



Photo Contest Rules

Digital Photos by 2014 SHOT participants during the event are eligible.



Three winners will be selected. Each will receive a NW Steelheaders Hooded Sweatshirt.

Winners are selected based on:

- Reproducibility, including **resolution (file size)**
- Theme, scenery, anglers fighting fish, holding fish, anglers and guides just enjoying the day.
- Composition – subject centered, not over or underexposed

Send pictures early and send them often. We will show them during the dinner and ceremonies. Attach to a **text to 503-807-7729** or to an **email to neritchie1@gmail.com**. Include names of photographer and persons in the photo.

Pictures can also be submitted at the ceremonies by weigh-in deadline. We will have a multi-card reader ready to accept any type of camera chip or USB connection.

Photos submitted may be used by the Northwest Steelheaders with photo credit to submitter.

Tips for Winning Photos

General

Shoot the photo with the horizon (edge of the river in most cases) on a true horizontal. It's all too easy to angle the camera so that the horizon is too tilted for a pleasing image.

Pictures with fish

When possible, take a photo as soon as the fish has been landed to capture the angler's excitement and ensure that the fish looks its best.

Have the angler face the sun or nearly so and remove dark glasses.

Be ready to help the angler move to the opposite side of the boat if necessary, remove dark glasses, or wipe excess blood off the fish. If the angler is facing the sun, his/her face won't be shaded by a hat as long as they look up rather than down at the fish.

Take an old towel with you to clean excess blood or dirt off the fish.

Consider which side of the fish to display. Once fish are dead, the downside will show imprints from boat decking, etc. If you store fish in a cooler, try not to bend them at odd angles. Gotta have a large cooler for super fish!

Fishing action shots

Try shooting photos while the angler is fighting the fish or the guide is netting it. Action! Think about how the angler should be positioned while he/she is fighting the fish. If you plan the photo while the angler's still fighting the fish, it will require minimum time; talk to the angler so that he/she knows the plan in advance.