

Pyramid Lake \$50,000 Cutthroat Challenge FAQ's

- 1) **Question:** What does “no harvest” mean?
Answer: The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe encourages a “catch and release” policy for all fisherman on the lake. The term “no harvest” means you are welcome keep your fish if it meets fishing regulation standards but it is suggested you release the fish back. In the event that a tagged fish is caught the official rules of the derby require that the tag still be connected to the fish for prize redemption.
- 2) **Question:** Can I register in person at the event?
Answer: Yes. The Tribe is encouraging registration for the event online at www.pyramidlake.us or over the phone at 1-888-225-2668, participants can register in person. In person registration will be accepted at the Tribal Finance Department (208 Capitol Hill Drive in Nixon). Registration for the event will also be accepted both days of the event at the derby headquarters at Pyramid Lake Fisheries Administration Building at 603 Sutcliffe Dr. in Sutcliffe.
- 3) **Question:** Is this a team event or do I have to be individually entered into the contest in order to be eligible to receive a prize for catching a tagged fish?
Answer: Prizes for tagged fish will only be given to fishermen who are individually entered in the contest. The use of teams to catch a tagged fish is prohibited and may result in disqualification from the contest. If a team is suspected of catching the fish a winning fisherman may be subject to a polygraph test before a prize is awarded.
- 4) **Question:** How are the prizes from the tagged fish determined?
Answer: For the Pyramid Lake \$50,000 Cutthroat Challenge 25 cutthroat trout fish will be tagged several days before the event and independently monitored by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. A total of 25 Lohanton Cutthroat Trout that are regulation size (17” to 20” inches) will be tagged. Of the tagged fish 5 will be worth \$10,000 each and the remaining will be worth other prizes. The tagged fish are not tagged because of weight or size, they are randomly selected.
- 5) **Question:** Is this a gimmick and how do I really know there are going to be 25 tagged fish in Pyramid Lake?
Answer: This event is not a gimmick rather it another way for fisherman to enjoy fishing at Pyramid Lake and win some serious cash. Several days before the event, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe will tag 25 cutthroat trout and release them at random locations around the lake. The tagging will be done in accordance with all Pyramid Lake fishing regulations and will be independently monitored by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 6) **Question:** Where will this contest be held and where do I check in on October 2nd or October 3rd?
Answer: The Pyramid Lake \$50,000 Cutthroat Challenge will be held at Pyramid Lake. Fishing for the contest will be permitted in all designated fishing areas on boats and on the shore. The headquarters and check in post for the contest will be at the Pyramid Lake

Fisheries Administration Building at 603 Sutcliffe Dr. in Sutcliffe. The head quarters and check in area will be open during the event from sunrise to sunset.

- 7) **Question:** If I catch a tagged \$10,000 fish do I have to automatically undergo a polygraph test?
Answer: The official rules of the Pyramid Lake \$50,000 Cutthroat Challenge indicate that if foul play is suspected or a dispute occurs over catching a tagged fish then an investigation may be conducted by the tournament organizers. If an investigation determines that foul play had occurred, then tournament organizers could arrange for a polygraph test to be administered to establish the authenticity of the catch of a tagged fish.
- 8) **Question:** Is this event affiliated with Crosby's Lodge?
Answer: The Pyramid Lake \$50,000 Cutthroat Challenge is organized and managed by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and is not affiliated with Crosby's Lodge or any other businesses on the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. The Tribe encourages all participating fisherman to visit and shop for their supplies at all of the businesses located on the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation.
- 9) **Question:** What is this PIN number thing on the Pyramid Lake Online Licensing webpage?
Answer: Registration for the Pyramid Lake \$50,000 Cutthroat Challenge is available online through www.pyramidlake.us. The online registration system for this event is also the main system that is used for purchasing fishing, boating, camping and day use online permits at Pyramid Lake. If you have purchased a permit using this system before then you will already have a PIN number to access the system. If you have not previously purchased a permit using this system, then you will need to create a new PIN number. To create a new PIN number click on the blue "New License Registration" link to the left of the Sign In box.
- 10) **Question:** What happens if I catch a tagged fish after the event is over?
Answer: All tagged fish caught after October 2nd and 3rd will not be eligible for a prize. To receive a prize or \$10,000 cash a registered participant must catch one of the 25 tagged during the days the event is taking place. If a tagged fish is caught after the event is over, the fisherman is encouraged to return the tag to the Pyramid Lake Fisheries Department at 603 Sutcliffe Dr. in Sutcliffe.
- 11) **Question:** What kind of fish will be tagged for this event?
Answer: All tagged fish for the Pyramid Lake \$50,000 Cutthroat Challenge will be 17-20 inch Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. Below is a picture of a Lahontan Cutthroat Trout.



Lahontan cutthroat trout - *Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi*

Photo Credit: US FWS

11) **Question:** What is the cost of the event?

Answer: The cost of the Pyramid Lake \$50,000 Cutthroat Challenge is \$65 per fisherman and is limited to the first 500 fisherman who sign up. Registration for the event is available online at www.pyramidlake.us, over the phone at 1-888-225-2668, in person at Tribal Finance Department (208 Capitol Hill Drive) in Nixon or each day of the event.