilize more than their fair share of space at public accesses is the single largest source of tournament related user-conflict feedback. Fishing tournament regulations (Minnesota Administrative Rule 6212.2700) state that *“No contest may preempt use of a boat ramp or parking spaces at public access to contest waters. Contests shall not use more than 50 percent of the parking spaces at state-owned sites unless authorized by the permit. A contest organizer who seeks to use more than 50 percent of the parking spaces at a state-owned site must submit a plan on how to manage parking, on a parking plan form provided by the commissioner, when the organizer submits the contest application.”*

DNR Fisheries is asking for your cooperation to minimize conflicts at accesses by **submitting parking plans as part of your permit application**. The parking plan form can be found on the DNR website with the general permit application.

To facilitate parking plan compliance and protect your tournament from illegitimate complaints, DNR Fisheries encourages tournament directors to include a way to **mark participants’ vehicles parked at accesses in your parking plan**. This can be done by placing a ticket on the dash of each vehicle associated with the tournament (see template below), or by some other manner established by tournament directors. Distributing parking information with tournament guidelines and helping monitor parking plan compliance at accesses will help lead to an enjoyable day for all lake users and supports future tournament permit issuance.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Fishing Tournament Name
Lake Name
Date
Access location
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