

# Florida Seafood Festival Photo Contest: Rules, Terms and Conditions

The Florida Seafood Festival invites photographers to enter its first Photography Competition. You must read the following rules, terms and legal conditions before submitting any photos!

The Florida Seafood Festival's first Digital Photography Competition (the "Contest") is open to ALL amateur photographers at least 18 years of age, except Florida Seafood Festival Board Members or Their Immediate Family. The contest is open to all participants regardless of residence.

## WHAT TO ENTER:

We are looking for striking digital images of Franklin County and its Seafood Industry, highlighting the diversity of life in Franklin County. Your images may be taken anywhere in the Franklin County .Only Photos taken in Franklin County will be accepted. Your images may show animal behavior, portraits of wildlife in marine habitat, marine plant life, natural landscapes, weather or people interacting with the seafood industry.

Please do not include photographs of pets or domestic animals. Photos from state and national wildlife preserves are allowed. If you choose to include people in your submission, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases from the individuals depicted, and must be able to provide copies of those releases to The Florida Seafood Festival upon request. Entrants must not submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife, damage to the environment by the photographer, put any individual or animal in danger, or infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person.

All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified. Images that do not meet these requirements may or may not be judged at the judging panel's sole discretion.

Photo captions must accompany all submissions, and should include the subject of the image, the location the image was taken, and the name of the photographer(s). Please clearly label animals as wild in digital caption information to assist judges in determining eligibility.

## HOW TO ENTER:

Each photo **must be submitted electronically and also in 8" x 10" print**. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee for each photo entered. Payment can be made in the form of a check or money order and submitted with the print copy of you photo(s).

**Electronic Submission Process** –email your photo to the email address specified. Make sure to Have : Name / Address / Phone Number / Email Address / Short Description of where the Photo

Was taken and When. Email Photos to [photocontest@floridaseafoodfestival.com](mailto:photocontest@floridaseafoodfestival.com)

The Florida Seafood Festival reserves the right to upload photos submitted through this process to its public website.

**8" x 10" Print Submission Process** – Make Sure to Provide a copy of the Email Submitted along with your photo and mail them through the U.S. Postal Service to the:

Florida Seafood Festival  
P.O. Box 758  
Apalachicola, Florida 32329  
(Mark the envelope PHOTO - DO NOT BEND)

### **ELIGIBILITY AND JUDGING:**

To ensure eligibility for the contest, all entries must have a resolution of 6 million pixels or greater (6 megapixels). Images that do not meet this standard can still be judged, but might not be honored for the competition (at the judges sole discretion) if the photographer is unable or unavailable to provide the proper resolution when asked.

Resolution can be calculated by multiplying the pixel width of the image with the pixel height. For example, a photograph taken with a 6-megapixel camera set for the highest resolution and best quality produces images approximately 2832 pixels by 2128 pixels, which are acceptable under the rules (2832 x 2128 = 6 million).

Submissions may be watermarked if desired, but the watermark should be inconspicuous enough to not interfere with the judging of the photo. A watermarked photo might not be honored by the competition (at the judges sole discretion) if the photographer is unable or unavailable to provide a pristine, watermark-free version of the image when asked.

Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, artistic merit and Significance to Franklin County. The judges are a panel of Professional Photographers familiar with photography and consulted for selecting images for various Florida Seafood Festival printed and online marketing and advertising materials.

There will also be a People's Choice Award . It will be voted on by the festival patrons on Friday and Saturday in the park. The location of the photos will be next to the Festival T-shirt tent.

The Florida Seafood Festival contest judges shall determine winner eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion. All decisions made by the judges are final.

### **DEADLINES:**

Entries can be Emailed and mailed starting 12:01 am Eastern Standard Time on Sept. 12 th, 2011. Deadline for submitting entries is 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time on October 20, 2011.

Entrants may be asked to supplement their submission (such as a paragraph about their photo, the highest resolution version of their photo, or a watermark-free version of their photo) anytime on or after October 20, 2011.

Finalists will be announced on November 4, 2011. Grand Prize Winner and Runners Up will be announced on November 5, 2011 before the Headline Entertainment

The Florida Seafood Festival reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s) as the result of causes beyond its immediate control.

### **WINNING PHOTOS:**

The judging panel will select approximately 5 photos to be the contest's Finalists and Honorable Mentions.

The photo with the most votes from the patrons of the festival will selected as people's choice.

The grand-prize winner's image will be placed on the home page of the Florida Seafood Festival web site and may be used in the next years advertisement brochure.

### **YOUR RIGHTS:**

Your photographs help The Florida Seafood Festival promote the Franklin County area and the Seafood Industry diversity. Thank you for helping to further our mission through your photography.

**You will retain all rights to any photograph you submit -- including ownership if applicable.** You only grant The Florida Seafood Festival the rights (as described below) to your photograph if you are honored by the competition as an honorable mention, finalist, runner up or grand prize winner. Before you are formally honored by the competition, the Florida Seafood Festival will contact you to confirm that you wish to grant us rights to your image as described below.

If you submit your photograph, you grant The Florida Seafood Festival a royalty-free, nonexclusive right, in perpetuity, to:

- Use the photograph on the Internet in support of our mission.
- Use the photograph in The Florida Seafood Festival's communications.
- Use, in connection with the Photo Contest, your name, city, state and country of residence in promotions and other publications.
- Keep the files provided, and to archive the images on CD or in other electronic forms, so that your photos can be used to support our mission and be properly credited.

As conditions of this permission, The Florida Seafood Festival shall credit all photographs with the caption "© Person's Name" when the full name is available.

## QUESTIONS:

Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to [photocontest@floridaseafoodfestival.com](mailto:photocontest@floridaseafoodfestival.com)

# Photo Contest: Legal Conditions

By entering this contest, you agree to all of the terms and conditions relating to this contest and you are responsible for understanding your rights.

By entering, participants agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless The Florida Seafood Festival, its respective subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, and attorneys, agents and representatives, from any and all third party liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the competition (collectively, "Losses"), including without limitation any third party claim for copyright infringement or a violation of an individual's right to privacy and/or publicity right. The Contest is void where prohibited by law.

Each entrant in the Contest (each a "Entrant") is responsible for ensuring that he or she has the right to submit the photos that he or she submits to the Contest per these rules.

You agree that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved with the Florida Seafood Festival, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, before a court of competent jurisdiction located in Franklin County, Florida, which court shall apply the laws of the State of Florida without regard for rules of conflicts of law. **IN ANY SUCH DISPUTE, PARTICIPANT SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY PUNITIVE, SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ATTORNEYS' FEES, OR ANY DAMAGES OTHER THAN PARTICIPANT'S ACTUAL OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES (IF ANY) ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST. YOU HEREBY WAIVE ANY RIGHTS TO HAVE DAMAGES MULTIPLIED OR INCREASED.** The Contest and the Florida Seafood Festival's web site are provided "as is" without warranty of any kind, either express or implied.

The Florida Seafood Festival is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by web site users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the photo competition, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the photo competition, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. The Florida Seafood Festival assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. The Florida Seafood Festival is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer equipment, servers, providers, computer on-line systems, software, or failure of email on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any

web site, including injury or damage to participant's or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating or uploading images or information in the photo contest.

If, for any reason, the photo competition is not capable of completion as planned, including but not limited to, any reason of infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of The Florida Seafood Festival that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the photo competition, The Florida Seafood Festival reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the photo competition.