



OUTDOOR COOKING COMPETITION, KAYAK FISHING, OVER 500 FISHING & HUNTING COMPANIES HIGHLIGHT 33RD WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW®

PUYALLUP, WA – The Washington Sportsmen's Show returns to the Washington State Fair Events Center in Puyallup, January 22nd-26th. The 2020 show promises to be the biggest and best ever with more than 500 fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation-related companies showing and selling newly released products and services. All features and seminars at the Washington Sportsmen's Show are free with admission into the show.

It's a show-within-a-show. The Washington Sportsmen's Show Outdoor Cooking Competition was launched last year and is back for 2020 and over doubled in size. This cooking competition features the top competitive grillers and barbecue pros from all over North America. Several champions are in the field and more than 40 teams have signed up to compete. The competition is all five days of the show. Steak, burgers, a chili cook-off, Dutch oven cooking, whole game, brisket, ribs, chicken and fish are all in the mix for this year's competition. In addition to the competition these celebrated cooks will be sharing their expertise through daily cooking demonstrations and seminars.

Baxter Auto Parts Kid's Trout Pond promises to produce thousands of fat feisty trout for kids 12 and under. All gear is provided and kids can keep or release as many as two fish. Some bonafide lunkers are thrown into the mix to keep things interesting with fish to 10 pounds swimming amongst the crowd of lively rainbow trout.

The fastest growing category in sportfishing nationally is kayak fishing. The northwest is coming on strong as a kayak fishing stronghold and the Washington Sportsmen's Show celebrates this trending pursuit with the Kayak Fishing Pavilion. Not only are kayaks and kayak gear for sale in this area of the show but two of the top kayak pros in the northwest, along with other serious enthusiasts, will be on-hand with seminars. The Washington Sportsmen's Show is thrilled to welcome, Tyler Hicks and Brad Hole to the show. These two are the real deal and have logged some truly remarkable catches from kayaks. Check the seminar schedule for times and topics.

Western Washington Toyota Dealers return with their "Fistful of Corkies" promotion. Attendees (again free with admission into the show) line-up to grab a handful off Lil' Corky and Spin-N-Glo lures from Yakima Bait Company. If somewhere in that handful of lures one of them has a Toyota logo on it, the winner gets a prize right on the spot. The prizes are pretty incredible. Camp stoves, Garmin handheld GPS, coolers, survival kits, lure packs, headlamps, backpacks, Lamiglas rods, apparel, knives, Costa sunglasses, and much more are provided. Better yet, everyone wins! The worst participants will do is leave with a handful of Lil' Corky or Spin-N-Glo lures!

For anglers and outdoor-enthusiasts interested in learning more about how to get the most out of their fish finders or GPS units (both hand held and mounted), Garmin's Tech Center is a perfect stop to make at the Washington Sportsmen's Show. With classes

from top pros on how to best use these units, attendees can start with the basics or go right into advanced techniques depending on which seminar best suits your needs. From “Sonar 101” and “Using Electronics To Find Fish” to “Sirius XM Fish Mapping For Salmon & Tuna”, Garmin covers it all in these daily seminars. You’ll find seminar times and schedules on the Sport Shows website at SportShows.com.

You don’t have to be a hunter (although most are) to enter the Head-and-Horns Competition. There’s some really nice prizes like a custom Fort Knox Gun Safe, Ruger Rifles, Gerber Gear, Danner Boots, Browning Pro Packs, Block Targets, Hornady, Rage, Muzzy and Carbon Express to name a few of the many prizes available to entrants who have horns, antlers or heads that score highest in their respective category and there are several. That includes horns, antlers or heads that may be inherited or gathering dust for generations. Entrants are charged \$10 for measuring and if they enter it’s another \$30. Nearly every year a new record finds its way into the show. It’s always worth a stop by the Head-N-Horns booth to see what’s come in each day, entries are hung on the wall for all to admire.

Walleye also return for the second year. The only one of its kind in the country, the large 32’ long, 12,000 gallon, see-through tank is loaded with walleye and makes a perfect setting to show how to catch them using a variety of lures and techniques. A huge hit last year, with standing room only audiences, top walleye pros including North Dakota tournament pro, Johnnie Candle, will be sharing their walleye catching techniques at the live walleye tank.

The Washington Sportsmen’s Show also plays host to a lengthy list of seminar speakers and topics, the most you’ll find anywhere, with over 50 hours of seminars daily! From trout, panfish, bass, salmon and tuna fishing to deer hunting, cooking, survival and even horse-packing are covered. Of course, there is a lot attention given to fly fishing and fly tying as well as other topics ranging from catching squid and turkey hunting to halibut and kokanee fishing. All seminars are free with admission into the show.

Survival expert Brett Stoffel will be in the Western Washington Toyota Dealers booth all days of the show. Brett’s survival seminars are legendary, and several that have attended his seminars have put his advice to work when they needed it most and survived. Attendees will learn that common household items can be essential survival tools and that it doesn’t cost much or require advanced training to survive a night or two or three in the backcountry. Anyone that finds themselves in remote areas, even remote areas with roads should attend Brett’s survival classes. And like all seminars and show features, it’s free with admission into the show.

If you’re interested in trying out archery, the Washington Sportsmen’s Show is the place to be! Skookum Archers sets up a full-on archery range in the back of the Showplex with instructors that will show you how to hit the target. Everything’s provided. It’s a great way for kids to get started and adults too. Skookum Archers is located in Puyallup and has a large walking, outdoor range and offers membership to archers of all skill levels. It’s a wonderful club and place to start your journey in becoming an archer.

A big draw to the show always are the miles of aisles to wander with fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation-related equipment of all descriptions for sale. From kayaks and boats, crab traps, rods, reels, boating accessories, apparel, wildlife art and jewelry to wood maps, knives, food items, books, RV’s, ATV’s, packs, survival gear, tents, flashlights and retailers, there are loads of “show specials” where attendees can buy and save on one-time specials.

See what’s “new”. The Washington Sportsmen’s Show is the single-best place in the State to see what’s new in hunting, fishing, boating and outdoor recreation products. Hundreds of new products will be making their debut at this year’s show. Many of these products will be available for sale.

Show hours are Wednesday-Friday, noon to 8PM, Saturday, 10AM-8PM, Sunday, 10AM-4PM. Admission is \$15 Adults, \$5 Juniors (6 to 16), 5 years and younger are free. \$8 Military discount with any military I.D. \$8 after 4PM admission adult special – Wednesday-Saturday. \$3 after 4PM admission special for Juniors (6-16). \$24 Two Day pass. **Parking is free**. For complete show info visit **TheSportShows.com**.