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## DIRECTOR MOORE'S OPEN LETTER TO THE HUNTERS, ANGLERS AND TRAPPERS OF IDAHO



My 6-year-old grandson caught his first steelhead last year. It was a wild fish and he had to release it. We had quite a discussion of why Grandpa got to keep the fish that I had caught earlier, but he had to release his. In spite of my explanation about wild fish vs. hatchery-raised fish, he was confused. Although ultimately, he understood this, when his dad caught a wild steelhead and he had to release it, as well. Both of my grandsons insisted on taking a picture of us with my fish. These moments in the field with our families and friends are the most precious of memories that I hope to continue to have for several decades as a mentor of anglers and hunters, demonstrating “how to harvest” and more importantly how to responsibly interact with wildlife. My first great grandchild was born in October 2018. He too, will receive a lifetime license from the proud “Great Grandpa” and I plan to be there for his first steelhead too. This heritage defines who we are as Idahoans.

Fish and Game is in the second year of its 2017 resident fee increase and many hunters and anglers held on to lower fees by getting “Price Locked” by continuing to buy their annual fishing, hunting and trapping licenses. If you missed that window of opportunity, it’s actually not too late. You can buy a three-year license and still pay 2017 prices and be Price Locked.

No one really likes paying more for something without getting more in return, so Fish and Game has strived to put additional revenue generated from the 2017 fee increase into enhanced opportunities for Idaho sportsmen and women.

Anglers will benefit from the result of a two-year plan to increase the numbers and sizes of hatchery rainbow trout. In 2019, an additional 225,000 “catchable” sized trout (predominantly 10” and 12” fish) will be stocked statewide, bringing the total to just over 1.8 million. Thanks to the additional revenue, this level of production will become the new normal in future years.

Fish and Game knows that having healthy big game herds is vital to Idaho’s hunting heritage, and so is the ability of hunters to access those animals. The department forged an agreement with Idaho Department of Lands to ensure continued public access on 2.3 million acres of state endowment lands. That access was secured through an agreement to provide a combination of law enforcement services and annual payments to the state’s endowment fund, which helps fund schools, hospitals and other state facilities.

The department continues to look for opportunities to provide additional public access for hunting and fishing by using resources derived from the Access/Depredation fee, which is paid by all fishing, hunting and trapping license holders. This dedicated fund provides much-needed resources that are earmarked specifically for providing access for hunting, fish and trapping for Idaho’s sportsmen and women. Increases to private lands access through “Access Yes” will add hundreds-of-thousands of acres to this successful program.

Providing access to the outdoors for Idahoans covers a wide range of activities from maintaining hunting, fishing, trapping and wildlife watching opportunities at 31 Wildlife Management Areas that Fish and Game owns, to replacing aging boat ramps and sprucing up parking lots at popular boating areas.

Along those same lines, the “depredation” portion of the Access/Depredation fee is an important tool for ensuring that wildlife populations can be maintained at a high level while also protecting private landowners’ livelihoods.

Simply put, a large herd of elk grazing in an alfalfa field can be costly to a farmer or rancher, so Fish and Game compensates them for damages. Additionally, while we work with landowners to prevent damage caused by wildlife, we also conduct research to find methods to keep wildlife in its natural habitat and away from cultivated lands.

Fish and Game has been conserving wildlife in Idaho for 120 years. The Idaho State Legislature created the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in 1899 to stop market hunting and to restore game, fish, and bird populations for the public’s benefit. A state game warden, C.H. Arbuckle was subsequently hired; Hayspur Hatchery, was built in 1907 and the Payette River Wildlife Preserve was established in 1909 to enhance elk numbers. In 1938, by voter initiative, the Fish and Game Commission was created to set policy for the Department and administer the state wildlife policy established in Title 36 of Idaho Code. Briefly, it states that all wildlife in Idaho is to be preserved, protected, perpetuated and managed for the citizens of the state in a manner that provides continued supplies for hunting, fishing and trapping. In 2012, 70% of voters in Idaho approved a constitutional amendment that ensures the public’s right to hunt, fish, and trap and signifies that the preferred method of managing wildlife populations is through regulated hunting, fishing, and trapping. Under Commission guidance with public involvement, the wildlife resources in Idaho are in excellent hands with a professional staff that is committed to managing them on your behalf.

This work is often hazardous and during this 120 years, ten Idaho Fish and Game employees have been killed in the line of duty. I served with six of these professionals during the last four decades and it is an honor to be able to recognize them as part of the 120th Anniversary. Please join me in celebrating your agency anniversary and our accomplishments together in wildlife management.



**Virgil Moore**, Director  
Idaho Department of Fish and Game



# Idaho Department of Fish and Game

## Idaho Wildlife Policy

*"All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping."*

— Idaho Code Section 36-103

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- From your computer or mobile device, go to **[idfg.idaho.gov](http://idfg.idaho.gov)**. A service fee is added for online and telephone transactions.
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## Other Information Numbers

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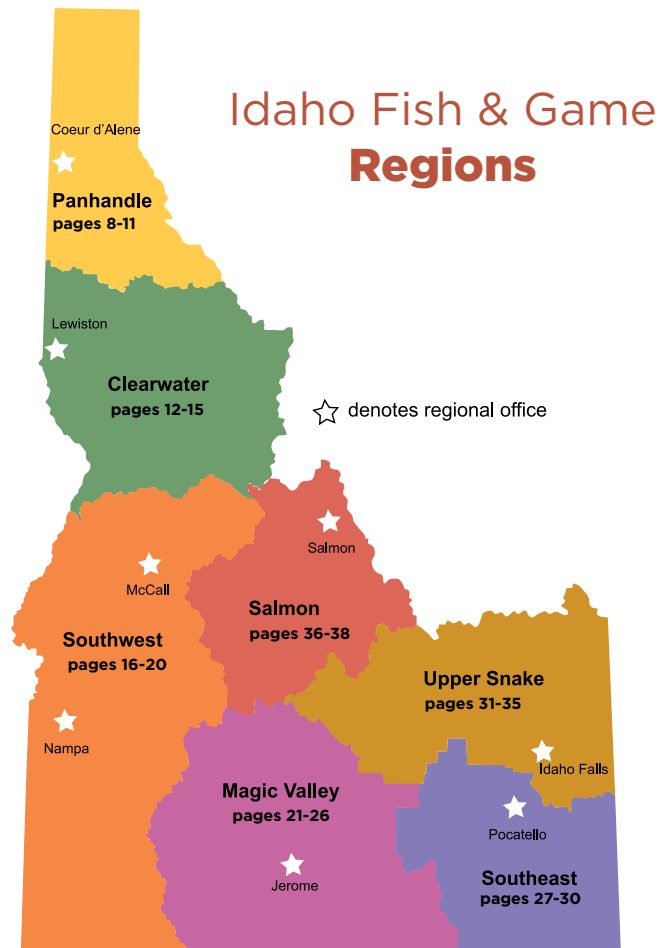
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## WHAT'S NEW

- Changes to Bass regulations in rivers and streams with anadromous salmon or steelhead
- New Burbot harvest fishery in the Panhandle Region
- More Lake Trout harvest opportunity in Upper Priest Lake
- New bag and length limits for Tiger Trout in Deer Creek Reservoir
- Reduced daily bag limit for Kokanee at Deadwood Reservoir
- Expanded winter catch-and-release fishing season on some sections of Silver Creek
- Changes to Bass regulations on Deep Creek and Weston Reservoirs.
- Removal of Brown Trout length limits on the South Fork Snake River
- Sometimes seasons and rules change after a booklet is printed. Starting early 2019, you can find significant changes or corrections to this printed proclamation online at <https://idfg.idaho.gov/rules>



# HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

1. Find the region where you plan to fish →
2. Find the regional fishing season dates →
3. Find your fish species and bag limit →
4. See if the water you want to fish is listed under Special Rule Waters →
5. Turn the page for details on Special Rule Waters

CLEARWATER REGION		
<b>General Fishing Season for the Clearwater Region</b> All Waters Open All Year Except as modified in Clearwater Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 14-15. Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.		
Daily Bag Limits for the Clearwater Region		
The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Clearwater Region except as modified in Clearwater Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 14-15. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit after the second day of the season.		
<b>Bass</b> ( <i>largemouth and smallmouth</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bass limit is 6, both species combined</li></ul>	<b>Sturgeon</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release</li><li>• Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing</li><li>• Barbless hooks and sliding sinkers are required, see Page 52 for details</li></ul>	
<b>Brook Trout</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brook trout limit is 25</li></ul>	<b>Tiger Muskie</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches</li></ul>	
<b>Bull Trout</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bull trout limit is 0, catch-and-release</li></ul>	<b>Trout</b> includes Cutthroat Trout, rainbow trout, and trout hybrids (e.g. tiger trout) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In rivers and streams, trout limit is 2, all species combined</li><li>• In lakes, reservoirs, ditches and canals, trout limit is 6, all species combined</li></ul>	
<b>Kokanee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kokanee limit is 25</li></ul>	<b>Does not include bull trout and brook trout which are listed separately</b>	
<b>Salmon</b> ( <i>ocean-going</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Salmon seasons and limits are set annually by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and rules are issued in a separate brochure</li><li>• Fishing for or targeting salmon is prohibited unless a salmon season is specifically opened for that water</li></ul>	<b>Whitefish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whitefish limit is 25</li></ul>	
<b>Steelhead</b> ( <i>ocean-going</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Defined as rainbow trout longer than twenty (20) inches in length in the Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam, the Salmon River drainage (excluding lakes), and the Clearwater River drainage (excluding that portion above Dworshak Dam, and lakes)</li><li>• Fishing for or targeting steelhead is prohibited unless a steelhead season is specifically opened for that water (see pages 39-43)</li></ul>	<b>Protected Nongame Fish</b> includes Pacific lamprey and sand roller <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May not be harvested or possessed</li></ul>	
<b>All Other Fish Species</b> includes bullfrogs and crayfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No bag, size or possession limit</li></ul>		
Check for potential fish consumption advisories. See Page 51.		
Special Rule Waters for the Clearwater Region (see Pages 14-15 for details)		
Clearwater River Clearwater River, Middle Fork Clearwater River, North Fork Clearwater River, South Fork Crooked Fork Creek (tributary to Lochsa River) Deyo Reservoir Dworshak Reservoir Elk Creek and tributaries (tributary to Dworshak Reservoir)	Elk Creek Reservoir Fish Lake (Cedars Area) Kelly Creek and tributaries Lake Creek (Cedars Area) Lochsa River Mann Lake Moose Creek Reservoir Salmon River Salmon River tributaries Selway River	Snake River (Lewiston to Hells Canyon Dam) Spring Valley Reservoir Tolo Lake Winchester Lake

*General Information and Definitions pertaining to rules can be found starting on Page 45.*

## Who needs a license to fish in Idaho:

- Any person 14 years of age or older must have a valid license or permit to fish for fish, bullfrogs or crayfish in Idaho. No person shall fish without having the proper license on his or her person.
- Resident children under the age of 14 are not required to purchase a fishing license but can purchase a two-pole fishing permit. Resident children may possess their own daily bag limit.
- A resident child under 14 may purchase a salmon or steelhead permit without a license so that he or she may catch his or her own limit of steelhead or salmon.
- Nonresident children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by the holder of a valid fishing license and their fish must be included in the license holder's limit in order to fish without a license, or they may purchase a nonresident license and have their own limit.
- Any license, tag or permit which is defaced, altered or tampered with shall be invalid from the date and time of issuance. It is a violation to use or attempt to use any license, tag or permit that has been defaced, altered or tampered with by means of (but not limited to) erasures and type overs, or tears in the paper.
- Fishing on Indian reservations may require tribal licenses and adherence to tribal regulations.

## Información Importante

Este libro incluye información importante acerca de las leyes de pesca de Idaho. Usted puede ser multado o encarcelado si viola estas leyes. Por favor, encuentra alguien que lea inglés para explicar la información en este libro.



# FREE FISHING DAY

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- How-to clinics
- Tackle available
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## PROXY STATEMENT

(To transport wildlife taken by another person)

Taker's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Taker's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Taker's Address \_\_\_\_\_

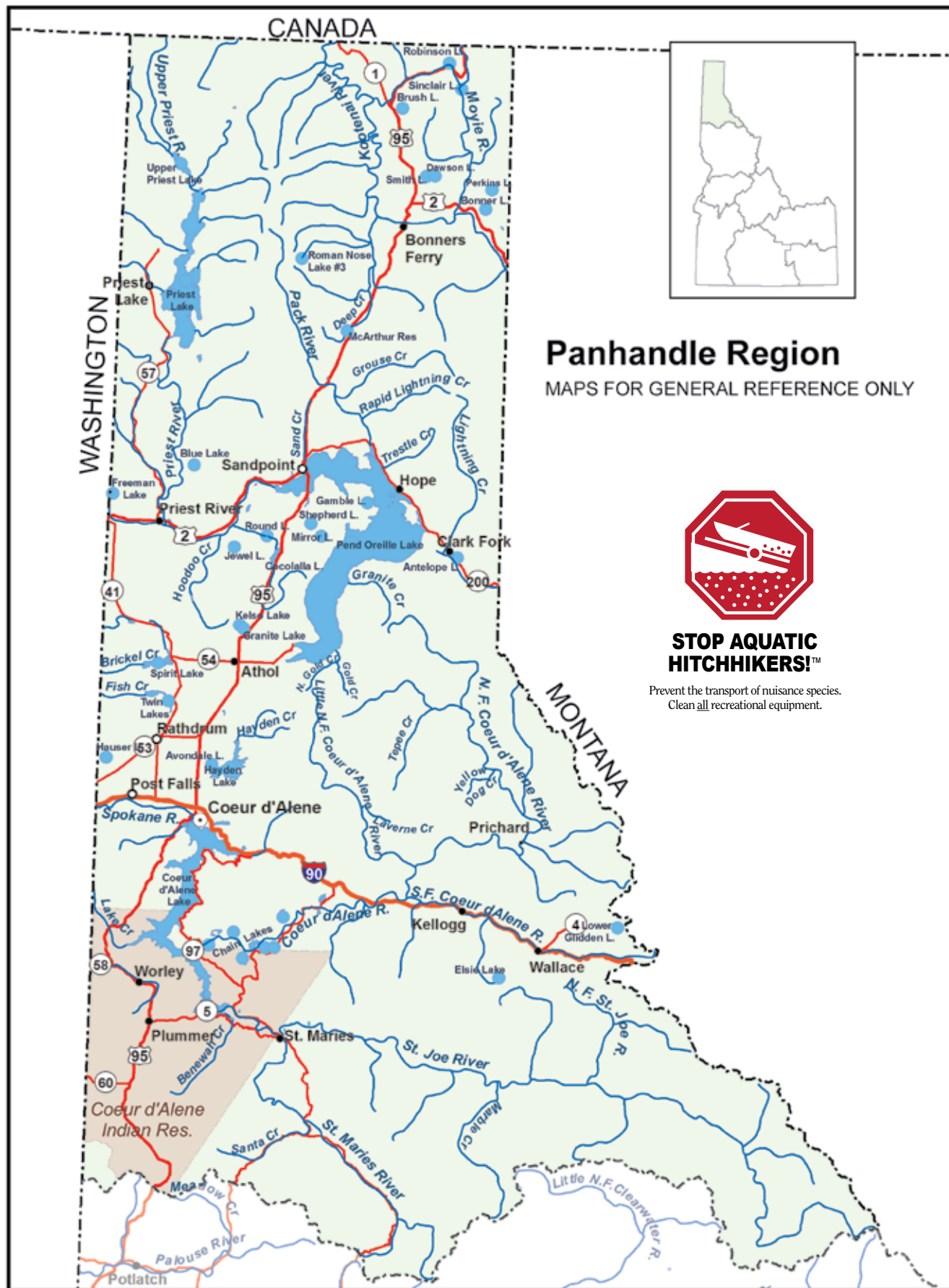
License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tag No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fish Species	Description & Number Taken	Water Caught	Date

### Other Game:

Species \_\_\_\_\_ #Taken \_\_\_\_\_ Date Killed \_\_\_\_\_







# PANHANDLE REGION

## General Fishing Season for the Panhandle Region

### All Waters Open All Year

Except as modified in Panhandle Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 10-11.

**Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.**

## Daily Bag Limits for the Panhandle Region

The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Panhandle Region except as modified in Panhandle Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 10-11. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit after the second day of the season.

### **Bass** (*Largemouth and Smallmouth*)

- Bass limit is 6, both species combined

### **Brook Trout**

- Brook Trout limit is 25

### **Bull Trout**

- Bull Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release

### **Burbot**

- Burbot limit is 6

### **Chinook Salmon** (*land-locked*)

- Chinook Salmon limit is 2, none under 20 inches

### **Kokanee**

- Kokanee limit is 15

### **Sturgeon**

- Fishing for or targeting sturgeon in the Kootenai River is illegal

### **Tiger Muskie**

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

### **Trout** *includes Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Golden Trout, Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout, Splake, Arctic Grayling, trout hybrids (e.g. Tiger Trout)*

- Trout limit is 6, all species combined
- Does not include Bull Trout and Brook Trout which are listed separately

### **Whitefish**

- Whitefish limit is 25

### **All Other Fish Species** *includes bullfrogs & crayfish*

- No bag, size or possession limit

**Check for potential fish consumption advisories.**

**See Page 51.**

## Special Rule Waters for the Panhandle Region (see Pages 10-11 for details)

Anderson Lake	Gamble (Gamlin) Lake	Round Lake (Bonner County)
Antelope Lake	Gold Creek	St. Joe River and tributaries
Avondale Lake	Granite Creek and tributaries	St. Maries River and tributaries
Blue Lake (Priest River Drainage)	Granite Lake	Shepherd Lake
Blue Lake (Coeur d' Alene Drainage)	Hayden Creek and tributaries	Sinclair Lake
Bonner Lake	Hayden Lake	Smith Lake
Brush Lake	Jewel Lake	Spirit Lake
Chase Lake	Kelso Lake	Spokane River
Clark Fork River and tributaries	Kootenai River	Trestle Creek and tributaries
Coeur d' Alene Lake	Lower Glidden Lake	Upper Priest Lake and tributaries
Coeur d'Alene River and tributaries	Mirror Lake	
Coeur d' Alene River, Little North Fork and tributaries	Moyie River	
Coeur d' Alene River, North Fork and tributaries	Pack River and tributaries	
Coeur d' Alene River, South Fork and tributaries	Pend Oreille Lake	
Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation	Pend Oreille River	
Dawson Lake	Perkins Lake	
Deep Creek and tributaries	Priest Lake and tributaries	
Freeman Lake	Priest River and tributaries	
	Robinson Lake	
	Roman Nose Lake #3	

## Special Rule Waters for the Panhandle Region

For waters not listed below, see Page 9 for fishing season, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Panhandle Region.

### Anderson Lake

(includes the channel to the Coeur d'Alene River)

- Bass limit is 6, only two may be Largemouth Bass, no Largemouth Bass under 16 inches

### Antelope Lake - Electric motors only

### Avondale Lake - Electric motors only

### Blue Lake (Priest River drainage) - Electric motors only

### Blue Lake (Coeur d'Alene drainage; includes the channel to the Coeur d'Alene River)

- Bass limit is 6, only two may be Largemouth Bass, no Largemouth Bass under 16 inches

### Bonner Lake - Electric motors only

### Brush Lake - Electric motors only

### Chase Lake - Electric motors only

- Bass limit is 6, only two may be Largemouth Bass, no Largemouth Bass under 16 inches

### Clark Fork River

Section: Entire river upstream of a straight line extending north of county boat dock (near mouth of Johnson Creek) to Bear Paw Point (southwest tip of Denton Slough)

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Rainbow Trout catch-and-release December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend
- No limit on lake trout

### Clark Fork River tributaries

(includes Lightning Creek and tributaries)

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Rainbow Trout catch-and-release December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend
- No bait allowed Dec. 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend

### Coeur d'Alene Lake (includes Benewah and Chatcolet lakes, Coeur d'Alene River "Chain Lakes" and all tributaries to Coeur d'Alene Lake)

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Lake Creek and tributaries, closed to fishing

### Coeur d'Alene River and tributaries

Section: From the mouth to the confluence of the North Fork and South Fork

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of any trout with a red or orange slash below jaw

### Coeur d'Alene River, Little North Fork and tributaries

Section: From the mouth upstream to Laverne Creek

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of any trout with a red or orange slash below jaw

### Section: From and including Laverne Creek upstream

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of any trout with a red or orange slash below jaw
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

### Coeur d'Alene River, North Fork and tributaries

Section: From the confluence of the North Fork and South Fork upstream to Yellow Dog Creek

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of any trout with a red or orange slash below jaw

### Section: From and including Yellow Dog Creek upstream

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of any trout with a red or orange slash below jaw
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

### Coeur d'Alene River, South Fork and tributaries

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of any trout with a red or orange slash below jaw

### Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation - Contact the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Office

### Dawson Lake - Electric motors only

### Deep Creek and tributaries

- Rainbow Trout catch-and-release December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend

### Freeman Lake - Electric motors only

### Gamble (Gamlin) Lake - Electric motors only

### Gold Creek (Pend Oreille Lake; includes North and South Gold creeks and tributaries)

- Closed to fishing

### Granite Creek and tributaries (Pend Oreille Lake)

- Closed to fishing

### Granite Lake - Electric motors only

### Hayden Creek and tributaries

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing

### Hayden Lake

- Bass limit is 6, only two may be Largemouth Bass, no Largemouth Bass under 20 inches
- Crappie limit is 6, none under 10 inches

### Jewel Lake - Electric motors only

### Kelso Lake - Electric motors only

### Kootenai River

- Trout limit is 2, no Rainbow or Cutthroat Trout under 16 inches
- Sturgeon - closed to fishing

### Lower Glidden Lake - Electric motors only

### Mirror Lake - Electric motors only



## Moyie River

- Trout limit is 2

## Pack River and tributaries *(from the mouth at Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge upstream; includes Grouse Creek and tributaries and Rapid Lightning Creek and tributaries)*

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Rainbow Trout catch-and-release December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend
- No bait allowed December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend
- Fishing closed 100 yards upstream and downstream of Grouse Creek Falls (on Grouse Creek)

## Pend Oreille Lake *(includes Sand, Strong, Riser, Bayview, and Mirror creeks and their tributaries)*

- No limit on the number of fishing rods per angler while fishing from a boat
- Bass limit is 6, only two may be Largemouth Bass, no Largemouth Bass under 16 inches
- No limit on Lake Trout, Lake Trout can be possessed in the field or in transit with head removed
- No harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Mouths of Gold, North Gold, Granite and Trestle creeks are closed to fishing for a radius of 100 yards into the lake
- Rainbow Trout limit is 2, only 1 over 20 inches

## Pend Oreille River

*(from railroad bridge at Sandpoint downstream to Idaho-Washington border, including tributaries and sloughs to the edge of flat water)*

- Bass limit is 6, only two may be Largemouth Bass, no Largemouth Bass under 16 inches
- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## Perkins Lake - Electric motors only

## Priest Lake and tributaries *(including Thorofare)*

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Kokanee limit is 6

## Priest River and tributaries

*(from its mouth to Priest Lake)*

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## Robinson Lake - Electric motors only

- Bass limit is 6, only two may be Largemouth Bass, no Largemouth Bass under 16 inches

## Roman Nose Lake #3 - Electric motors only

## Round Lake (Bonner County) - Electric motors only

## St. Joe River and tributaries *(except St. Maries River)*

**Section: From Coeur d'Alene Lake upstream to and including the North Fork St. Joe River**

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of any trout with a red or orange slash below jaw

**Section: From the North Fork St. Joe River upstream**

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of any trout with a red or orange slash below jaw

- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## St. Maries River and tributaries

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 2, no harvest of any trout with a red or orange slash below jaw
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2

## Shepherd Lake - Electric motors only

## Sinclair Lake - Electric motors only

## Smith Lake - Electric motors only

## Spirit Lake

- Kokanee limit is 25

## Spokane River and tributaries

**Section: From state line upstream to Post Falls Dam**

- Trout limit is 2

**Section: From Post Falls Dam upstream to Coeur d'Alene Lake**

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## Trestle Creek and tributaries

- Closed to fishing

## Upper Priest Lake and tributaries

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- No limit on Lake Trout
- Kokanee limit is 6

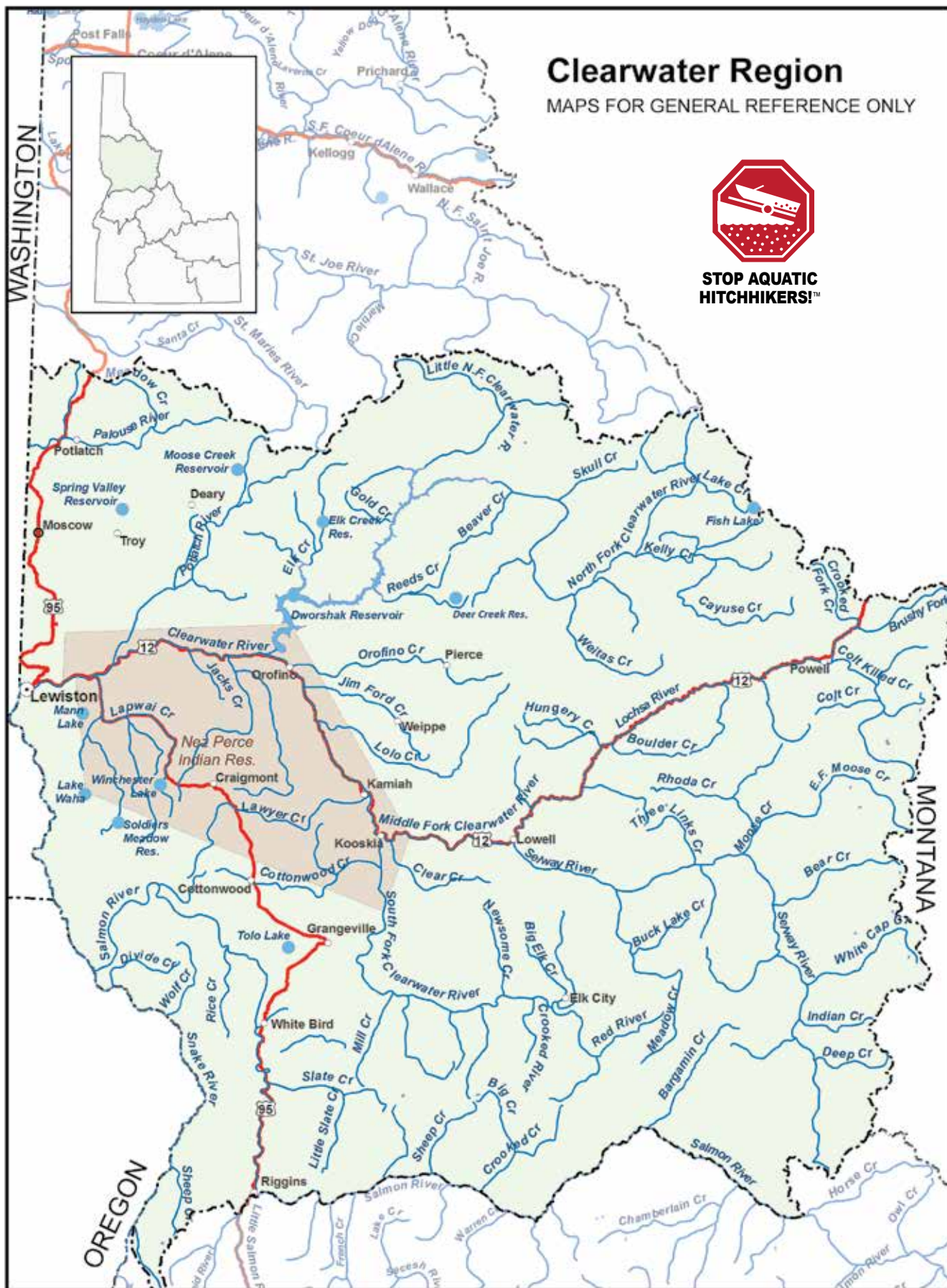


# Fishing & Boating Access Sites

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## General Fishing Season for the Clearwater Region

### All Waters Open All Year

Except as modified in Clearwater Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 14-15.

**Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.**

## Daily Bag Limits for the Clearwater Region

The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Clearwater Region except as modified in Clearwater Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 14-15. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit after the second day of the season.

### Bass (*Largemouth and Smallmouth*)

- In rivers and streams, no bag, size or possession limits
- In lakes and reservoirs, limit is 6, both species combined

### Brook Trout

- Brook Trout limit is 25

### Bull Trout

- Bull Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release

### Kokanee

- Kokanee limit is 25

### Salmon (*ocean-going*)

- Salmon seasons and limits are set annually by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and issued in a separate brochure
- Fishing for or targeting salmon is prohibited unless a salmon season is specifically opened for that water

### Steelhead (*ocean-going*)

- Defined as Rainbow Trout longer than twenty (20) inches in length in the Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam, the Salmon River drainage (excluding lakes and reservoirs), and the Clearwater River drainage (excluding that portion above Dworshak Dam, and lakes)
- Fishing for or targeting steelhead is prohibited unless a steelhead season is specifically opened for that water (see pages 39-43)

### Sturgeon

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks and sliding sinkers are required, see Page 52 for details

### Tiger Muskie

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

### Trout *includes Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, and trout hybrids (e.g. Tiger Trout)*

- In rivers and streams, trout limit is 2, all species combined
- In lakes, reservoirs, ditches and canals, trout limit is 6, all species combined

**Does not include Bull Trout and Brook Trout which are listed separately**

### Whitefish

- Whitefish limit is 25

### Protected Nongame Fish *includes Pacific Lamprey and Sand Roller*

- May not be harvested or possessed

### All Other Fish Species *includes bullfrogs and crayfish*

- No bag, size or possession limit

**Check for potential fish consumption advisories. See Page 51.**

## Special Rule Waters for the Clearwater Region (see Pages 14-15 for details)

Clearwater River  
Clearwater River, Middle Fork  
Clearwater River, North Fork  
Clearwater River, South Fork  
Crooked Fork Creek  
(tributary to Lochsa River)  
Deer Creek Reservoir  
Deyo Reservoir  
Dworshak Reservoir

Elk Creek and tributaries  
(tributary to Dworshak Reservoir)  
Elk Creek Reservoir  
Kelly Creek and tributaries  
Lochsa River  
Mann Lake  
Moose Creek Reservoir  
Salmon River  
Salmon River tributaries

Selway River  
Snake River  
(Lewiston to Hells Canyon Dam)  
Spring Valley Reservoir  
Tolo Lake  
Winchester Lake

# Special Rule Waters for the Clearwater Region

For waters not listed below, see Page 13 for fishing season, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Clearwater Region.

## Clearwater

### Clearwater River

#### Section: From the mouth upstream to the Clearwater River Bridge at Orofino

- Trout limit is 6; only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept; no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Fishing between posted boundaries 100 yards upstream and downstream from the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Ladder (near Cherry Lane Bridge) and extending into the river channel 50 yards is prohibited
- Fishing from the shoreline or wading along the perimeter of Dworshak National Fish Hatchery is prohibited

#### Section: From the Clearwater River Bridge at Orofino upstream to the confluence of the South Fork and Middle Fork Clearwater rivers

- Trout limit is 6; only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept; no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- September 1 through April 30 - No motors allowed

### Clearwater River, Middle Fork

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 2, none under 14 inches
- September 1 through April 30 - No motors allowed

### Clearwater River, North Fork

#### Section: From the mouth upstream to Dworshak Dam

- Trout limit is 6; only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept; no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- When fishing from Ahsahka Highway 7 Bridge, it is illegal to take or attempt to take any fish downstream of the railroad bridge; fishing from the railroad bridge is prohibited
- Fishing from any watercraft or wading is prohibited between the posted line approximately 150 yards upstream from the mouth of the North Fork Clearwater River and the Ahsahka Highway 7 Bridge
- Fishing from the shoreline or wading along the perimeter of Dworshak National Fish Hatchery is prohibited

#### Section: From the upper end of flat water of Dworshak Reservoir upstream

- Barbless hooks required
- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, no bait allowed except maggots

- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 2, no Cutthroat Trout under 14 inches, no bait allowed

### Clearwater River, South Fork

- Cutthroat Trout limit is 0, catch and release only
- Single-pointed barbless hooks are required while fishing for steelhead and salmon

### Crooked Fork Creek (tributary to Lochsa River)

#### Section: From the mouth to Brushy Fork Creek

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

#### Section: From Brushy Fork Creek upstream - Clearwater Region general rules apply

### Deer Creek Reservoir

- Trout limit is 6, only two may be Tiger Trout, no Tiger Trout under 14 inches

### Deyo Reservoir

- Bass Limit is 2, none under 16 inches

### Dworshak Reservoir

- Trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout, no Cutthroat Trout under 14 inches

### Elk Creek and tributaries (tributary to Dworshak Reservoir)

- Trout limit is 6, Brook Trout must be counted in trout limit

### Elk Creek Reservoir

- Trout limit is 6, Brook Trout must be counted in trout limit

### Kelly Creek and tributaries

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

### Lochsa River

#### Section: From the mouth upstream to Wilderness Gateway Campground Motor Bridge, near Highway 12 milepost 122

- Barbless hooks required
- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, no bait allowed except maggots
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2, none under 14 inches, no bait allowed

#### Section: From Wilderness Gateway Campground Motor Bridge upstream to the confluence of Colt Killed Creek and Crooked Fork Creek

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required





**Mann Lake** - Electric motors only

- Bass limit is 2, none under 16 inches

**Moose Creek Reservoir** - Electric motors only

**Salmon River**

- Trout limit is 6; only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept; no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

**Salmon River tributaries**

Section: Those tributaries from the mouth of the Salmon River upstream to the Middle Fork Salmon River (except Crooked Creek, Little Salmon River and South Fork Salmon River)

- Trout limit is 2

Section: Those tributaries above the mouth of Middle Fork Salmon River - See Page 38, Salmon River tributaries, Special Rule Waters

**Selway River**

Section: From the mouth upstream to Selway Falls cable car

- Barbless hooks required
- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, no bait allowed except maggots
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2, none under 14 inches, no bait allowed

Section: From Selway Falls cable car upstream to Selway Falls Bridge at Meadow Creek

- Closed to fishing

Section: From Selway Falls Bridge at Meadow Creek upstream

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

**Snake River** (*Lewiston upstream to Hells Canyon Dam*)

- Trout limit is 6; only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept; no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

**Spring Valley Reservoir** - Electric motors only

- Bass limit is 2, none under 16 inches

**Tolo Lake** - Electric motors only

**Winchester Lake** - Electric motors only



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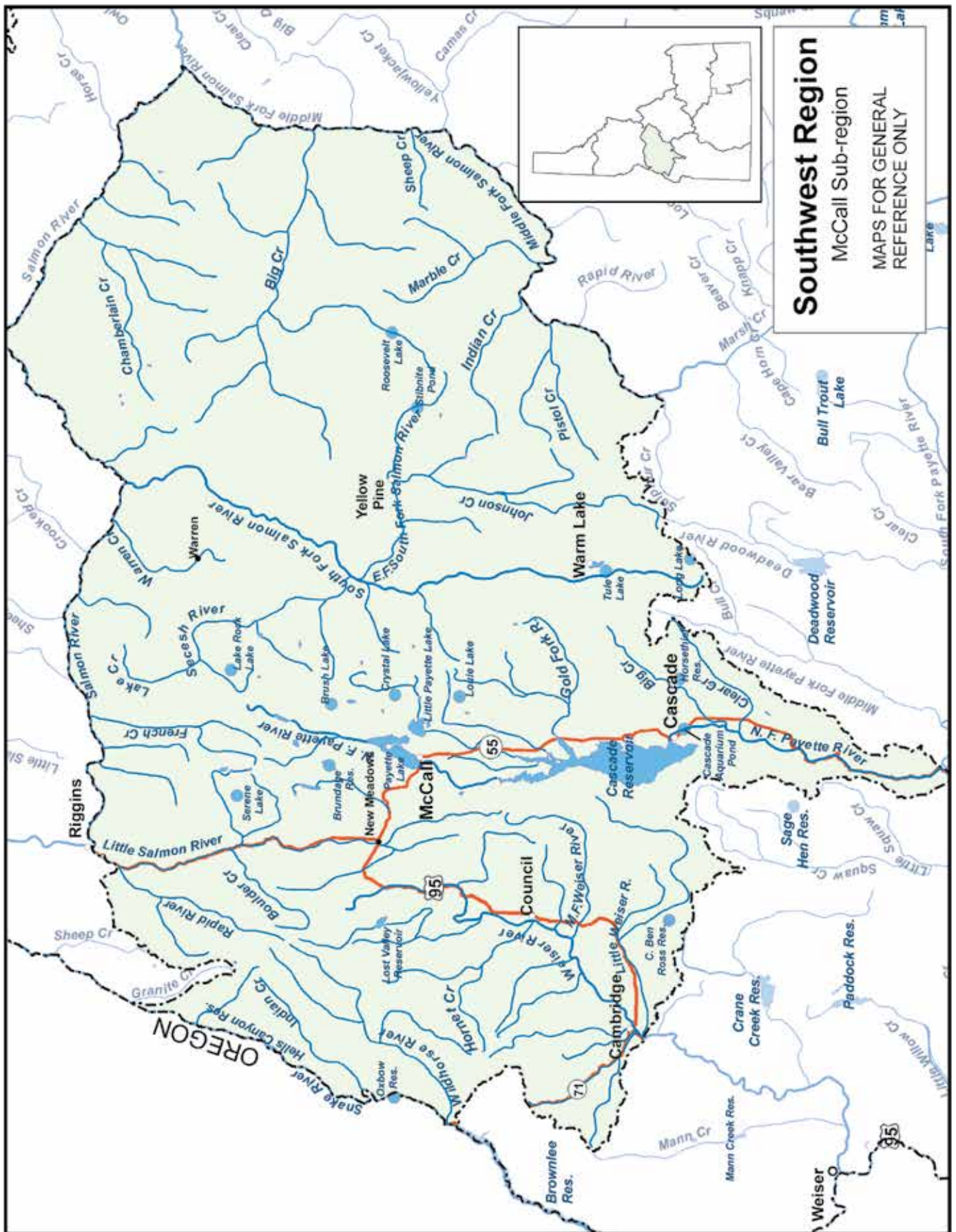
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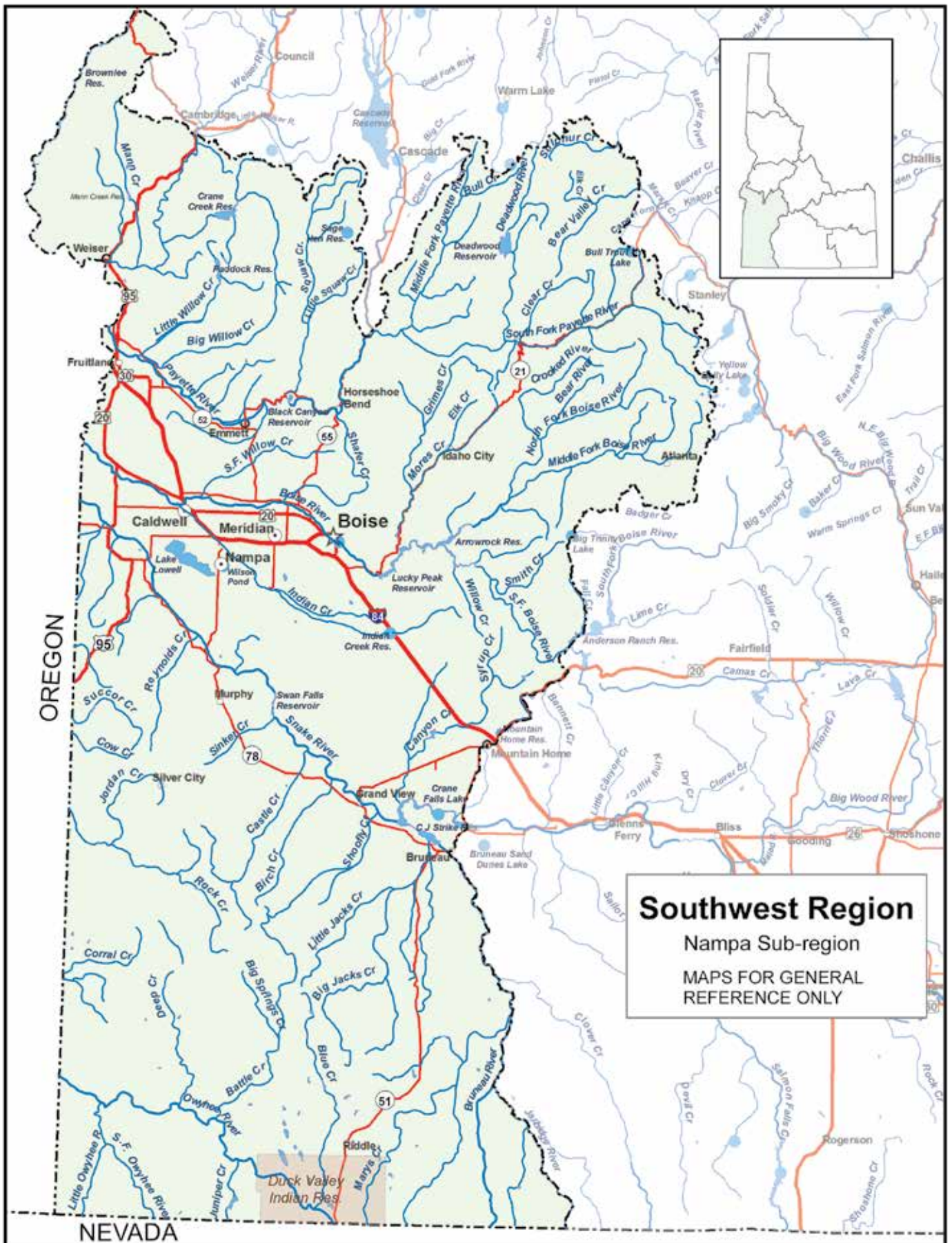
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# SOUTHWEST REGION

## General Fishing Season for the Southwest Region

### All Waters Open All Year

Except as modified in Southwest Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 19-20.

**Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.**

### Daily Bag Limits for the Southwest Region

The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Southwest Region except as modified in Southwest Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 19-20. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit after the second day of the season.

#### **Bass** (*Largemouth and Smallmouth*)

- Bass limit is 6, both species combined
- None under 12 inches

#### **Brook Trout**

- Brook Trout limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for Brook Trout

#### **Bull Trout**

- Bull Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release

#### **Kokanee**

- Kokanee limit is 6

#### **Salmon** (*ocean-going*)

- Salmon seasons and limits are set annually by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and issued in a separate brochure
- Fishing for or targeting salmon is prohibited unless a salmon season is specifically opened for that water

#### **Steelhead** (*ocean-going*)

- Defined as Rainbow Trout longer than twenty (20) inches in length in the Salmon River drainage (excluding lakes and reservoirs). Between Hells Canyon Dam and Oxbow Dam and the Boise River from its mouth upstream to Barber Dam during steelhead seasons, steelhead are Rainbow Trout over twenty (20) inches in length with the adipose fin clipped (as evidenced by a healed scar)

- Fishing for or targeting steelhead is prohibited unless a steelhead season is specifically opened for that water (see pages 39-43)

#### **Sturgeon**

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks and sliding sinkers are required, see Page 52 for details

#### **Tiger Muskie**

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

**Trout** includes *Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Golden Trout, Arctic Grayling, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, land-locked Chinook and Coho Salmon, trout hybrids (e.g. Tiger Trout)*

- Trout limit is 6, all species combined
- **Does not include Bull Trout and Brook Trout which are listed separately**

#### **Whitefish**

- Whitefish limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for whitefish

**Protected Nongame Fish** includes *Pacific Lamprey*

- May not be harvested or possessed

**All Other Fish Species** includes *bullfrogs and crayfish*

- No bag, size or possession limit

**Check for potential fish consumption advisories.**  
**See Page 51.**

### Special Rule Waters for the Southwest Region (See Pages 19-20 for details)

Ben Ross Reservoir	Crystal Lake	Owyhee River and tributaries	Salmon River, Middle Fork and tributaries
Big Creek	Deadwood Reservoir	Oxbow Reservoir	
Boise River	Deadwood Reservoir tributaries	Parkcenter Pond	Salmon River, South Fork and tributaries
Boise River, Middle Fork	Duck Valley Indian Reservation	Payette River, North Fork	Serene Lake
Boise River, South Fork	Lake Lowell	Payette River, South Fork and tributaries	Squaw Creek and tributaries
Brundage Reservoir and tributaries	Lake Rock Lake	Rapid River and tributaries	Stibnite Pond (Glory Hole)
Brush Lake	Little Payette Lake	Roosevelt Lake	Tule Lake
Cascade Aquarium Pond	Long Lake	Sage Hen Reservoir tributaries	Warren Creek
Chamberlain Creek and tributaries	Louie Lake	Salmon River	Weiser Community Pond
Crane Falls Lake	McDevitt Pond	Salmon River tributaries	Wilson Springs Ponds
	Middle Fork Salmon River		
	M.K. Nature Center		

# Special Rule Waters for the Southwest Region

For waters not listed below, see Page 18 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Southwest Region.

## Ben Ross Reservoir

- Bass limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

## Big Creek

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## Boise River

*from the mouth upstream to Lucky Peak Dam (lower Boise River)*

**Section: From the downstream side of the East Parkcenter Bridge to the upstream side of the West Parkcenter Bridge**

- Trout limit is 2, none under 14 inches

All other sections of the lower Boise River - Southwest Region general rules apply

## Boise River, Middle Fork

**Section: From the confluence of the North Fork upstream to Atlanta Dam**

- Trout limit is 2, none under 14 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

All other sections of the Boise River, Middle Fork - Southwest Region general rules apply

## Boise River, South Fork

**Section: From Neal Bridge (Forest Road 189) upstream to Anderson Ranch Dam**

- No bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly or lure
- December 1 through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit 2, none under 20 inches

Section: Boise River, South Fork above Anderson Ranch Dam; see Magic Valley Region rules (Page 23)

## Brundage Reservoir and tributaries

- Trout limit is 2, none over 14 inches
- No bait allowed

## Brush Lake

*(an alpine lake in North Fork Payette drainage)*

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## Cascade Aquarium Pond

- Closed to fishing

## Chamberlain Creek and tributaries

- Trout limit is 2

## Crane Falls Lake - Electric motors only

- Bass limit is 2, none under 20 inches

## Crystal Lake

*(an alpine lake in the Lake Fork drainage)*

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## Deadwood Reservoir

- Kokanee limit is 15

## Deadwood Reservoir tributaries

- Trout limit is 2
- Kokanee limit is 15

## Duck Valley Indian Reservation

*contact the Duck Valley Indian Tribal Office*

## Lake Lowell

- January 1 to June 30 - bass limit is 0, catch-and-release
- July 1 to December 31- bass limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

## Lake Rock Lake

*(an alpine lake in the Secesh River drainage)*

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## Little Payette Lake

- Bass limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- Kokanee limit is 25

## Long Lake *(an alpine lake south of Warm Lake)*

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## Louie Lake *(an alpine lake in the Boulder Creek drainage)*

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## McDevitt Pond

- Trout limit is 2

## Middle Fork Salmon River

*(see Salmon River, Middle Fork and tributaries)*

## M.K. Nature Center

- Closed to fishing

## Owyhee River and tributaries

- Bass limit is 6, any size

## Oxbow Reservoir

*(between Brownlee Dam and Oxbow Dam)*

- Bass limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

## Parkcenter Pond

- Trout limit is 2

**Payette River, North Fork**

Section: From Payette Lake upstream, including tributaries

- Kokanee limit is 0, catch-and-release

Section: From Smylie Bridge (Hartsell) to Payette Lake

- December 1 to Friday of Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release

All other sections of the Payette River, North Fork - Southwest Region general rules apply

**Payette River, South Fork and tributaries**

(except the Middle Fork Payette drainage)

- Trout limit is 2

**Rapid River and tributaries** (tributary to the Little Salmon River)

- Trout limit is 2

**Roosevelt Lake**

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

**Sage Hen Reservoir tributaries**

- December 1 through June 15 - closed to fishing
- June 16 through November 30 - trout limit is 2

**Salmon River**

- Trout limit is 6; only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept; no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- No bag, size or possession limits on bass

**Salmon River tributaries**

- No bag, size or possession limits on bass

Section: Those tributaries from the mouth of the Salmon River upstream to the mouth of the Middle Fork Salmon River (except Crooked Creek, Little Salmon River, and South Fork Salmon River)

- Trout limit is 2

Section: Those tributaries from the mouth of the Middle Fork Salmon River upstream (except: North Fork Salmon River, Lemhi, Pahsimeroi, East Fork Salmon River, and Yankee Fork Salmon River)

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - Salmon Region general rules apply

**Salmon River, Middle Fork and tributaries**

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required
- No bag, size or possession limits on bass

**Salmon River, South Fork and tributaries** (includes:

Johnson Creek, East Fork South Fork Salmon River, Secesh River, Lake Creek, Summit Creek and tributaries)

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required
- No bag, size or possession limits on bass

**Serene Lake**

(an alpine lake in the Hazard Creek drainage)

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

**Squaw Creek and tributaries**

- Trout limit is 2

**Stibnite Pond** (Glory Hole)

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

**Tule Lake** (an alpine lake near Warm Lake)

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

**Warren Creek**

- Trout limit is 2

**Weiser Community Pond**

- Trout limit is 2

**Wilson Springs Ponds** (all waters within the Wilson Springs access area including Wilson Drain)

- Trout limit is 2



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# MAGIC VALLEY REGION

## General Fishing Season for the Magic Valley Region

### All Waters Open All Year

Except as modified in the Magic Valley Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 23-25.

**Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.**

## Daily Bag Limits for the Magic Valley Region

The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Magic Valley Region except as modified in Magic Valley Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 23-26. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit after the second day of the season.

### **Bass** (*Largemouth and Smallmouth*)

- Bass limit is 6, both species combined
- None under 12 inches

### **Brook Trout**

- Brook Trout limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for Brook Trout

### **Bull Trout**

- Bull Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release

### **Kokanee**

- Kokanee limit is 6

### **Sturgeon**

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks and sliding sinkers are required, see Page 52 for details

### **Tiger Muskie**

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

**Trout** includes *Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Golden Trout, Arctic Grayling, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, land-locked Chinook and Coho Salmon, trout hybrids (e.g. Tiger Trout)*

- Trout limit is 6, all species combined
- In rivers and streams, only 2 of the 6 trout may be Cutthroat Trout

**Does not include Bull Trout and Brook Trout which are listed separately**

### **Walleye**

- Walleye limit is 6

### **Whitefish**

- Whitefish limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for whitefish

**Protected Nongame Fish** includes *Northern Leatherside Chub, Shoshone Sculpin, Wood River Sculpin, and Bluehead Sucker (also known as Green Sucker)*

- May not be harvested or possessed

**All Other Fish Species** includes *bullfrogs and crayfish*

- No bag, size or possession limit

**Check for potential fish consumption advisories. See Page 51.**

## Special Rule Waters for the Magic Valley Region (See Pages 23-26 for details)

Anderson Ranch Reservoir

Baker Lake

Bell Rapids (See Snake River)

Big Wood River

Big Wood River tributaries  
(upstream of Magic Reservoir)

Billingsley Creek

Boise River, South Fork  
(upstream of Anderson Ranch Dam)

Box Canyon Creek

Bruneau Dunes State Park

Carey Lake

Clear Lakes Grade Ponds  
(Empire Rapids Ponds)

Devils Corral Creek

Gunnel Reservoir (Six Mile)

Hagerman Wildlife Management Area

Jarbridge River and tributaries

Little Wood River

Magic Reservoir

Malad River

Niagara Springs Creek

Niagara Springs Wildlife Management  
Area

Riley Creek (see Hagerman Wildlife  
Management Area)

Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir

Silver Creek

Silver Creek tributaries

Snake River

South Fork Boise River  
(see Boise River, South Fork)

Sublett Reservoir

Sublett Reservoir tributaries

Trinity Lake

Vardis Fisher Pond

Vinyard Creek

Willow Creek  
(tributary to Camas Creek)

# Special Rule Waters for the Magic Valley Region

For waters not listed below, see Page 22 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Magic Valley Region.

## Anderson Ranch Reservoir

- Kokanee limit is 25 per day

## Baker Lake *(an alpine lake in Blaine County)*

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## Bell Rapids *(See Snake River)*

## Big Wood River

Section: From the Richfield Canal Diversion upstream to Magic Dam

- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 31 – trout limit is 6
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Bass limit is 6, any size

Section: From the posted boundary about 700 yards east of Hot Springs Landing upstream to Glendale Road Bridge

- December 1 through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6

Section: From Glendale Road Bridge upstream to the Highway 75 Bridge near milepost 122.2

- December 1 through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

Section: From Highway 75 Bridge near milepost 122.2 upstream to Highway 75 Bridge near milepost 136.2

- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, no bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly or lure
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing

Section: From the Highway 75 Bridge near milepost 136.2 upstream to the headwaters of the Big Wood River

- December 1 through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6

All other sections of the Big Wood River – Magic Valley Region general rules apply

## Big Wood River Tributaries *(upstream of Magic Reservoir)*

- December 1 through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6

## Billingsley Creek

Section: From Tupper Grade upstream to Vader Grade

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, fly-fishing only, no bait allowed

All other sections of Billingsley Creek – Magic Valley Region general rules apply

## Boise River, South Fork *(upstream of Anderson Ranch Reservoir, see Southwest Region for information downstream from Anderson Ranch Dam)*

Section: From the mouth of Beaver Creek upstream to the mouth of Big Smoky Creek

- Trout limit is 2, none under 14 inches
- No bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly or lure

All other sections of the Boise River, South Fork above Anderson Ranch Dam – Magic Valley Region general rules apply

## Box Canyon Creek

- Trout limit is 2

## Bruneau Dunes State Park – Electric motors only

- Bass limit is 2, none under 20 inches

## Carey Lake – Electric motors only

## Clear Lakes Grade Ponds *(Empire Rapids Ponds)*

- Trout limit is 2

## Devils Corral Creek

- Trout limit is 2

## Gunnell Reservoir *(Six Mile)*

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2



## Hagerman Wildlife Management Area - No motors

Section: The four Anderson Ponds, the Bass Ponds, Goose Pond, and the West Highway Pond (Highway 30)

- November 1 through June 30 – closed to fishing

Section: Oster Lakes, Riley Pond, and the Settling Pond

- November 1 through the last day of February – closed to fishing

Section: Riley Creek from the Falls upstream to the State Fish Hatchery Diversion

- November 1 through the last day of February – closed to fishing

All other sections of Riley Creek - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

## Jarbridge River and tributaries

- Trout limit is 2

## Little Wood River

Section: From the downstream end of the Taylor "Bear Tracks" Williams State Recreation Area near Highway 93 milepost 190, to the upstream end of the Recreation Area near Highway 93 milepost 192.5, as posted

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Fly-fishing only, barbless hooks required

Section: From Baugh Creek upstream (including tributaries)

- Trout limit is 2

All other sections of the Little Wood River - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

## Magic Reservoir (from Magic Dam to the posted boundary about 700 yards east of Hot Springs Landing)

- Bass limit is 6, any size

## Malad River

Section: From its mouth upstream to the Interstate 84 bridge at Malad Gorge

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release

## Niagara Springs Creek

Section: From the Niagara Springs Steelhead Hatchery intake pool (above the lowest fall) upstream to the spring sources as posted

- Closed to fishing

All other sections of Niagara Springs Creek - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

## Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Area – except Snake River

- Trout limit is 2

## Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir

- Walleye limit is 6, only one over 20 inches

## Silver Creek - No motors. All diversion ponds have the same rules as the connected stream.

Section: From its mouth upstream to Highway 93 - Magic Valley Region general rules apply

## Section: From Highway 93 upstream to the North Picabo Road bridge (See Page 26, Section 1)

- December 1 through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6

## Section: From the North Picabo Road bridge upstream to the bridge near milepost 187.2 on Highway 20 west of Picabo (See Page 26, Section 2)

- December 1 through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

## Section: From the bridge near milepost 187.2 on Highway 20 west of Picabo upstream to the road right-of-way fence on the west side of Kilpatrick Bridge (See Page 26, Section 3)

- No fishing from rafts or boats; float tubes are allowed
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 31 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, no bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly or lure
- April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing

## Section: From the road right-of-way on the west side of Kilpatrick Bridge upstream to the confluence of Grove Creek and Stalker Creek (See Page 26, Section 4).

- No fishing from rafts or boats; float tubes are allowed
- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, fly-fishing only, no bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly

## Silver Creek tributaries - No motors. All diversion ponds have the same rules as the connected stream.

### Section: All tributaries within the Nature Conservancy Silver Creek Preserve property (See Page 26, Section 5).

- No fishing from rafts or boats; float tubes are allowed
- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend—closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30—trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, fly-fishing only, no bait allowed, one barbless hook per fly



**Section: All tributaries except those within the Nature Conservancy Silver Creek Preserve and posted Hayspur Fish Hatchery waters (See Page 26, Section 6).**

- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2

**Section: The posted sections of Loving and Butte creeks on Hayspur Fish Hatchery property (See Page 26, Section 7).**

- December 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing.
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30—trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches

### **Snake River**

**Section: From Lower Salmon Falls Dam (Bell Rapids area) upstream to Upper Salmon Falls Dam (0.3 miles below Owsley Bridge)**

- January 1 through June 30 - bass limit is 0, catch-and-release
- July 1 through December 31 - bass limit is 2, none between 12 and 16 inches

**All other sections of the Snake River including reservoirs within the Magic Valley Region - Magic Valley Region general rules apply**

### **Sublett Reservoir** *(see also Sublett Reservoir tributaries)*

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 6

### **Sublett Reservoir tributaries**

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 2

### **Trinity Lakes** - No motors

### **Vardis Fisher Pond** *(Billingsley Creek State Park)*

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No bait allowed

### **Vineyard Creek**

- November 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through October 31 - trout limit is 2

### **Willow Creek** *(tributary to Camas Creek)*

- Trout limit is 2



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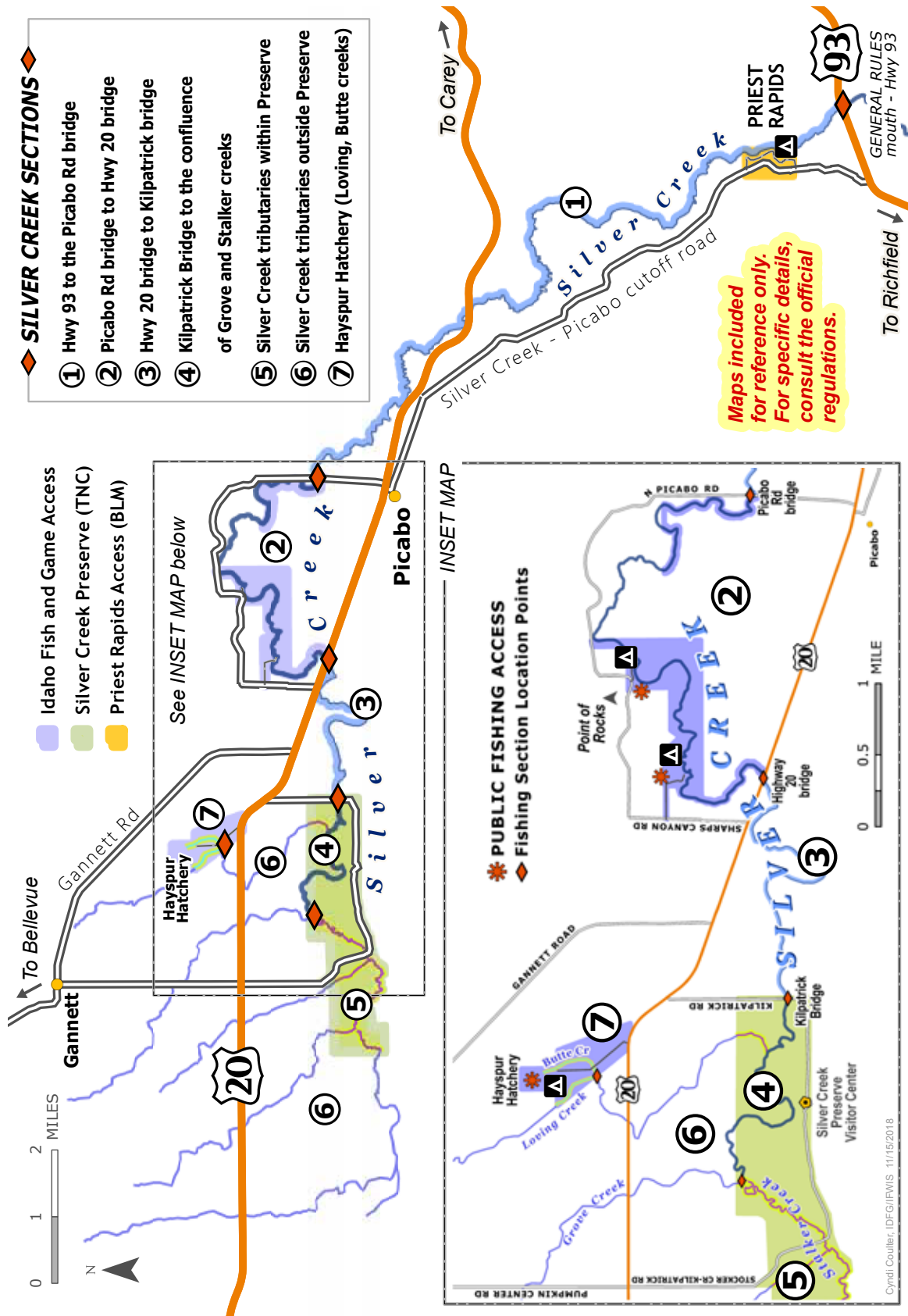


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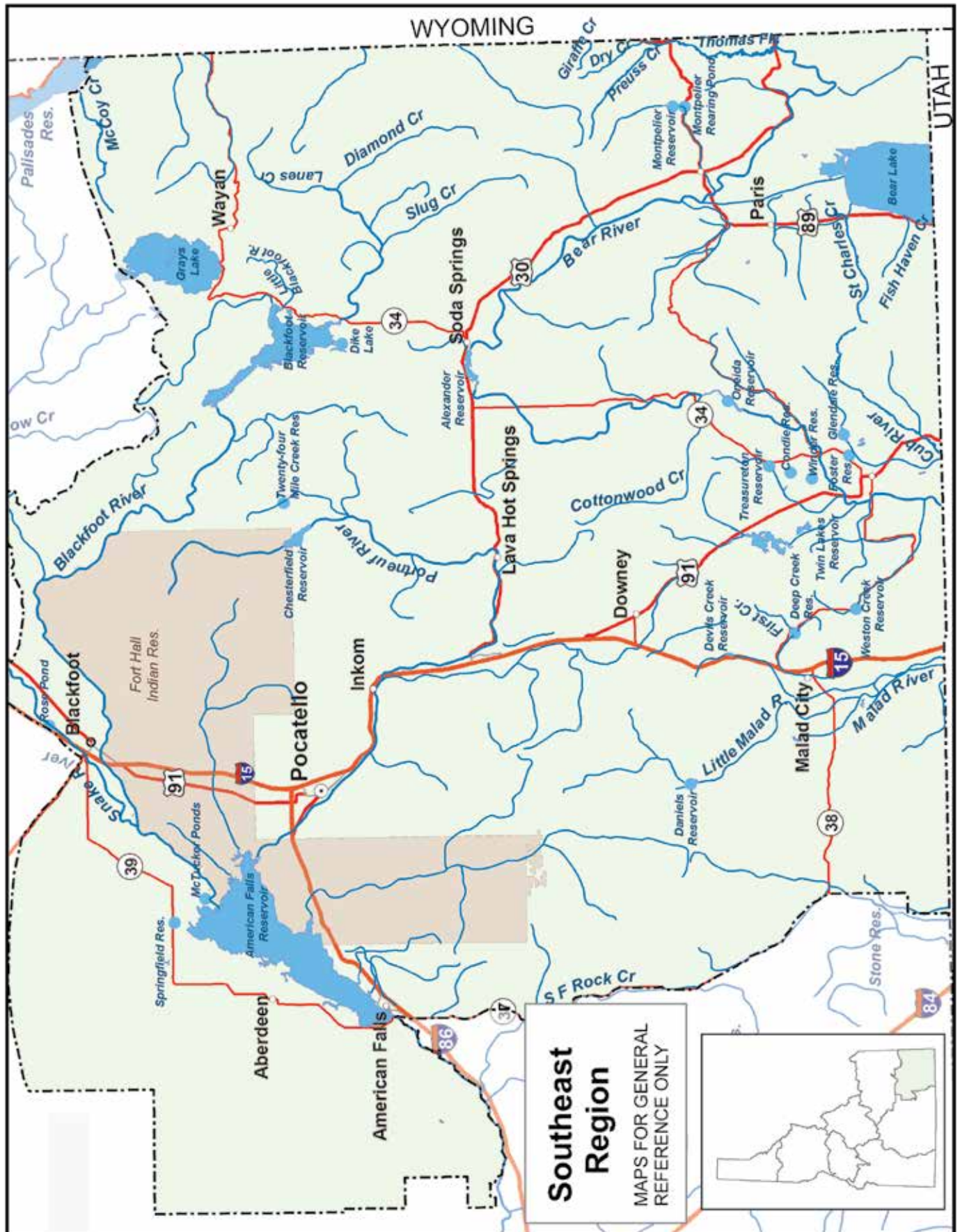
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# SILVER CREEK FISHING MAP







# SOUTHEAST REGION

## General Fishing Season for the Southeast Region

### All Waters Open All Year

except as modified in Southeast Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 29-30.

**Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.**

## Daily Bag Limits for the Southeast Region

The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Southeast Region except as modified in Southeast Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 29-30. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit after the second day of the season.

### **Bass** (*Largemouth and Smallmouth*)

- Bass limit is 6, both species combined
- None under 14 inches

### **Brook Trout**

- Brook Trout limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for Brook Trout

### **Cisco** (*Bear Lake only*)

- Cisco limit is 30

### **Kokanee**

- Kokanee limit is 6

### **Sturgeon**

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks and sliding sinkers are required, see Page 52 for details

### **Tiger Muskie**

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

### **Trout** *includes Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, and trout hybrids (e.g. Tiger Trout).*

- Trout limit is 6, all species combined
- In rivers and streams, only 2 of the 6 trout may be Cutthroat Trout

**Does not include Brook Trout which are listed separately**

### **Whitefish**

- Whitefish limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for whitefish

### **Protected Nongame Fish** *includes Northern Leatherside Chub, Bear Lake Sculpin, and Bluehead Sucker (also known as Green Sucker)*

- May not be harvested or possessed

### **All Other Fish Species** *includes bullfrogs and crayfish*

- No bag, size or possession limit

**Check for potential fish consumption advisories. See Page 51.**

## Special Rule Waters for the Southeast Region (see Pages 29-30 for details)

American Falls Reservoir

Bannock Reservoir

Bear Lake

Bear River

Bear River tributaries

Blackfoot Reservoir

Blackfoot River and tributaries

Chesterfield Reservoir

Condie Reservoir

Daniels Reservoir

Deep Creek Reservoir

Diamond Creek and tributaries

Dike Lake

Edson Fichter Pond

Fish Haven Creek

First Creek

Fort Hall Indian Reservation

Foster Reservoir

Glendale Reservoir

Kokanee Creek

Lanes Creek and tributaries

Little Blackfoot River and tributaries

McCoy Creek and tributaries

Montpelier Reservoir

Montpelier Rearing Pond

Oneida Reservoir

Portneuf River

Rose Pond

St. Charles Creek

Slug Creek and tributaries

Snake River

Springfield Reservoir

Treasureton Reservoir

Twenty-Four Mile Reservoir

Weston Reservoir

Winder Reservoir

# Special Rule Waters for the Southeast Region

*For waters not listed below, see page 28 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Southeast Region.*

## American Falls Reservoir

- Bass limit is 2, any size

## Bannock Reservoir - no motors

*Wellness Complex (Pocatello)*

- Trout limit is 2

## Bear Lake

- From the mouth of St. Charles Creek for a radius of 300 yards into the lake is closed to fishing from April 16 through June 30
- Not more than 2 baited hooks, flies, or lures per line.
- One line only when ice fishing. Two-lines permitted when ice fishing with a two-pole permit
- Trout limit is 2; only Cutthroat Trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept (See Page 43)
- Cisco limit is 30; dip-netting permitted January 1 through February 15. Dip nets no larger than 18 inches in any dimension. Any size hole may be cut through the ice to catch cisco
- Whitefish limit is 10

## Bear River

**Section: From the Utah state line upstream to Oneida Dam**

- Trout limit is 2, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Bass limit is 6, any size

**Section: From the confluence with Oneida Reservoir upstream to the Wyoming state line**

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## Bear River tributaries (all tributaries including the Cub River and Thomas Fork Bear River)

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## Blackfoot Reservoir

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## Blackfoot River and tributaries

**Section: From the confluence with the Snake River upstream to Blackfoot Dam (Government Dam) - Southeast Region general rules apply**

**Section: Upstream from Blackfoot Reservoir**

- December 1 through June 30 - closed to fishing
- July 1 through November 30 - trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout, no bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## Chesterfield Reservoir

- Trout limit is 2

## Condie Reservoir

- Bass limit is 2, none under 20 inches

## Daniels Reservoir

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- One line only when ice fishing
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## Deep Creek Reservoir

- Trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout
- No size, bag or possession limits on Bass

## Diamond Creek and tributaries

- December 1 through June 30 - closed to fishing
- July 1 through November 30 - trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout, no bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## Dike Lake - No motors

## Edson Fichter Pond

- Trout limit is 2

## Fish Haven Creek

**Section: From the confluence with Bear Lake upstream to the Cache National Forest boundary**

- December 1 through June 30 - closed to fishing
- July 1 through November 30 - Southeast Region general rules apply

**Section: Fish Haven Creek upstream of the Cache National Forest boundary - Southeast Region general rules apply**

## First Creek

- December 1 through June 14 - closed to fishing
- June 15 through November 30 - Southeast Region general rules apply

## Fort Hall Indian Reservation - contact Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Office

## Foster Reservoir - Electric motors only

## Glendale Reservoir

- Bass limit is 2, none under 16 inches

## Kokanee Creek - Tributary to Bannock Reservoir

- Closed to fishing

## Lanes Creek and tributaries

- December 1 through June 30 - closed to fishing
- July 1 through November 30 - trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout, no bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## Little Blackfoot River and tributaries

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## McCoy Creek and tributaries

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout



## Montpelier Reservoir - Electric motors only

### Montpelier Rearing Pond

- Trout limit is 2

### Oneida Reservoir

- Walleye limit is 6
- Bass limit is 6, any size

### Portneuf River

**Section: In Lava Hot Springs, from the Center Street Bridge upstream to the East Main Street Bridge**

- Closed to fishing

**Section: From above East Main Street bridge in Lava Hot Springs upstream to Chesterfield Reservoir**

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, no bait allowed, barbless hooks required
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

**All other sections of the Portneuf River: except for within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation (contact Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Office): Southeast Region general rules apply**

### Rose Pond - Electric motors only

### St. Charles Creek

**Section: Both forks of St. Charles Creek upstream to the Cache National Forest boundary**

- December 1 through June 30 - closed to fishing
- July 1 through November 30 - Southeast Region general rules apply

**Section: St. Charles Creek upstream of Cache National Forest boundary - Southeast Region general rules apply**

### Slug Creek and tributaries

- December 1 through June 30 - closed to fishing
- July 1 through November 30 - trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout, no bait allowed

### Snake River

**Section: From the downstream side of the Gifford Springs boat fishing zone (western boundary) upstream to Eagle Rock**

- Bass limit is 2, any size
- Trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout

**Section: From Eagle Rock upstream to American Falls Dam**

- October 16 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – limit is 0 for game fish species, catch-and-release, no bait allowed, barbless hooks required
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through October 15 – bass limit is 2, any size; trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout, only 2 trout over 16 inches

**Section: From American Falls Reservoir upstream to Gem Lake dam**

- Trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout
- Bass limit is 2, any size

## Springfield Reservoir

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- One line only when ice fishing
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

### Treasureton Reservoir

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- No size, bag or possession limits on bass
- One line only when ice fishing
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

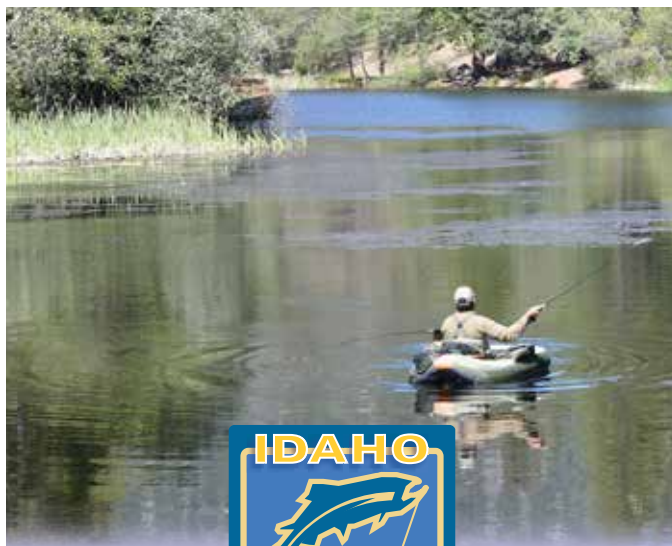
### Twenty-Four Mile Reservoir - No motors

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- One line only when ice fishing
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

### Weston Reservoir

- No fishing from boats or rafts, float tubes allowed

### Winder Reservoir - No motors

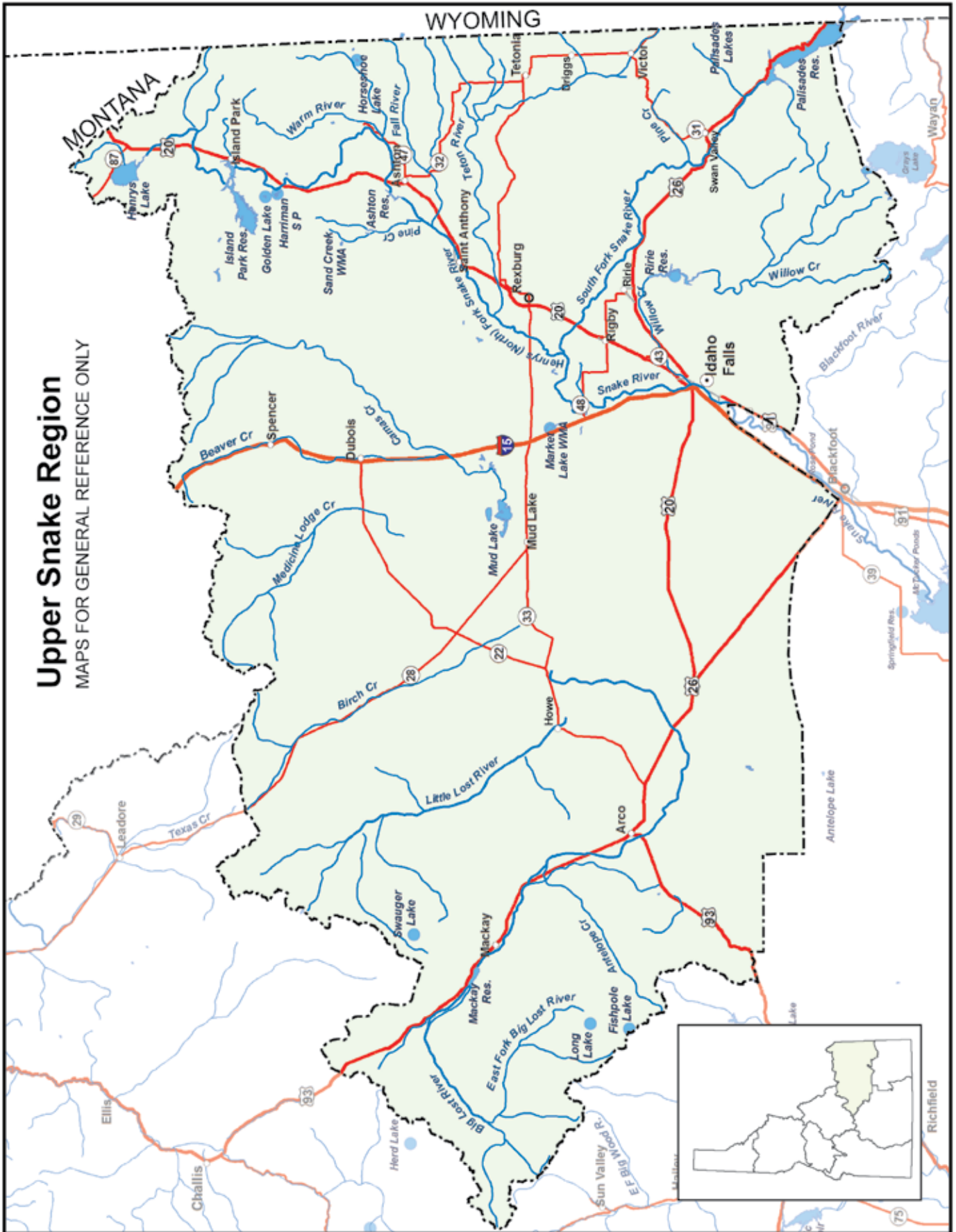


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# Upper Snake Region

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Upper Snake

# UPPER SNAKE REGION

## General Fishing Season for the Upper Snake Region

### All Waters Open All Year

Except as modified in Upper Snake Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 33-34.

**Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.**

## Daily Bag Limits for the Upper Snake Region

The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Upper Snake Region except as modified in Upper Snake Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 33-34. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit after the second day of the season.

### **Bass** (*Largemouth and Smallmouth*)

- Bass limit is 6, both species combined

### **Brook Trout**

- Brook Trout limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for Brook Trout

### **Bull Trout**

- Bull Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release

### **Kokanee**

- Kokanee limit is 15

### **Sturgeon**

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks and sliding sinkers are required, see Page 52 for details

### **Tiger Muskie**

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

**Trout** includes *Brown Trout, Golden Trout, Lake Trout, Splake, Arctic Grayling, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, and trout hybrids (e.g. Tiger Trout)*

- Trout limit is 6, all species combined

**Does not include Bull Trout and Brook Trout which are listed separately**

### **Whitefish**

- Whitefish limit is 25 – see Big Lost River exception
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for whitefish

**Protected Nongame Fish** including *Northern Leatherside Chub and Bluehead Sucker (also known as Green Sucker)*

- May not be harvested or possessed

**All Other Fish Species** includes *bullfrogs and crayfish*

- No bag, size or possession limit

**Check for potential fish consumption advisories. See Page 51.**

## Special Rule Waters for the Upper Snake Region (see Pages 33-34 for details)

Beaver Creek and tributaries  
Becker Pond (Ryder Park Pond)  
Big Lost River and tributaries  
Burns Creek (see South Fork Snake River tributaries)  
Dry Beds (Snake River)  
Fall River and tributaries  
Fish Creek (Harriman State Park)  
Fox Creek (see Teton River tributaries)  
Golden Lake (Harriman State Park)  
Hell Creek (see Willow Creek tributaries)  
Henrys Fork (Snake River, North Fork)  
Henrys Fork tributaries (excluding Thurmon Creek, Warm River and the Fall River)  
Jim Moore Pond  
Henrys Lake

Henrys Lake Outlet  
Henrys Lake tributaries  
Horseshoe Lake (Fremont County)  
Lava Creek (see Willow Creek tributaries)  
Little Lost River and tributaries  
Long Lake (Custer County)  
Market Lake Wildlife Management Area  
McCoy Creek (see Palisades Reservoir tributaries)  
Medicine Lodge Creek and tributaries  
Mud Lake  
Palisades Creek (see South Fork Snake River tributaries)  
Palisades Reservoir tributaries  
Pine Creek (see South Fork Snake River tributaries)  
Rainey Creek (see South Fork Snake River tributaries)

Sand Creek Wildlife Management Area  
Sellars Creek (see Willow Creek tributaries)  
Silver Lake (Harriman State Park)  
Snake River  
South Fork Snake River  
South Fork Snake River tributaries  
Teardrop Lake  
Teton Creek (see Teton River tributaries)  
Teton River  
Teton River tributaries  
Thurmon Creek (Harriman State Park)  
Trail Creek (see Teton River tributaries)  
Warm River and tributaries  
Willow Creek  
Willow Creek tributaries



# Special Rule Waters for the Upper Snake Region

For waters not listed below, see page 32 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Upper Snake Region.

## Beaver Creek and tributaries

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## Becker Pond (Ryder Park Pond)

- Two fish any species

## Big Lost River and tributaries

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release; whitefish limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6; whitefish limit is 0, catch-and-release

## Dry Beds (Snake River)

Section: From the Highway 48 bridge upstream to the Great Feeder irrigation diversion headgate

- May 1 through March 31 – Upper Snake Region general rules apply
- April 1 through April 30 – it is legal to take fish with dip nets, by snagging or by hand – Upper Snake Region bag limits apply

## Fall River and tributaries

- Limit is 2 trout, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## Fish Creek (Harriman State Park)

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Fly-fishing only

## Golden Lake (Harriman State Park)

- Closed to fishing

## Henrys Fork (Snake River, North Fork)

Section: South Fork Snake River/Henrys Fork confluence upstream to Vernon Bridge

- Trout limit is 2, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Section: From Vernon Bridge upstream to Ashton Dam

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0; catch-and-release only
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Section: From Highway 20 bridge upstream to the posted boundary upstream of Riverside Campground

- Trout limit is 2, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Section: From the posted boundary upstream of the Riverside Campground upstream to the lower Harriman State Park boundary

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, no bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Section: From the lower Harriman State Park boundary upstream to the upper Harriman State Park boundary (Harriman Ranch)

- December 1 through June 14 – closed to fishing
- June 15 through November 30 – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, fly fishing only, barbless hooks required

Section: From the upper Harriman State Park boundary to Island Park Dam

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Section: From McCrear Bridge upstream to the Henrys Lake Outlet

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout, no Cutthroat Trout under 16 inches

Section: From Henrys Lake Outlet upstream to the head of Big Springs

- Closed to fishing

All other sections of Henrys Fork including Ashton and Island Park Reservoirs – Upper Snake Region general rules apply

## Henrys Fork tributaries (except Warm River, Fall River, and Thurmon Creek)

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## Henrys Lake

Section: Those portions of the lake within the posted boundaries of Staley Springs and within 100 yards of Hatchery Creek

- Closed to fishing

Remainder of Henrys Lake

- January 2 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – Closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through January 1 – trout limit is 2, Brook Trout must be counted in the trout limit
- Fishing may not continue after 2 trout have been reduced to possession

## Henrys Lake Outlet

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout, no Cutthroat Trout under 16 inches

**Henrys Lake tributaries**

- July 1 through March 31 – no harvest of Cutthroat Trout; Brook Trout limit is 25, only two Brook Trout over 16 inches
- April 1 through June 30 – closed to fishing
- Hatchery Creek – closed to fishing

**Horseshoe Lake** (*Fremont County*) - no motors

- Trout limit is 2

**Jim Moore Pond**

- Trout limit is 2

**Little Lost River and tributaries**

- Trout limit is 2

**Long Lake** (*an alpine lake in Custer County*)

- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches

**Market Lake Wildlife Management Area**

- March 1 through July 15 – no boats, rafts or float tubes

**Medicine Lodge Creek and tributaries**

- Trout limit is 2, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

**Mud Lake** (*west of the posted boundary which runs north and south from McKenzie Point*)

- March 1 through July 15 – no boats, rafts or float tubes

**Palisades Reservoir tributaries**

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- No harvest of kokanee

**Sand Creek Wildlife Management Area**

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through July 15 – no boats, rafts or float tubes
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – motorized watercraft prohibited

Additional closures to protect wildlife may be in effect. Call the Upper Snake Regional Office at 208-525-7290 for the latest information.

**Silver Lake** (*Harriman State Park*)

- Closed to fishing

**Snake River**

Section: Gem Lake Dam to Osgood Diversion Dam

- Trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout

Section: Osgood Diversion Dam upstream to the confluence of Henrys Fork (North and South Fork)

- Trout limit is 2, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

**South Fork Snake River**

- No harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Brown Trout limit is 2
- No limit on Rainbow Trout or trout hybrids

**South Fork Snake River tributaries**

- No harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- No limit on Rainbow Trout or trout hybrids
- June 1 through June 30 – closed to fishing

**Teardrop Lake**

- Trout limit is 2

**Teton River**

- No limit on Rainbow Trout or hybrids
- No harvest of Cutthroat Trout

**Teton River tributaries**

- No harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- No limit on Rainbow Trout or hybrids
- June 1 through June 30 – closed to fishing

**Thurmon Creek** (*Harriman State Park*)

- Closed to fishing

**Warm River and tributaries**

Section: Within the posted boundaries from the bridge near the Parker (Schueller) Cabin to the mouth of Robinson Creek upstream to State Highway 47 bridge

- Closed to fishing

All other sections of the Warm River

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend, trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

**Willow Creek**

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

**Willow Creek tributaries**

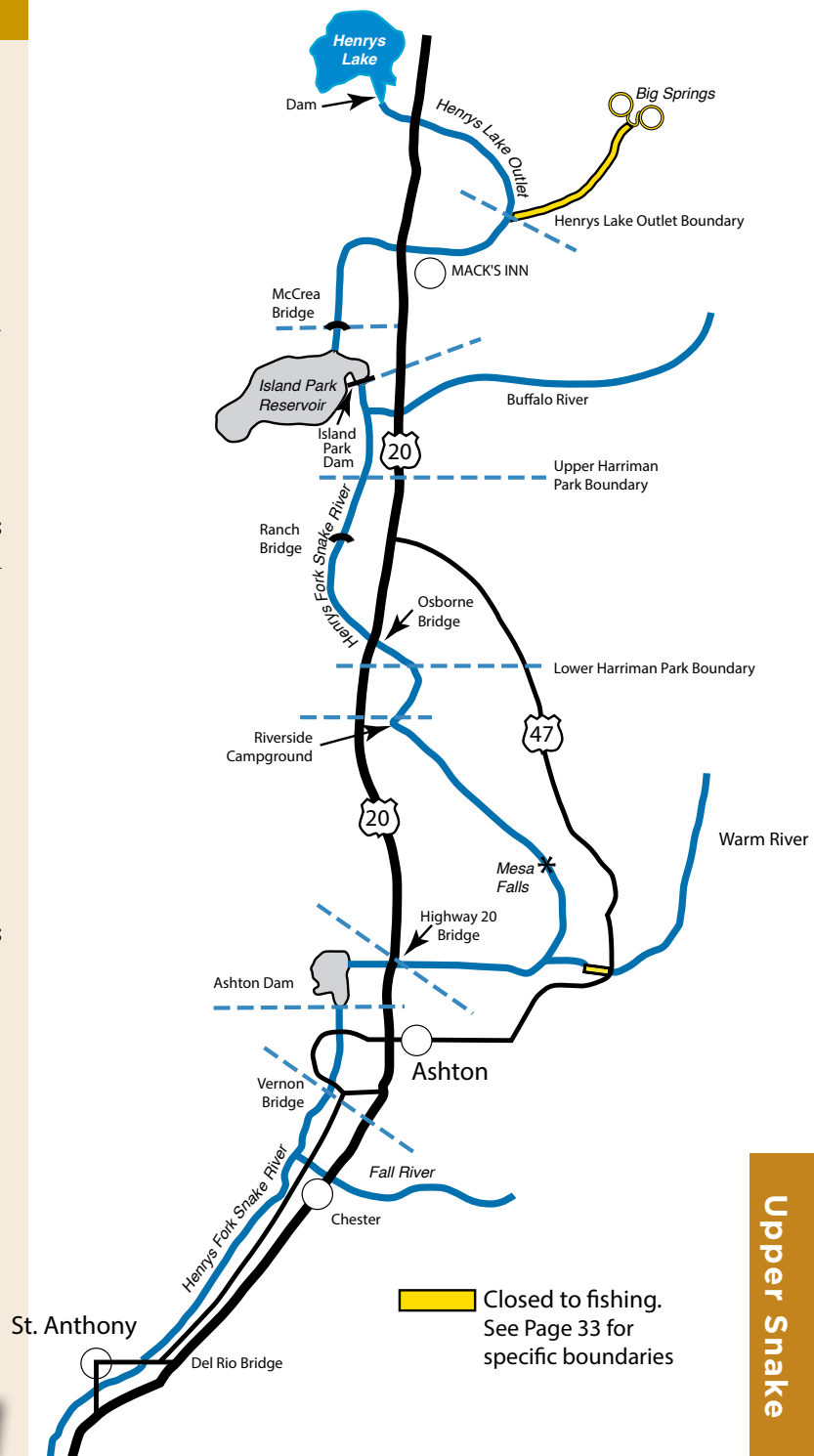
- No harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- No limit on Rainbow Trout or hybrids
- June 1 through June 30 – closed to fishing

## Cutthroat Trout need your help in the South Fork Snake and Teton rivers!

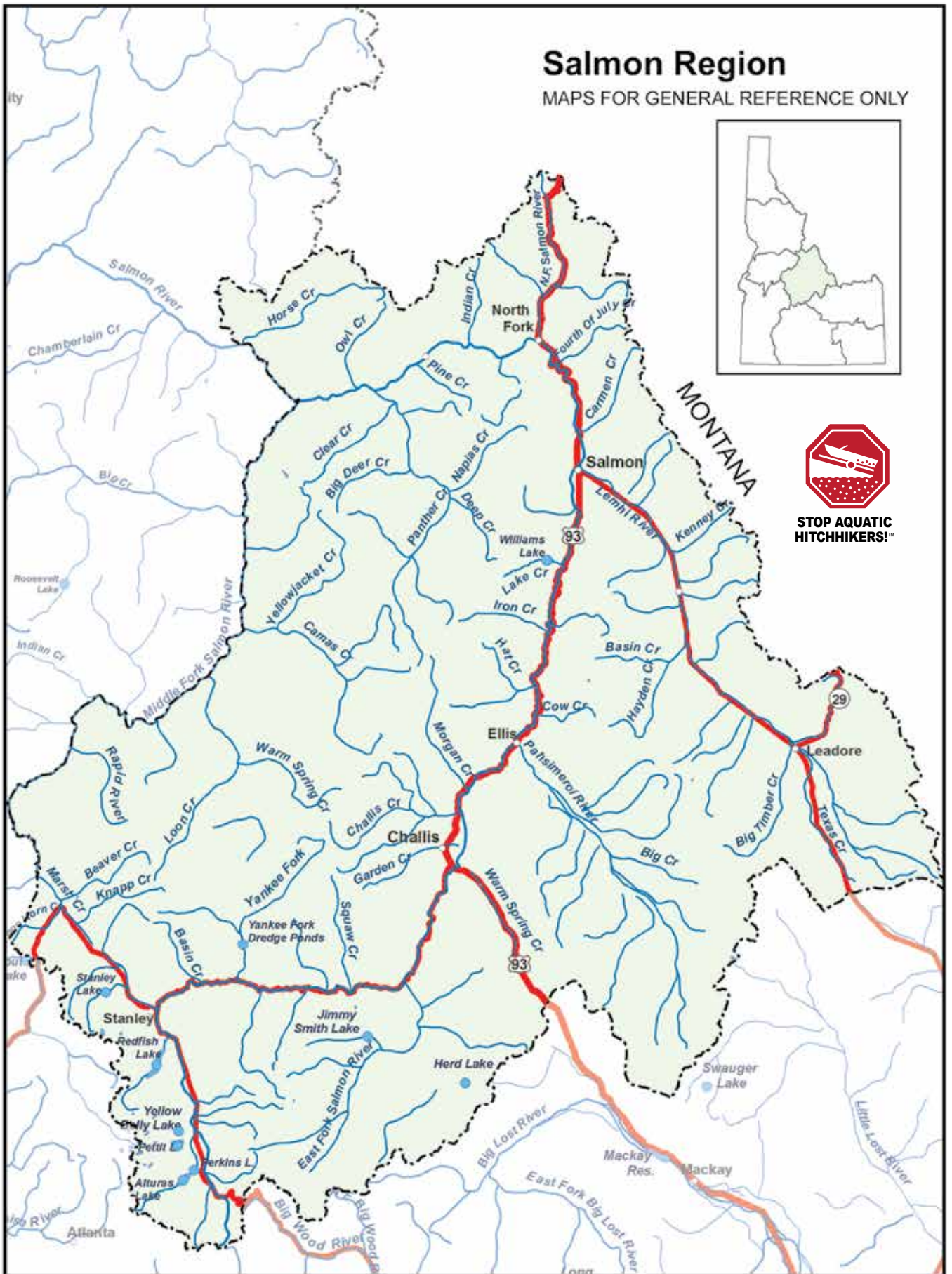
Anglers love Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout for their eagerness to take flies and the unique chance to catch large, native trout in some of Idaho's most iconic rivers. However, non-native Rainbow Trout pose a major threat to the future of Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout. Non-native Rainbow Trout not only compete with Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout, but also interbreed with them, producing hybrids that continue to interbreed with cutthroat. IDFG uses fish traps on South Fork tributaries to prevent Rainbow Trout from spawning in important Yellowstone Cutthroat streams. Through regulations, IDFG encourages anglers to harvest unlimited amounts of Rainbow Trout and hybrids in both the South Fork Snake and Teton rivers. Also, South Fork anglers can participate in an incentive reward program and have a chance to earn between \$50 and \$1,000 per fish head turned-in. In the South Fork, Rainbow Trout and hybrids are uniquely marked with microscopic tags in the snout of hundreds of Rainbow Trout and hybrids annually. Return a fish head and you may earn a reward. By harvesting Rainbow Trout and hybrids, anglers like you can help protect Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout populations and these unique angling opportunities for generations to come. So enjoy a shore lunch, or take some Rainbow Trout home for dinner – you'll be doing the South Fork Snake and Teton cutthroat a favor! **Yellowstone Cutthroat/Rainbow Trout Hybrids colors and markings can include a wide range of marks from both pure Rainbow Trout and Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout. They are most easily identified by the presence of white fin tips.**



## Henrys Fork Fishing Map See Page 33 for specific boundaries.







## General Fishing Season for the Salmon Region

### All Waters Open All Year

Except as modified in Salmon Region Special Rule Waters on Page 38.

**Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.**

## Daily Bag Limits for the Salmon Region

The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Salmon Region except as modified in Salmon Region Special Rule Waters on Page 38. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit after the second day of the season.

### **Bass** (*Largemouth and Smallmouth*)

- No bag, size or possession limits

### **Brook Trout**

- Brook Trout limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for Brook Trout

### **Bull Trout**

- Bull Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release

### **Kokanee**

- Kokanee limit is 25

### **Salmon** (*ocean-going*)

- Salmon seasons and limits are set annually by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and issued in a separate brochure
- Fishing for or targeting salmon is prohibited unless a salmon season is specifically opened for that water

### **Steelhead** (*ocean-going*)

- Defined as Rainbow Trout longer than twenty (20) inches in length in the Salmon River drainage (excluding the Lemhi and Pahsimeroi rivers, lakes and reservoirs, and ponds)
- Fishing for or targeting steelhead is prohibited unless a steelhead season is specifically opened for that water (see pages 39-43)

### **Sturgeon**

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks and sliding sinkers are required, see Page 52 for details

### **Tiger Muskie**

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

**Trout** *includes Lake Trout, Golden Trout, Arctic Grayling, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Sunapee Trout and trout hybrids (e.g. Tiger Trout)*

- Trout limit is 6, all species combined
- Chinook Salmon placed in ponds are considered in the trout bag limit.

**Does not include Bull Trout and Brook Trout which are listed separately**

### **Whitefish**

- Whitefish limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for whitefish

**Protected Nongame Fish** *including Pacific Lamprey*

- May not be harvested or possessed

**All Other Fish Species** *includes bullfrogs and crayfish*

- No bag, size or possession limit

*Check for potential fish consumption advisories.*

*See Page 51.*

## Special Rule Waters for the Salmon Region (see Page 38 for details)

East Fork Salmon River, see Salmon River  
East Fork  
Herd Lake  
Jimmy Smith Lake  
Lake Creek and tributaries (Lemhi County)  
Lemhi River  
Middle Fork Salmon River see Salmon River, Middle Fork

North Fork Salmon River see Salmon River, North Fork  
Pahsimeroi River  
Redfish Lake  
Salmon River  
Salmon River tributaries  
Salmon River, East Fork  
Salmon River, Middle Fork and tributaries

Salmon River, North Fork  
Salmon River, Yankee Fork and West Fork Yankee Fork  
Wallace Lake  
Yankee Fork Salmon River Dredge Ponds  
Yankee Fork Salmon River see Salmon River, Yankee Fork

# Special Rule Waters for the Salmon Region

For waters not listed below, see Page 37 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Salmon Region.

## **East Fork Salmon River** (see *Salmon River, East Fork*)

### **Herd Lake**

- Trout limit is 25

### **Jimmy Smith Lake**

- Trout limit is 25

## **Lake Creek and tributaries** (above *Williams Lake*)

- December 1 through June 30 - closed to fishing upstream from the posted boundary at Williams Lake
- July 1 through November 30 - Salmon Region general rules apply

## **Lemhi River**

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout, no trout under 14 inches

## **Lemhi River tributaries**

- Salmon Region general rules apply

## **Middle Fork Salmon River** (see *Salmon River, Middle Fork and tributaries*)

## **North Fork Salmon River** (see *Salmon River, North Fork*)

## **Pahsimeroi River**

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout, no trout under 14 inches

## **Pahsimeroi River tributaries**

- Salmon Region general rules apply

## **Redfish Lake**

- January 1 through August 7 - Salmon Region general rules apply
- August 8 through December 31 - kokanee limit is 0, catch-and-release

## **Salmon River**

- Trout limit is 6; only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## **Salmon River tributaries**

Section: Those tributaries from the mouth of the Salmon River upstream to the mouth of the Middle Fork Salmon River (except Crooked Creek, Little Salmon River, and South Fork Salmon River)

- Trout limit is 2

Section: Those tributaries from the mouth of the Middle Fork Salmon River upstream (except: North Fork Salmon River, Lemhi, Pahsimeroi, East Fork Salmon River, and Yankee Fork Salmon River)

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - Salmon Region general rules apply

## **Salmon River, East Fork**

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## **Salmon River, East Fork tributaries**

- Salmon Region general rules apply

## **Salmon River, Middle Fork and all tributaries**

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

## **Salmon River, North Fork**

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## **Salmon River, North Fork tributaries**

- Salmon Region general rules apply

## **Salmon River, Yankee Fork and West Fork Yankee Fork**

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

## **Salmon River, Yankee Fork tributaries**

- Salmon Region general rules apply

## **Wallace Lake**

- Trout limit is 2

## **Yankee Fork Salmon River Dredge Ponds**

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - Salmon Region general rules apply

## **Yankee Fork Salmon River** (see *Salmon River, Yankee Fork*)



# STEELHEAD AND SALMON RULES AND INFORMATION

Anyone fishing for anadromous salmon and/or steelhead, except those expressly exempt, must have a valid fishing license and salmon and/or steelhead permit(s) on his/ her person. These license and permit requirements also apply when fishing for hatchery salmon or steelhead stocked by Idaho Fish and Game in the Boise River or Hells Canyon Reservoir.

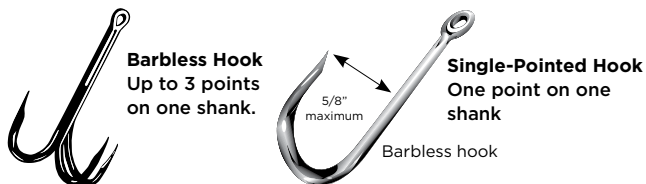
Any person who does not qualify as a resident (see Page 61) must purchase either a nonresident season fishing license and a full-season salmon and/or steelhead permit or a nonresident 3-day salmon/steelhead license/permit.

Children (including nonresident children) under the age of 14 are exempt from purchasing salmon and steelhead permits. They may fish without permits if they are accompanied by a valid permit holder, provided that any fish caught must be recorded on the permit holder's card and counted in the permit holder's legal bag, possession and season limit. A resident child under 14 may purchase permits without a license so that they may catch their own limit(s) of salmon and/or steelhead.

Any non-resident under the age of 18 may purchase a junior non-resident fishing license and appropriate permit so they may catch their own limit of salmon or steelhead.

## Methods of Take

- Any angler, who has attained the bag, possession, or season limit on those waters with salmon or steelhead limits, must cease fishing for salmon or steelhead including catch-and-release fishing.



- Only single-pointed barbless hooks are allowed when fishing for salmon or steelhead in the South Fork Clearwater River.
- No person shall kill or retain in possession any salmon or steelhead which has been hooked other than in the mouth or jaw. Any salmon or steelhead hooked other than in the mouth or jaw must be released. See snagging definition on Page 46.
- Salmon and steelhead may be taken with barbed hooks in the Boise River and the Snake River between Hells Canyon and Oxbow dams.
- Only barbless hooks with a maximum 5/8 inch gap between shank and point may be used when fishing for salmon or steelhead in the Salmon and Clearwater river drainages and the Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam. Bending the barb(s) down to the shank of a single, double, or treble hook will meet this requirement.

## Please Note

- Fishing for or targeting salmon or steelhead is prohibited unless a season is specifically opened for the species on that water.
- Steelhead with an intact adipose fin cannot be reduced to possession and must be released.
- Anglers should refer to season proclamations to determine if Chinook Salmon and Coho Salmon with an intact adipose fin can be retained.
- Any anadromous salmon or steelhead that is being reduced to possession must be killed immediately. Otherwise, the fish must be released upon landing.
- All fish that are hooked, landed, and reduced to possession shall be counted in the limit of the person hooking the fish. Daily and possession limits for adult Chinook Salmon (24 or more inches in length) and jack salmon (less than 24 inches in length) may differ and unless specifically stipulated otherwise by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Commission for a season or waters, jack salmon are not included in the season limit and need not be entered on the anglers' permit.
- No person shall have in the field or in transit any salmon or steelhead from which the head or tail has been removed unless: 1) the angler is ashore and done fishing for the day; 2) the salmon or steelhead is properly recorded on the anglers permit; and 3) the fish is processed or packaged with the skin naturally attached to the flesh including a portion with a healed, clipped adipose fin scar or the adipose fin. The fish must be processed or packaged in a manner that the number of fish harvested can be readily determined. Processed salmon and steelhead cannot be transported by boat.
- Steelhead harvest and angler participation are estimated by a telephone survey conducted within a few weeks after the season closes. You may be called and asked about your effort and success. Please save your permit until three months after the season has closed or until you are contacted by Idaho Fish and Game.

# RELEASING WILD SALMON AND STEELHEAD

Please help ensure the survival of released wild salmon and steelhead by:

- Using proper sized gear and keeping fight time to a minimum
- Not pulling fish onto rock, sand, or dirt banks—instead, use a net or "tail" the fish
- Minimizing the time out of water
- Not handling the fish by the gills
- Reviving the fish by gently holding it in the water, if necessary

## River Location Codes

### Snake River

Snake River, downstream from Salmon River .....	01
Snake River, from Salmon River to Hells Canyon Dam.....	02
Snake River, Hells Canyon Dam to Oxbow Dam.....	27

### Clearwater River

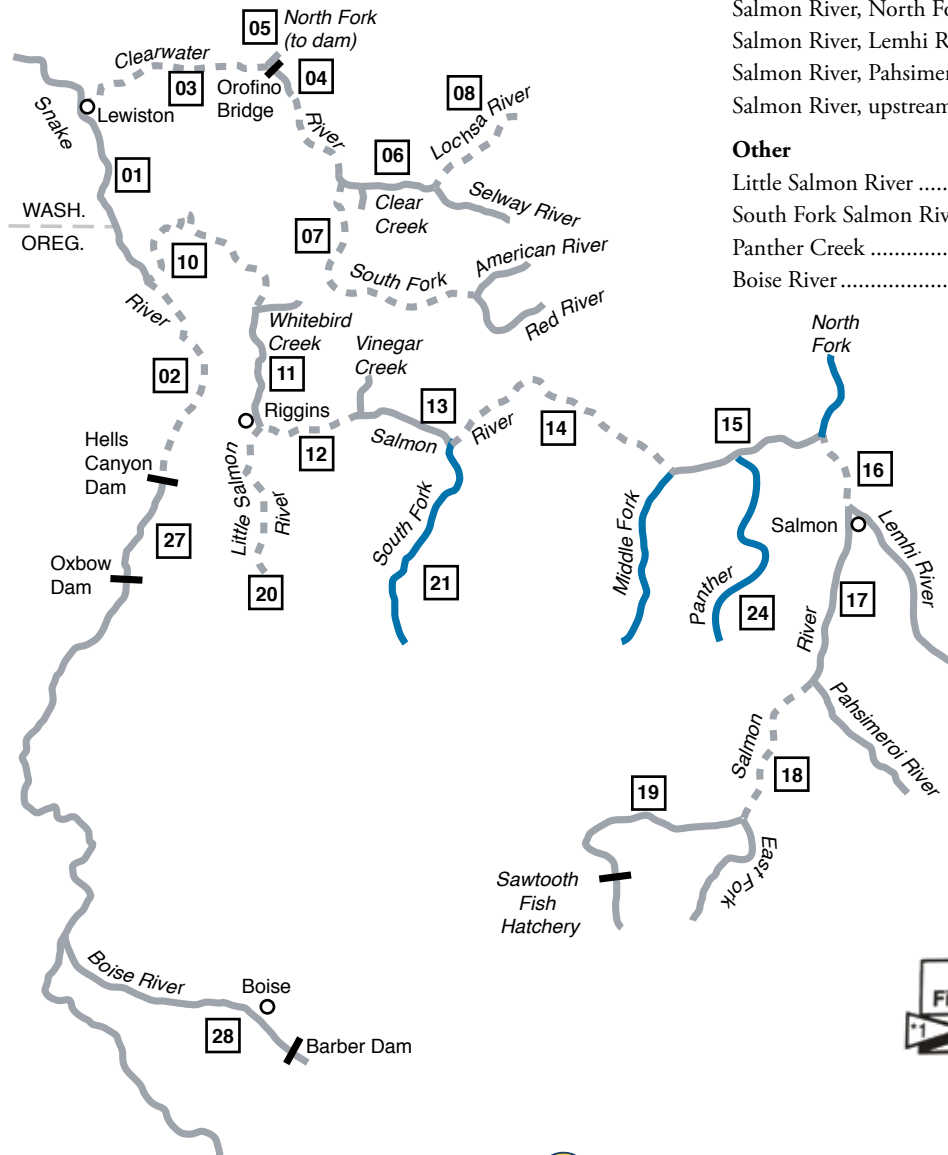
Clearwater River, downstream from Orofino Bridge.....	03
Clearwater River, upstream from Orofino Bridge .....	04
North Fork Clearwater River.....	05
Middle Fork Clearwater River .....	06
South Fork Clearwater River .....	07
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### Salmon River

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## Permit Validation

When a steelhead or salmon has been hooked, landed and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately:

- Completely remove one numbered notch (\*) from the permit in correct season column;
- Look up the number code from the River Location Code list and write it in the space provided; and
- Enter the month and day the fish was harvested.

Fish/Bird	Month/Day	Location Code
*1	6/01	07

REMOVE NOTCH

Steelhead Seasons and Limits												
River Section	Spring Season 20 fish per season						Fall Season 20 fish per season					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clearwater River</b> from its mouth upstream to the Memorial Bridge of U.S. Highway 12 at Lewiston.	*Jan 1 - Apr 30 3 per day, 9 in possession				Closed to steelhead fishing		Jul 1 - 31 Catch-and-Release	Aug 1 - Dec 31 2 per day, 6 in possession				
<b>Clearwater River: Mainstem and Middle Fork Clearwater River</b> from the Memorial Bridge of U.S. Highway 12 at Lewiston upstream to Clear Creek.	*Jan 1 - Apr 30 3 per day, 9 in possession				Closed to steelhead fishing		Jul 1 - Oct 14 Catch-and-Release			Oct 15 - Dec 31 2 per day, 6 in possession		
Closures: Fishing is <b>prohibited</b> between posted boundaries about 100 yards upstream and downstream from the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Ladder and extending into the river channel about 50 yards. Fishing from the shoreline or wading along the perimeter of Dworshak National Fish Hatchery is <b>prohibited</b> . Fishing from motorized watercraft is <b>prohibited</b> from the Clearwater River Bridge at Orofino upstream to the confluence of the Selway and Lochsa rivers from Sep 1 - Apr 30.												
<b>North Fork Clearwater River</b> from the mouth (defined as a straight line between the posted signs located at the Clearwater Hatchery outlet culvert on the west side and at the tip of land below the upstream to Dworshak Hatchery on the east side) upstream to Dworshak Dam.	*Jan 1 - Apr 30 3 per day, 9 in possession				Closed to steelhead fishing			Sept 1 - Dec 31 2 per day, 6 in possession				
Closures: Fishing from the shoreline or wading along the perimeter of Dworshak National Fish Hatchery is <b>prohibited</b> . Fishing from any watercraft or wading is <b>prohibited</b> between the posted line about 150 yards upstream from the mouth of the North Fork Clearwater River and the Ahsahka Highway 7 Bridge. When fishing from the Ahsahka Highway 7 Bridge, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take any fish downstream of the railroad bridge. Fishing from the railroad bridge is <b>prohibited</b> .												
<b>South Fork Clearwater River</b> from its mouth upstream to the confluence of American and Red rivers.	*Jan 1 - Apr 30 3 per day, 9 in possession.				Closed to steelhead fishing		Jul 1 - Oct 14 Catch-and-Release.			Oct 15 - Dec 31 2 per day, 6 in possession.		
<b>Note:</b> Only single-pointed barbless hooks are allowed when fishing for steelhead or salmon												
<b>Salmon River</b> from its mouth upstream to the Lake Creek Bridge (about 6 miles upstream from the mouth of the Little Salmon River).	*Jan 1 - Apr 30 3 per day, 9 in possession				Closed to steelhead fishing		Aug 1 - Aug 31 Catch-and-Release	Sep 1 - Dec 31 3 per day, 9 in possession				
<b>Salmon River</b> from the Lake Creek Bridge to Long Tom Creek (3/4 mile upstream from the Middle Fork Salmon River).	*Jan 1 - Mar 31 3 per day, 9 in possession			Closed to steelhead fishing								

**\*NOTE:** Seasons and bag limits may be changed by Commission or Director action. Please consult our webpage, license vendors, or regional offices for changes to rules published in this document.



# SALMON SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS WILL BE SET ANNUALLY BY THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME COMMISSION.

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## Steelhead and Salmon Rules

Steelhead Seasons and Limits												
River Section	Spring Season 20 fish per season						Fall Season 20 fish per season					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Salmon River</b> from Long Tom Creek (3/4 mile upstream from the Middle Fork Salmon River) to posted boundary 100 yards downstream of Sawtooth Hatchery.	Jan 1 - Apr 30 3 per day, 9 in possession				Closed to steelhead fishing		Aug 1 - Aug 31 Catch-and-Release	Sep 1 - Dec 31 3 per day, 9 in possession				
<b>Little Salmon River</b> from its mouth upstream to the U.S. Highway 95 bridge near Smokey Boulder road.	Jan 1 - May 15 3 per day, 9 in possession				Closed to steelhead fishing							
<b>Snake River</b> from the Washington State line at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers upstream to Hells Canyon Dam.	Jan 1 - Apr 30 3 per day, 9 in possession				Closed to steelhead fishing							
<b>Snake River</b> from Hells Canyon Dam to Oxbow Dam	Jan 1 - May 31 3 per day, 9 in possession				Not present							
<b>Boise River</b> from its mouth upstream to Barber Dam.	Adult steelhead are only present in the Boise River and the Snake River above Hells Canyon Dam when stocked by Idaho Fish and Game. Check with regional offices to determine if steelhead have been released that year. A steelhead permit is required to fish for and keep steelhead (Rainbow Trout longer than 20 inches with a clipped adipose fin). Limits are 2 per day and 6 in possession when steelhead are present. Barbless hooks are not required.											
When and Where you are expected to see Salmon and Steelhead in Idaho												
Sockeye Salmon	Spring & Summer Chinook Salmon				Fall Chinook/Coho Salmon				Steelhead			
<i>July - September</i>	<i>April - September</i>				<i>August-December</i>				<i>July-May</i>			
Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam	Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam				Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam				Snake River & Tributaries below Hells Canyon Dam			
Salmon River	Salmon River & Tributaries				Clearwater River				Clearwater River & Tributaries			
Alturas Lake and Creek Pettit Lake and Creek Redfish Lake and Creek	Clearwater River & Tributaries (not listed but protected under state law)				Lower Salmon River				Salmon River & Tributaries			

## Salmon & Steelhead Fishing in Boundary Waters

The Snake River between Idaho, Oregon, or Washington: The holder of a valid Idaho fishing license and salmon or steelhead permit may fish for those species provided the season is open in the Snake River where it forms the boundary between the states of Idaho and Oregon or Washington, subject to the fish and game laws of Idaho, but may not fish from the shoreline, including wading, and may not fish in sloughs or tributaries on the Oregon or Washington side. Any Oregon or Washington license holder has the same rights and restrictions with reference to the Idaho side. Any angler who fishes on the Snake River or any other water forming an Idaho boundary is entitled to have in possession only the limit allowed by one license regardless of the number of licenses in possession.

### Permit Validation

See page 40 for example.

When an adult salmon (24 or more inches in length) or steelhead (20 or more inches in length) has been hooked, landed, and reduced to possession (must be killed immediately), the angler hooking the fish must immediately:

1. Completely remove one numbered notch from the permit.
2. Look up the number code from the River Location Code list and write it in the space provided.
3. Enter the month and day the fish was harvested.

However, when a salmon or steelhead is released rather than reduced to possession, the angler is not required to make an entry on the permit.

Unless otherwise stipulated by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Commission, jack Chinook Salmon (less than 24 inches in length) are not included in an anglers season limit and need not be entered on their permit.

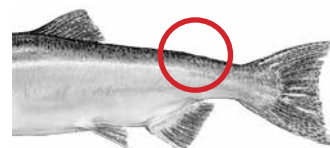
### Unclipped Adipose Fin

Steelhead with an unclipped adipose fin must be released. Anglers should refer to season proclamations to determine if Chinook Salmon and Coho Salmon with an intact adipose fin can be retained.

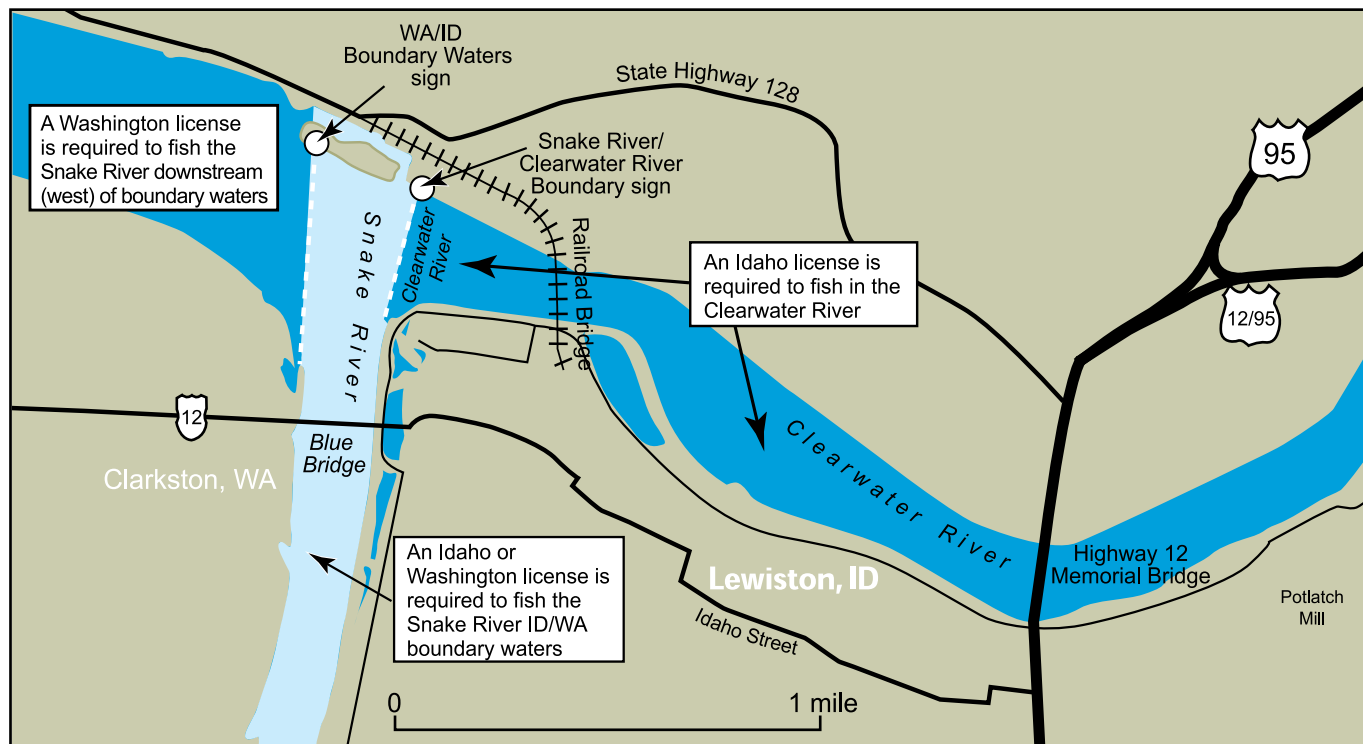


### Clipped Adipose Fin

Hatchery steelhead or salmon may be kept if the adipose fin has been clipped as evidenced by a healed scar.



## Washington/Idaho Fishing Waters Boundaries



## THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Several of Idaho's fish species have been listed or have been petitioned for listing under the 1973 federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Species are listed when population levels drop so low that they are at a high risk of extinction. Species listed under the ESA as either "Threatened" or "Endangered" are protected to reduce "take." While over-harvest has been a factor for some resident species, for the most part, these fish are in trouble because their habitat has been damaged or destroyed. Idaho Fish and Game encourages land and water management agencies to make decisions that will benefit fish and wildlife. However, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission's authority is restricted to either regulating harvest or stocking fish, so these are the only tools Idaho Fish and Game has to restore depleted populations or, in some cases, preserve future options.

### Anadromous Salmon and Steelhead

Most of Idaho's naturally-produced anadromous (ocean-going) salmon and steelhead are listed as "Threatened" or "Endangered" under the ESA. Naturally-produced spring/summer and fall Chinook Salmon and steelhead are listed as "Threatened". Snake River Sockeye Salmon in the Sawtooth Valley Basin, Idaho are listed as "Endangered". They are protected to provide further declines in abundance. Snake River Coho Salmon were declared extinct in the mid-1980s but Coho Salmon have since been re-introduced into the Clearwater River. Natural spring/summer Chinook Salmon were also extirpated in the Clearwater River. Neither natural spring/summer Chinook Salmon nor Coho Salmon in the Clearwater drainage are listed under the federal ESA, but both are protected by state law.

### Angler Be Aware!

Idaho steelhead harvest is restricted to only steelhead with a clipped adipose fin (ad-clipped) to help maximize harvest opportunity for hatchery produced fish without causing unacceptable loss of naturally produced steelhead. This approach began in 1987 and has allowed anglers to keep an annual average of 64,000 hatchery steelhead for the last 10 years. This approach is also used for hatchery Chinook Salmon. Fin clipping allows anglers to differentiate between hatchery produced and wild salmon. This tool allows limited angling opportunity for hatchery Chinook Salmon in Idaho while protecting naturally produced fish. Idaho has not had a fishery for wild Chinook Salmon since 1978.

You may encounter "Threatened" and "Endangered" salmon and steelhead in Idaho's anadromous waters. Avoid fishing or boating in riffle areas where salmon and steelhead are seen or are likely to spawn. Carefully and quickly release any wild anadromous salmon or wild steelhead. Please help preserve "Threatened" and "Endangered" salmon and steelhead and also preserve your privilege to fish for other fish in waters used by federally protected anadromous salmon and steelhead.

### Know the Difference

Refer to the illustrations starting on page 56 to make sure you can distinguish between a small salmon (which may not be harvested) and a juvenile Rainbow Trout. Small Sockeye Salmon will be bright silver when found in the Salmon River in the spring or early summer and must be released immediately. Because of their similarity to resident Rainbow Trout, most streams with populations of wild, juvenile steelhead have special rules to protect them, such as catch-and-release rules in the Middle Fork of the Salmon River drainage.

## TAG! YOU'RE IT!



### What to do if you catch a tagged fish:

#### Contact IDFG with this information:

- Tag number(s)
- Did the fish have two tags?
- What day you caught the fish
- What species it was
- Fish length
- Did you keep or release the fish?
- Did you keep the fish only because it was tagged?
- If you released the fish, did you leave the tags on it?
- What did you think of the quality of this fish?
- What did you think of the quality of your fishing experience the day you caught this fish?
- Your name, address and phone number

Report tags to: [Tag.idaho.gov](http://Tag.idaho.gov)

Hotline (toll free): **1-866-258-0338**





Below are several terms, rules, and definitions used in this booklet. Please consult the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act webpage or Title 36 of the Idaho Code for more detail at <http://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/13/index.html> or <http://idfg.idaho.gov/title36>.

## Methods of Fishing and Equipment

**Archery and Spear Fishing:** Fishing with a bow and arrow, crossbow, spear or mechanical device, excluding firearms. This type of fishing is permitted only in the taking of bullfrogs and unprotected nongame fish and only in those waters during the season set for the taking of game fish.

**Artificial Fly:** Any fly made entirely of rubber, wood, metal, glass, feather, fiber or plastic by the method known as fly tying.

**Artificial Lure:** Any device made entirely of rubber, wood, metal, glass, feather, fiber, or plastic with hook or hooks attached. Bait of any kind may not be used with artificial lures when fishing artificial flies and lures-only waters.

**Attendance of Fishing Gear:** You must attend to your fishing gear while fishing. This means being able to watch your rod at all times and be able to react to a potential strike.

**Bait:** Organic substances, other than rubber, wood feather, fiber, or plastic, attached to a hook to attract fish. Bait includes insects, insect larvae, worms, dead fish, fish parts, any other animal or vegetable matter, or scented synthetic materials.

Note: Use of live fish, leeches, frogs, salamanders, waterdogs or shrimp as bait is prohibited in Idaho, except that live crayfish may be used if caught on the body of water being fished.

**Bait Fishing:** Fishing with any organic substance defined as "bait."

**Barbless Hook:** A fish hook without barbs or on which barbs have been bent completely closed (point of barbed area touches the body of the hook).

**Catch-and-Release Fishing:** Effort, by permitted methods, to catch or attempt to catch a fish or species of fish is legal, with the restriction that any fish or species of fish so caught must be released immediately, unharmed back to the water. Catch-and-release fishing is only allowed when a fishing season is open for that particular fish species. No released fish can be marked by any means including tags, fin clips, or injuring with an intent to leave a scar. Note: Species of fish not specifically listed as catch-and-release may be harvested under their appropriate limits.

**Chumming:** The use of any substance not attached to a hook that is intended to attract fish. It is illegal to chum while fishing in Idaho.

**Closed to Fishing:** No fishing of any type is allowed in the water body.

**Disturbing Traps or Fishing Gear Belonging to Others:** It is illegal to destroy, disturb, or remove any traps belonging to others.

**Electric Motor Only:** When fishing waters listed "electric motors only," gas (internal combustion) motors may be attached to the boat; but use of the gas motor is prohibited.

**Fishing:** Any effort made to take, kill, injure, capture, or catch any fish, crayfish, or bullfrog. All fishing in Idaho requires a valid fishing license except fishing in a private pond where the owner has a valid Private Pond Permit from Fish and Game.

**Fishing Gear:** It is unlawful to fish in any waters of Idaho with more than one (1) handline or pole with a line attached, except a person with a two (2) pole permit may use two (2) poles; or with more than five (5) lines while ice fishing; or by archery, spearfishing, snagging, hands, and netting except as permitted. Not more than five (5) hooks may be attached per line. The line or lines must be attended by the person fishing. In conjunction with the Angler Incentive Program, unlimited poles and lines may be used while fishing from a boat on Lake Pend Oreille. A sliding sinker must be used when fishing for sturgeon.

**Fishing License:** You must have in your possession a valid fishing license to fish in Idaho. You must produce your license or fish upon request of an agent of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

**Fishing Shelter:** Any enclosure or shelter used for fishing. If left unattended overnight on the ice of any water statewide, it shall have the owners' name, telephone number, and current address legibly marked on two opposing sides of the enclosure or shelter.

**Fly-Fishing:** Fishing with a fly rod, fly reel, fly line, and artificial flies.

**Float Tube:** A floating device which suspends a single occupant, from the seat down, in the water, and is not propelled by oars, paddles or motor.

**Gaff Hook:** A pointed device designed to pierce a fish for the purpose of reducing the fish to possession. It is illegal to land fish of any species with a gaff hook except through a hole cut or broken in the ice in waters which have no length restrictions or harvest closures for that species or when landing non-game fish taken with archery equipment.

**Hands, Use of for Fishing:** The only fish you can legally catch and harvest using your hands are crayfish and bullfrogs. You must use fishing gear to harvest all other fish species.

**Hook:** A bent wire device, for the catching of fish, to which one, two, or three points may be attached to a single shank. Up to five (5) hooks per line may be used, except where specifically prohibited. When fishing for salmon or steelhead, the gap between the point and shank cannot be greater than 5/8 inch. A single-pointed hook has one shank and one point.

**Ice Fishing:** Fishing through an opening, broken or cut, through the ice. You may fish with a maximum of five (5) lines per angler. The opening in the ice may not exceed 10 inches in

diameter except on Bear Lake while fishing for cisco. Note: two-pole permits do not entitle the angler to exceed the five pole limit for ice fishing.

**Illegal Fishing Methods:** No chemicals, poisons, electric current, or explosives may be used to attempt catching or destroying fish.

**Maggot:** An unhatched fly larva.

**Molesting Fish:** It is illegal to molest any fish by shooting at it with a firearm or pellet gun, striking at it with a club, hands, rocks, or other objects, building obstructions for catching fish, or chasing fish up or downstream in any manner. It is illegal to mark, scar, tag or mutilate fish without a Scientific Collecting permit.

**Motor:** Includes electric and internal combustion motors.

**No Motor:** Fishing from a water craft with a motor attached is prohibited.

**Sliding Sinker:** A method of attaching a sinker to a device that slides freely on the main line. The line used to attach the sinker to the sliding device must be of lower breaking strength than the main line. Required for sturgeon fishing.

**Snagging:** Taking or attempting to take a fish by use of a hook or lure in any manner or method other than enticing or attracting a fish to strike with, and become hooked in, its mouth or jaw. Game fish cannot be harvested unless hooked in the mouth or jaw. Snag fishing is illegal except where allowed by special rule. Snagging of unprotected nongame fish species is permitted.

**Trapping or Seining Minnows and Crayfish:** Nongame fish (minnows), yellow perch, and crayfish may be taken only in waters open to fishing; provided the seine or net does not exceed ten (10) feet in length or width, and nets and seines must have three-eighths (3/8) inch square or smaller mesh; and the minnow or crayfish trap does not exceed two (2) feet in length, width or height. If the trap is of irregular dimension, but its volume does not exceed the volume of an eight (8) cubic foot trap, it is also legal to use. Nets and seines may not be left unattended. Traps must be checked at least every forty-eight (48) hours. All traps must have a tag attached bearing the owner's name and address.

All game fish (except yellow perch) and protected nongame fish incidentally taken while trapping or seining must be immediately released alive. All fish so taken must immediately be killed except where stated otherwise. Crayfish may be kept alive to be used as bait only on the water where captured. Nongame fish and crayfish may only be taken during the season set for the taking of game fish in those waters.

Only five (5) crayfish traps can be fished with a valid fishing license. If more than five traps are used at one time, you must obtain a Commercial Fishing License and trap tags.

It is illegal to destroy, disturb, or remove any traps belonging to others.

**Two-Pole Permit:** A person who has a valid resident or nonresident fishing license may purchase a two-pole permit. This permit authorizes the license holder to use two poles or rods at the same time on waters and during seasons specified by Commission Rule. Valid for all open water and salmon and steelhead fishing.

**Watercraft:** Those devices designed as a means of transportation on water.

## Fish Terms and Limits

**Bag Limit:** The maximum number of fish that may be legally harvested by any one person in one day. The term "bag limit" shall be construed to be an individual, independent effort and shall not be interpreted in any manner as to allow one individual to take more fish than their "bag limit" toward filling the "bag limit" of another.

It is illegal to fish in waters having special bag or species limits while in possession of fish in excess of those limits.

**Clipped Adipose Fin:** See diagram page 43. The adipose fin must be missing or nearly missing with a healed scar where the adipose fin is supposed to be located.

**Game Fish:** Brook, Brown, Bull, Cutthroat, Golden, Lake (Mackinaw), Rainbow (including Steelhead), Splake and Sunapee Trout; trout hybrids (e.g. Tiger Trout); Atlantic, Chinook, Coho, Kokanee, and Sockeye Salmon; Arctic Grayling; Whitefish; Cisco; Crappie; Perch; Bass; Catfish; Bullhead; Sunfish; White Sturgeon; Northern Pike; Tiger Muskie; Walleye and Sauger; and Burbot (Ling). Bullfrogs and crayfish are also defined as game fish.

**General Rules:** The seasons, gear, and bag limits adopted for the region where you are fishing.

**Harvest:** Reduce a fish to possession.

**Hybrid Fish:** The offspring of two different species.

**Limit is 0:** Catch-and-release fishing is allowed but the fish species listed in the rule must be released after landing and may not be reduced to possession.

**Nongame Fish:** Any fish not specifically defined as a "game fish." **Protected nongame fish are** Bear Lake, Shoshone and Wood River Sculpin; Sand Roller, Northern Leatherside Chub, Bluehead Sucker (also referred to as Green Sucker), and Pacific lamprey.

**Possession Limit:** Maximum number of fish that may be lawfully in possession of any person. Possession limit shall apply to fish while in the field or being transported. All fish hooked, landed and not immediately released shall be counted in the possession limit of the person hooking the fish. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit after the second day of the season.

**Salmon, Chinook:** Anadromous (ocean-run) salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* in the Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam, the Salmon River drainage, and the Clearwater drainage (excluding lakes, reservoirs and the North

Fork of the Clearwater River above Dworshak Dam), and the Boise River, when stocked.

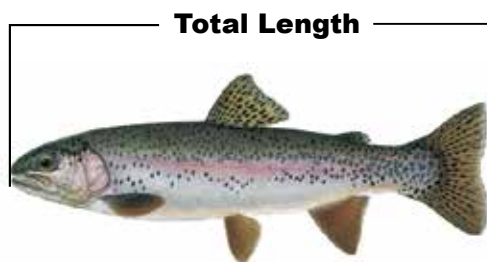
**Salmon, Coho:** Anadromous (ocean run) salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus kisutch* in the Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam, the Salmon River drainage, and Clearwater River drainage (excluding lakes, reservoirs and the North Fork of the Clearwater River above Dworshak Dam).

**Season Limit:** The maximum number of fish that may be legally taken in any declared season.

**Special Rule Waters:** Any water with a gear, season, or bag limit rule that is different from the general rule.

**Steelhead:** Rainbow trout longer than 20 inches in length in the Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam, the Salmon River drainage (excluding lakes and the Lemhi and Pahsimeroi rivers), and the Clearwater river drainage (excluding that portion above Dworshak Dam, and lakes). Rainbow trout longer than 20 inches in length with a clipped adipose fin (as evidenced by a healed scar) are defined as steelhead in the Snake River from Hells Canyon Dam upstream to Oxbow Dam, and in the Boise River from its mouth upstream to Barber Dam.

**Total Fish Length:** The length as measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail.



## Boundary and Water Definitions

**Confluence of a River or Stream:** The point where two rivers or streams come together.

**Diversion:** A man-made structure designed to change the direction of flowing water in a stream.

**Diversion Pond:** A man-made pond holding water taken from a stream or reservoir. The diversion pond may be connected to the stream or reservoir by an open ditch or pipe.

**Drainage:** All water flowing into a common river or stream system, either above or below ground, due to area geography.

**Fish Trap:** Any man-made structure designed to capture fish.

**Fish Weir:** Any man-made structure placed in a water body to delay or divert migrating fish.

**Flat Water:** Water where there is no observable direction of flow.

**Milepost:** An official state highway marker which denotes a mile location. Milepost markers are typically found at one-mile intervals on Idaho highways.

**Mouth of a River or Stream:** The place where a river or stream enters a larger body of water.

**Private Pond:** A man-made, off-channel pond on private property. The owner may only stock the pond with fish after obtaining a private Pond Permit from Fish and Game.

**Reservoir:** The flat water level existing at any time within a reservoir basin. Unless noted otherwise, a stream flowing through the drawn down portion of a reservoir is not considered part of the reservoir.

**Section:** An area of river, stream, or reservoir between specific boundary locations.

**Tributary:** A stream flowing into a larger stream or lake.

**Upstream:** Moving from a lower elevation point in a stream towards a higher elevation point in the same stream.

## Tournament/ Fishing Contests

An organized event based on the capture of individual fish where there is: a) a live fish weigh-in; or b) awards cash or prizes valued at \$1,000 or more based on number, size or species of fish captured; or c) is expected to draw 20 or more anglers. Contests for participants under the age of 14 are exempt. Any person, organization, club, business, partnership, corporation or other entity that sponsors a fishing contest must first obtain a fishing contest permit from IDFG. No harvest tournaments on native fish will be allowed. Applications can be obtained at any IDFG Office or from our website at [idfg.idaho.gov/fish/tournaments](http://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/tournaments). Allow a minimum of 30 days for processing.

## Transport, Release, and Possession of Fish

**Check Stations:** If you have been hunting or fishing or have in possession game or nongame fish, you are required to stop at a check station established to inspect fish, game, or licenses.

### Fish Possessed from State and Federal Fish

**Hatcheries:** Fish can only be taken from a state or federal fish hatchery when given a written receipt for those fish or as allowed by posted signage.

**Head and Tail Removal:** While in transit it is illegal to remove heads or tails from any trout, kokanee, bass, tiger muskie, steelhead or salmon unless the following conditions are met: 1) the angler is ashore and done fishing for the day; 2) the fish is processed or packaged with the skin naturally attached to the flesh; 3) the fish must be processed or packaged in a manner that the number of fish harvested can be readily determined. Processed fish species listed above cannot be transported by boat.

**Holding Live Fish:** No permit is required to keep game fish alive that have legally been reduced to possession, in a live well, net or on a stringer while at the body of water from which they were taken. All fish must be killed or released prior to leaving the water body. However, anadromous salmon and steelhead must either be killed or released after landing.

**Movement and Introduction of Live Fish:** It is illegal to release or allow the release of any species of live fish (including crayfish and bullfrogs), or fish eggs, in the state of Idaho without a permit from the director of Fish and Game. If you



illegally introduce fish into a water body without a permit, you could be held financially liable for restoration costs.

**Private Fish Pond:** You are required to have a private pond permit from Fish and Game to own a private pond stocked with game fish. Contact your local Fish and Game office for a permit application.

If you harvest fish from a licensed private pond, you must have a signed receipt for those fish while in transit between the pond and place of consumption/use.

**Proxy Statement for Fish Transport or Gift:** You must have a proxy statement to transport fish for another person or accept as a gift any game fish. See page 7 for a proxy statement form. It must be signed by the taker, show the number and kind of fish, the date taken, the taker's address, and fishing license number. No person may claim ownership of more fish than allowed by the possession limit.

**Sale of Fish:** Fish harvested by anglers cannot be bought or sold without a commercial license except as provided by Idaho code.

**Shipment of Fish:** No person shall ship legally harvested fish unless the package is marked on the outside with: the name, address and fishing license number of the person who caught the fish, the name and address of the person to whom the fish are being shipped with or sent to, and the number of fish, by species, contained in the package.

#### Transport between Commercially Licensed Fish

**Hatcheries:** Fish can be transported between licensed commercial fish facilities without additional permits from Fish and Game.

**Waste of Game Fish:** It is illegal through carelessness, neglect or otherwise to allow or cause the waste of edible portions of any game fish including the fillets of fish, hind legs of bullfrogs and tails of crayfish.

#### Salvage of Fish

Fish salvage may be authorized when fish populations are threatened by water shortages or other causes. No salvage of fish from public waters will be allowed without Fish and Game authorization. When salvage is allowed, fish may be taken by snagging, spearing, archery, dip netting, seining, or by hand. Bag limits are typically removed. Use of toxic chemicals, explosives, firearms, or electric current is prohibited. A valid fishing license is required. Anglers are reminded that access along canal banks and salvage fishing in most canals and ditches requires prior permission from irrigation companies.

#### Salmon and Steelhead Rules

Salmon and Steelhead rules can be found on pages 39-43. Specific seasons and limits are subject to change by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission based on numbers of fish returning to Idaho from the ocean.

Seasons for anadromous (ocean-going) salmon are closed unless opened by special rule, which is published separately

from general fishing rules. Look for separate rules pamphlets listing seasons and bag limits for anadromous salmon at vendors, Regional Offices, and on our website. Salmon rules are set annually by the Fish and Game Commission.

#### Fishing in Boundary Waters

**Bear Lake between Idaho and Utah:** The holder of a valid Idaho or Utah fishing license may fish all of Bear Lake except in areas closed to all fishing by the respective states. Anglers are subject to the rules and regulations of the state in which they are fishing.

#### Snake River between Idaho and Oregon or Washington:

The holder of a valid Idaho fishing license may fish the Snake River where it forms the boundary between the states of Idaho and Oregon or Washington, subject to the fish and game laws of Idaho but may not fish from the shore including wading, and may not fish in sloughs or tributaries on the Oregon or Washington side. An Oregon or Washington license holder has the same rights and restrictions with reference to the Idaho side.

Any angler who fishes on the Snake River or any other water forming an Idaho boundary is entitled to have in possession only the limit allowed by one license regardless of the number of licenses in possession.

#### Releasing Fish

Releasing fish is a good way to help maintain healthy populations and quality fisheries where angling effort is high. Releasing fish is most effective when anglers strive to ensure that each fish caught and released has the maximum chance to survive after release.

You can do your part to increase fish survival by following these stress reducing practices:

- Use the proper size tackle to land the fish quickly, which can help minimize stress.
- Use barbless hooks to ease hook removal and minimize damage to the fish.
- Use of nets with non-abrasive materials will reduce loss of mucous and scales from the fish.
- Do not handle fish with dry hands.
- Do not squeeze the fish.
- Do not touch or hold fish by the gills, gill covers, or the eyes.
- Leave the fish in the water while removing the hook; holding fish upside down in the water often makes them easier to handle.
- If the hook is too deep to be easily removed, cut the leader. This will give the fish the best chance to survive.

#### Taking Photographs

Photographs of a trophy catch can provide priceless memories of a great fishing trip, but anglers should use care to take the photo responsibly. Here are things you can do to capture that special image and allow the fish to fight another day (remember – sturgeon can't be removed from the water):

- Have the camera ready and the shot framed before removing the fish from the water.
- When lifting a fish from the water, wet your hands before touching the fish and support the fish with both hands as you gently lift it from the water.
- Strive to hold the fish over the water so if it struggles from your hands it will fall back in the water and not onto a hard surface such as a rock or a boat floor.
- Hold the fish out of the water only as long as it takes to take a picture.

### Reasons for Special Seasons

Listed under “Special Rule Waters” for each region you will see a number of waters with season dates different from their regional general stream and lake seasons. While they add complexity to the rules, they are designed to protect fish populations during vulnerable periods. The protection is needed to maintain or restore fish populations and to provide a diversity of fishing opportunities. For example:

- **Seasonal stream closures:** Most often these are spring closures to protect spawning native fishes (e.g. Cutthroat Trout). Fall closures may be used in some locations to protect spawning Bull Trout and kokanee. The specific dates of seasonal closures may vary depending on the species and location. In general, these restrictions will apply where spawning fish are easily accessible to anglers, and where protection of spawners is important to conserve species or maintain populations of larger fish.
- **July 1 opener to harvest bass:** Designed to protect large bass during the vulnerable spring period and to reduce the overall annual harvest to provide a “quality” size structure — normally accompanied by other regulations which also restrict the size and number of fish harvested.
- **Closed to Fishing:** A last resort restriction in important spawning and nursery streams for species with critically low populations.

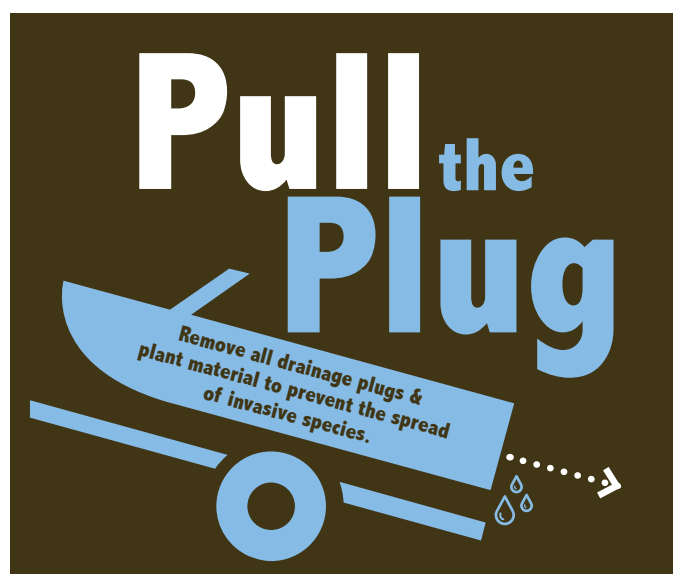
### Reasons for Special Size and Bag Limits

Harvest restrictions help maintain the overall numbers and size of fish in a lake or stream, and also ensure “fair share” so every angler has a chance to catch or harvest fish. Restrictive harvest rules are sometimes used simply to provide a different type of fishing experience or to maximize the size of fish available.

Idaho Fish and Game manages recreational fisheries to provide a variety of experiences using different combinations of size, gear, and bag limits. The range of harvest rules includes:

- General bag and size limits apply in typical harvest oriented fishing waters without gear or bait restrictions. Many of these waters are stocked with harvestable-sized hatchery trout.
- Wild trout management de-emphasizes angler harvest. For this reason a reduced bag limit of two trout is used to maintain wild trout populations. Additional size limits, gear, or bait restrictions may apply.

- Special size limits are used where the goal is to catch more and larger fish by giving up some harvest opportunity. A bag limit of two fish (trout or bass) and various size limits such as a 14 or 16–inch minimum or a 12 to 16–inch protected range are common.
- Trophy fish or large trout management may require more restrictive limits. For example, this could include catch-and-release rules or a bag limit of two fish (for both trout and bass) combined with length restrictions. Gear or bait restrictions may apply.
- Special Cutthroat Trout rules are implemented across most of the state to protect our state fish. Cutthroat Trout are easily overfished, so various special rules are used to protect them from excess harvest. Many waters throughout the state have catch-and-release, restrictive bag or length limits, or other rules to protect Cutthroat Trout.



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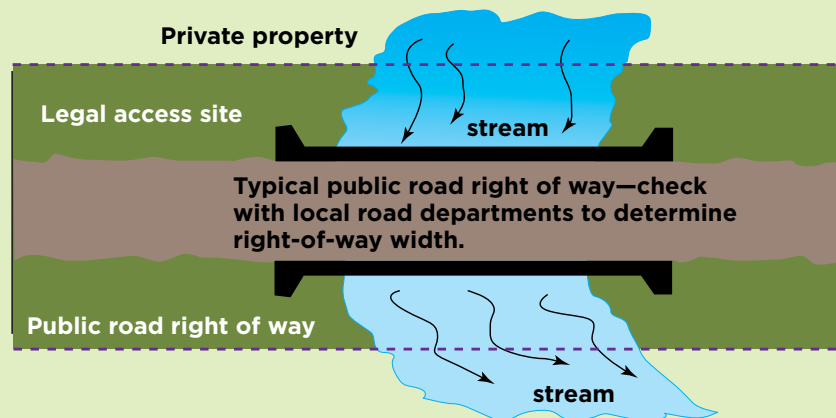
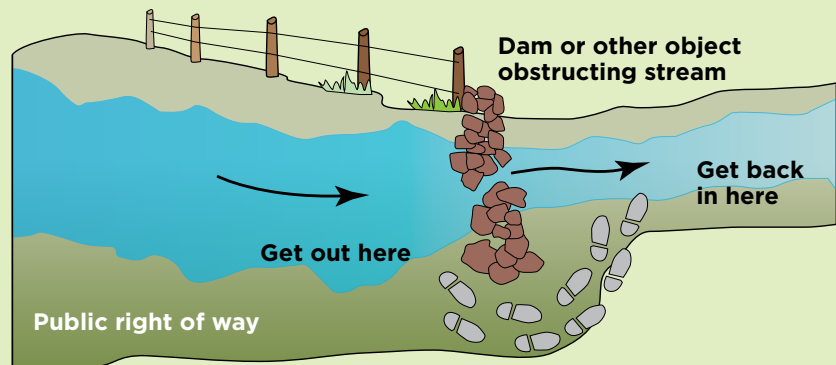
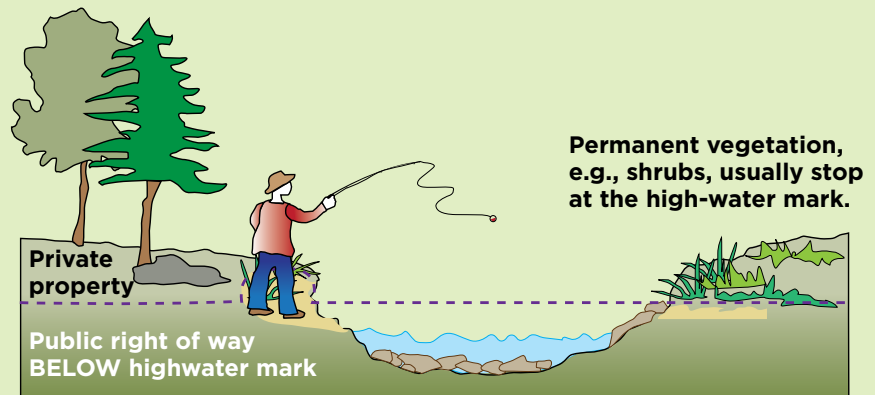
# NAVIGABILITY AND PUBLIC ACCESS

(Refer to Idaho Code 36-1601)

Navigable streams are defined as any stream which, in its natural high-water condition, will float logs or any other commercial or floatable commodity, or is capable of being navigated by oar or motor propelled small craft for pleasure or commercial purposes. Navigable streams are recognized as public transportation corridors, thus members of the public have the right to use the corridor, provided they enter and exit the corridor at a public right of way, and remain within the corridor. Many navigable streams flow through private property, thus it is important that anglers know their rights and responsibilities when fishing in navigable waters that flow through private property.

When fishing in navigable streams bordered by private property:

- You must stay within the normal high-water marks of the stream, unless you have landowner permission to get out on the bank, or have no other means of getting around an obstruction in the stream (such as a fence or diversion dam).
- When getting outside of the stream to go around an obstruction, take the shortest, most direct route around the obstruction to get back in the stream.
- Do not allow pets or children to trespass on adjacent private property, without landowner permission.
- You may enter and exit navigable streams at other public rights of way, such as county road bridges.
- **ASK FIRST!** Always get landowner permission before crossing private lands outside of a public right of way.





# IDAHO FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY FOR SELECTED WATERS

A fish advisory means that you should monitor the amount of certain kinds of fish that you eat because of the possibility of consuming contaminants (e.g. mercury).

For information call Department of Health and Welfare at

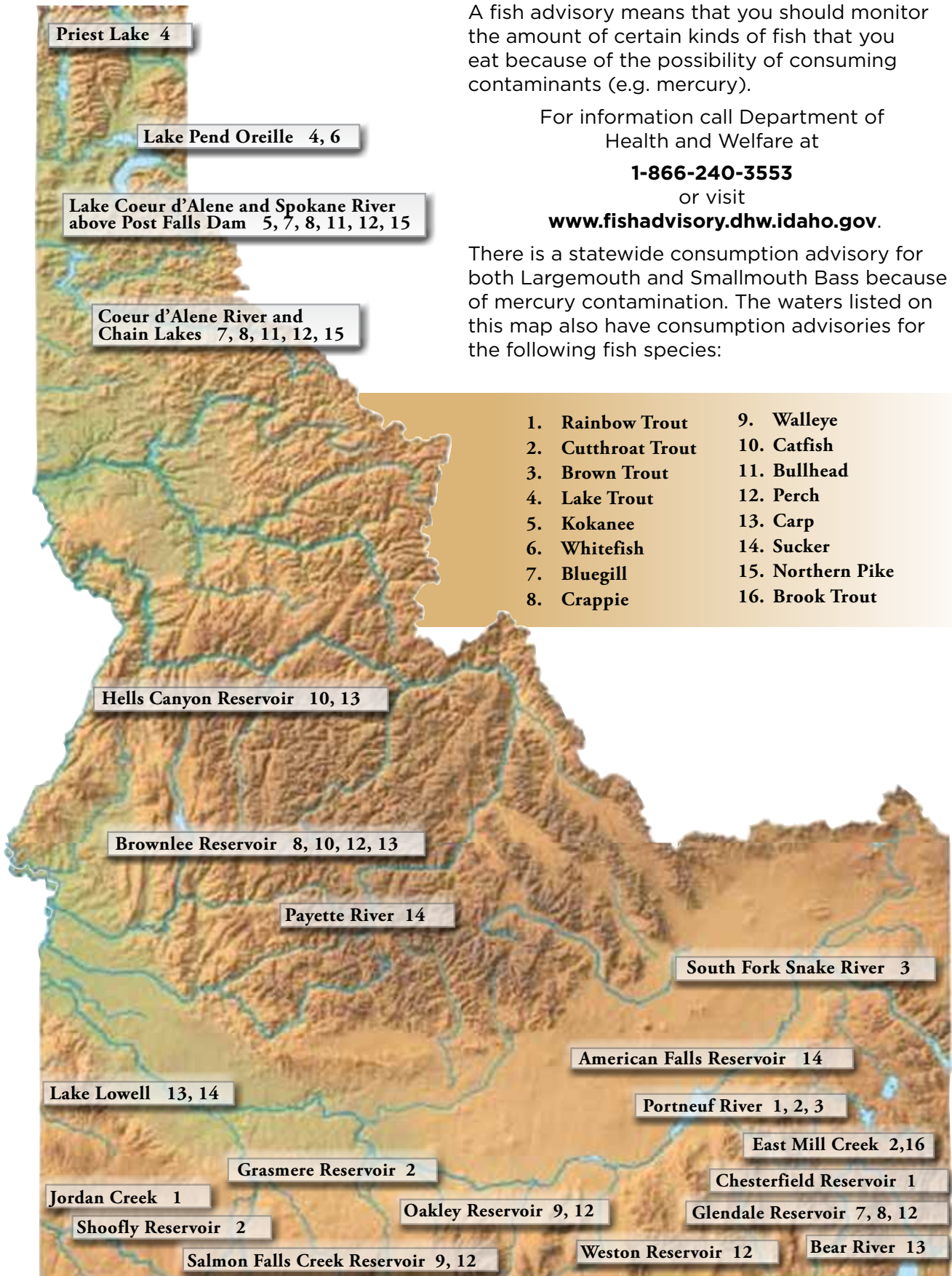
**1-866-240-3553**

or visit

**[www.fishadvisory.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.fishadvisory.dhw.idaho.gov)**

There is a statewide consumption advisory for both Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass because of mercury contamination. The waters listed on this map also have consumption advisories for the following fish species:

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Rainbow Trout   | 9. Walleye        |
| 2. Cutthroat Trout | 10. Catfish       |
| 3. Brown Trout     | 11. Bullhead      |
| 4. Lake Trout      | 12. Perch         |
| 5. Kokanee         | 13. Carp          |
| 6. Whitefish       | 14. Sucker        |
| 7. Bluegill        | 15. Northern Pike |
| 8. Crappie         | 16. Brook Trout   |



# STURGEON FISHING RULES

The white sturgeon is the largest freshwater fish in North America. To reach their maximum adult size of 8 to 10 feet or more, sturgeon must survive for many years. Accidental deaths result in fewer fish living the 25-50 years of age necessary to reach large sizes. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game believes a number of sturgeon deaths are caused by “ghost gear”—hooks and line broken off or discarded by anglers that are ingested by sturgeon. The following are some rules and fishing tips for sturgeon anglers designed to assist in catching fish and releasing them successfully.

## If You Catch a Sturgeon

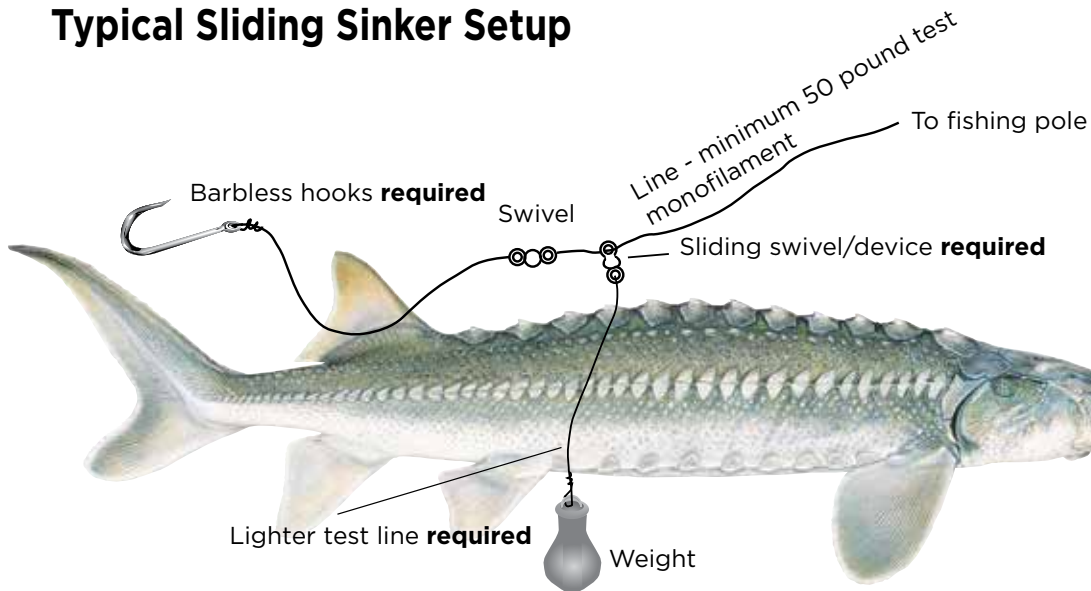
- *Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing.*
- Sturgeon can be rolled onto their backs in the water before removing the hook. This generally calms the fish down making it easier to remove the hook.
- Do not grasp a sturgeon by the gills. Gills are the lungs of a fish and can be easily damaged.
- Do not mark, scar, or put a tail rope on sturgeon.
- If you break off, retrieve as much line as possible, using a boat if possible. Do not leave discarded line on shore or in the water. It is a real hazard to both fish and wildlife.



## Rigging up (see diagram below)

- When fishing for White Sturgeon, by rule (IDAPA 13.01.11) anglers are required to use barbless hooks, a sliding swivel device to secure a weight, and a lighter test line to secure a weight to the sliding swivel or other device.
- We recommend a minimum of 50 pound test monofilament line on your reel. This greatly reduces the chances of breaking off your main line either with a fish on or when snagged.

## Typical Sliding Sinker Setup



# IDAHO RECORD FISH - CERTIFIED WEIGHT RECORDS

- Certified Weight Records are based on the weight of a fish legally harvested. Application forms require a receipt from a certified scale.
- Application forms and complete information on State Record Fish are available online: [idfg.idaho.gov/fish/record](http://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/record)

## Game Fish

Species	Length (in.)	Weight (lbs.)	Girth (in.)	Location	Angler	Date
Atlantic Salmon	29.75	13.25	17.75	Deadwood Res.	Garrett Buffington	10/15/1995
Black Crappie	17.5	3.56	15	Brownlee Reservoir	Jason Monson	06/08/2003
Bluegill	-	3.5	-	C.J. Strike Res.	Darrell Grim	1966
Bluegill/P-seed Hybrid	9.88	1.00	10.25	Star Lane Pond	Kevin Graveline	05/08/2001
Bonneville Cutthroat	-	18.94	-	Bear Lake	Roger Grunig	4/30/1970
Bonneville Whitefish	19.5	3.16	11.5	Bear Lake	Gaylon Newbold	12/05/2014
Brook Trout	23.5	7.06	15.5	Henrys Lake	DeVere Stratton	8/16/1978
Brown Trout	37	27.31	24	Ashton Reservoir	Wes Case	11/06/2007
*Bull Trout	-	32	-	Pend Oreille Lake	Nelson Higgins	1949
Bullhead Catfish	20.5	3.88	11.88	Brownlee Res.	James Winter	05/25/1986
Burbot (Ling)	-	14	-	Kootenai River	P.A. Dayton	1954
Channel Catfish	38	31.00	23.5	Mann Lake	Kenny Decker	08/25/2001
Chinook Salmon (fresh water)	41.25	42	29.75	CdA Lake	Jane Clifford	09/13/1987
Chinook Salmon (ocean run)	-	54	-	Salmon River	Merrold Gold	1956
Coho Salmon (fresh water)	23.5	6	-	Cascade Res.	Ted Bowers	09/19/1992
Coho Salmon (ocean-run)	33	11.75	17	Clearwater River	Steve Micek	11/08/2014
Cutthroat -Bonneville	-	18.94	-	Bear Lake	Roger Grunig	4/30/70
Cutthroat -Lahontan	OPEN					
Cutthroat -Westslope	OPEN					
Cutthroat -Yellowstone	OPEN					
Flathead Catfish	48	58.5	31	Brownlee Res.	J. Newberry/K. McCormick	08/23/1994
Golden Trout	-	5.13	-	White Sands Lake	George Wolverton	1958
Arctic Grayling	18.13	2.44	-	Nez Perce Lake	Velma Mahaffey	06/21/1992
Green Sunfish	8.5	0.49	9	Dingle Pond	Bryan Christensen	06/05/2015
Kokanee Salmon	24.5	6.59	14.5	Priest Lake	Jerry Verge	06/09/1975
Lake Trout	49	57.5	32.5	Priest Lake	Lyle McClure	11/14/1971
Lake Whitefish	26	6.5	23.75	Pend Oreille Lake	Dale Hofmann	08/06/2010
Largemouth Bass	-	10.94	-	Anderson Lake	Mrs. M.W. Taylor	—
Mountain Whitefish	22.5	5.9	14	Island Park Reservoir	Robert Hall	1997
Northern Pike	51.5	40.13	22.75	Lower Twin Lake	Kim Fleming	08/06/2010
Pumpkinseed	9.75	0.88	10	Chase Lake	Bob Russell	1977
Rainbow Trout	34.25	20.00	22.25	Snake River	Michelle Larsen-Williams	7/29/2009
Rainbow Trout-Gerrard	-	37	-	Pend Oreille Lake	Wes Hamlet	1947
Rainbow/Cutt. Hybrid	41.13	34.74	27.13	American Falls Res	Mark Adams	7/25/2011
Smallmouth Bass	23.75	9.72	20.5	Dworshak Reservoir	Dan Steigers	10/28/2006
*Sockeye Salmon	24	5	-	Redfish Lake	June McCray	08/08/1970
Splake	28.5	10.78	18.88	Ririe Reservoir	Brian Allison	05/12/2006
Steelhead	44	30.13	-	Clearwater River	Keith Powell	11/23/1973
Tiger Muskie	52.5	44.25	25	Little Payette Lake	Edward Kalinowski	08/06/2013
Tiger Trout	22	4.04	-	Deer Creek Res.	Aaron Lougee	05/18/2018
Walleye	34.5	17.88	21.88	Oakley Reservoir..	Damon Rush	9/10/2011
Warmouth	8.75	0.60	8.5	Snake River	Marvin Stevens	06/23/1988
White Crappie	17.5	3.80	15.75	Crane Creek Res.	Trenten Smith	07/16/2012
* White Sturgeon (Rod & Reel)	-	394	-	Snake River	Glenn Howard	1956
* White Sturgeon (Set Line)	-	675	-	Snake River	Unknown	1908
Yellow Perch	15.63	2.96	13.25	Cascade Reservoir	Sky Coulter	02/26/2016

## Nongame

Species	Weight (lbs.)	Length (in.)	Girth (in.)	Location	Angler	Date
Chiselmouth	1.16	14.25	8.38	Salmon River	Justin Powell	04/15/2003
Common Carp (Archery)	67.65	47	34.5	C.J. Strike Reservoir	Scott Frazier II	07/23/2011
Common Carp (Rod & Reel)	OPEN					
Grass Carp (Archery)	39.5	40.63	36	Snake River	Saige Wilkerson	07/16/2012
Grass Carp (Rod & Reel)	OPEN					
Largescale Sucker	9.04	27	-	Cascade Lake	Dave Gassel	12/17/2017
Northern Pikeminnow	7.89	25.25	16	Snake River	Emil Nowoj	05/07/2004
Peamouth Chub	1.06	14.75	7.75	Clearwater River	Robert Riek	05/04/2004
Tench	4.88	21	-	Spokane River	Scotty Brueher	2000
Tilapia	4.28	16	-	Swan Falls Reservoir	Jason Arneson	08/03/2008
Utah Chub	2.81	16.7	11.2	Lake Walcott	Alfred E. Woolstenhulme	02/07/2010
Utah Sucker	7.86	25.5	-	South Fork Snake River	Rick Thompson	08/20/2011

\*species that can no longer be harvested



# IDAHO RECORD FISH - CATCH-AND-RELEASE RECORDS

- Catch and Release Records are based only on the total length (snout to tip of tail) for fish legally released alive. Application forms require (1) a photo of the fish directly next to a ruler/tape or object of known verifiable length, and (2) a photo of the angler with the fish.
- Application forms and complete information on State Record Fish are available online: [idfg.idaho.gov/fish/record](http://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/record)

## Game Fish

Species	Length (in.)	Location	Angler(s)	Date
Arctic Grayling	14	Rough Lake	Lanson Stavast	7/16/2018
Black Crappie	15.25	Cave Lake	Blake Rose	5/8/2016
Bluegill	11.5	Cave Lake	Elisa Rose	4/10/2016
Bonneville Cisco	7.8	Bear Lake	Afton Garren	1/22/2016
Bonneville Whitefish	20	Bear Lake	Dalton Johnson	2/28/2016
Brook Trout	22	Henrys Lake	Kazen Cromar	12/11/2016
Brown Trout	30	Snake River	Chase Newton	10/18/2016
*Bull Trout	27	East Fork Salmon River	Max Gustin	7/20/2018
Bullhead Catfish	10.7	Pend Oreille River	Joseph Cluever	8/21/2016
Burbot (Ling)	OPEN			
Channel Catfish	31	Riverside Pond	James Stackhouse	8/14/2018
Chinook Salmon (fresh water)	28	Anderson Ranch Reservoir	Michael & Andrea Wehrer Nicholson	6/15/2016
Chinook Salmon (ocean run)	41.5	Salmon River	Michael Nicholson	7/4/2016
Coho Salmon (ocean run)	OPEN			
Cutthroat - Bonneville	28.5	Bear Lake	Gaylon Newbold	4/21/2016
Cutthroat - Lahontan	OPEN			
Cutthroat - Westslope	19.5	Lochsa River	Dwaine Hasenoehrl	2/11/2016
Cutthroat - Yellowstone	28.5	Snake River	Nate Ivy	11/13/2016
Flathead Catfish	38.5	Brownlee Reservoir	Scott Turner	8/18/2018
Golden Trout	16.5	Baptie Lake	Benson Cutts	7/22/2017
Green Sunfish	OPEN			
Kokanee Salmon	21.5	Big Elk Creek	Rob Mackesey	9/8/2018
Lake Trout	41.5	Payette Lake	Dylan Smith	7/21/2018
Lake Whitefish	OPEN			
Largemouth Bass	23.75	Sawyer's Pond	Dale Stratton	5/22/2017
Mountain Whitefish	21	North Fork Clearwater	Gary Hardesty	10/28/2016
Northern Pike	46	Coeur d'Alene Lake	Mark Mills	11/3/2018
Pumpkinseed	9	Chase Lake, Bonner County	Rick Poedtke	5/31/2018
Rainbow Trout	30.5	Snake River	David Raisch	3/22/2018
Rainbow Trout-Gerrard	14	Lake Pend Oreille	Miles Landis	11/4/2018
Rainbow/Cutt. Hybrid	30	Snake River	Ryan Ivy	11/4/2018
Smallmouth Bass	22	Pend Oreille River	Rick Poedtke	5/7/2018
Steelhead	36	South Fork Clearwater River	Scott Turner	4/10/2017
Tiger Muskellunge	40	Lake Cascade	Nicholas Percy	8/29/2017
Tiger Trout	17	Teton River	Hope Strong	11/15/2017
Walleye	31.5	Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir	Russell Isaak	9/16/2016
Warmouth	OPEN			
White Crappie	14.25	CJ Strike Reservoir	Mathew Wilcox	5/11/2017
*White Sturgeon	117	Snake River	Kirk Fairchild, Lawaine Fairchild, Seamus Fairchild, Jeffry Fairchild, Homer Brown	8/16/2016
Yellow Perch	17	Cascade Lake	David Ekmark	5/5/2018

## Nongame

Species	Length (in.)	Location	Angler(s)	Date
Common Carp	37	Snake River	Chase Newton	11/13/2016
Largescale Sucker	27.7	Cascade Reservoir	Gary Hardesty	4/9/2016
Northern Pikeminnow	23.75	CJ Strike Reservoir	James Sheets	4/9/2016
Pearmouth Chub	13.5	CJ Strike Reservoir	Wayne Scott	7/24/2016
Tench	18.7	Coeur d'Alene Lake	Avery Arrhenius	8/3/2018
Tilapia	15	Snake River	Dave Gassel	2/21/2017
Utah Chub	17.25	Blackfoot Reservoir	Shane Thomas	4/27/2018
Utah Sucker	23	Snake River	Tyler Draney	8/23/2018

*\*species that can no longer be harvested*

## Record Fish Program Guidelines\*

Only fish caught in publicly accessible waters with legal fishing methods during an open season are eligible for State Records. All applicants must have a valid Idaho fishing license at the time the fish was caught. No records will be awarded for fish caught during salvage seasons or at private pay-to-fish facilities. Catch/release records must be released. See tips on safely releasing fish in this booklet!

- Catch/release White Sturgeon records (Catch and Release only) must be broken by a minimum of 2 inches. Catch/Release records for all other species must be broken by a minimum of ½ inch.
- All applications must be submitted within 30 days of the catch date.



\*For complete rules and more information about submitting a record fish application, see the IDFG website

## How to Apply For a Record

Complete program information and the Record Fish Application form are available online at:  
[idfg.idaho.gov/fish/record](https://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/record)

### Certified Weight Records applications need:

- A receipt from the certified scale documenting the weight (typically be found at grocery stores or US Post Offices), verification of species from an IDFG office.
- At least one photo of the fish and a witness to the weight.

### Catch and Release Record applications need:

- Total length - from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. Sturgeon should be measured upside down along the belly from the snout to tip of the upper lobe of the tail.
- Salmon, Steelhead and White Sturgeon must be measured and photographed in the water.
- Photos: (1) of the fish directly next to a ruler/tape measure or object of known verifiable length and (2) a photo of the angler with the fish.
- At least one witness to the measurement and release.

## IDAHO'S TRESPASS LAW *changes July 1, 2018.*

# ASK FIRST



*Know before you go!*



### Permission Form

Permission given to (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Dates permission is valid: \_\_\_\_\_

from: \_\_\_\_\_  
to: \_\_\_\_\_

General Description of Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner or Agent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*A property owner may  
revoke permission at any time.*

**All persons must have written permission or other lawful form of permission to enter or remain on private land to shoot any weapon or hunt, fish, trap or retrieve game.**

A person should know land is private and they are not allowed without permission because:

- The property is associated with a residence or business;
- OR cultivated;
- OR fenced or enclosed in a way that delineates the private property;
- OR unfenced and uncultivated, but is posted with conspicuous "no trespassing" signs or bright orange/fluorescent paint at all property corners and boundaries where the property intersects navigable streams, roads, gates and rights-of-way entering the land and posted in a way that people can see the postings.

Note – if private property adjoins or is contained within public lands, the fence line adjacent to public land should be posted with "no trespassing signs" or bright orange/fluorescent paint at the corners of the fence adjoining public land and at all navigable streams, roads, gates and rights-of-way entering the private land from public land and posted in a way that people can see the postings.

It is illegal for anyone to post public land that is not held under an exclusive control lease.

Private posting at navigable streams shall not prohibit access to navigable streams below the high-water mark as allowed by Idaho law.

A property owner may revoke permission at any time. Any person must leave private property when asked to do so by the owner or agent.

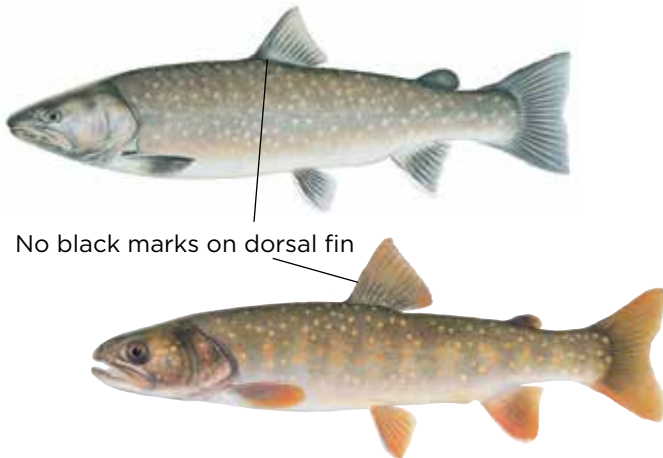
A first conviction of trespass on private property carries a mandatory one-year revocation of hunting/fishing/trapping licenses in addition to misdemeanor fine and seizure of animals taken on private property. Federal law prohibits unauthorized trespass on Indian-owned reservation lands for hunting, fishing, or trapping purposes.

**Refer to Idaho Code 36-1603 and I.C. 18-7008.**

**Please visit: <https://idfg.idaho.gov/askfirst>**

# FISH IDENTIFICATION

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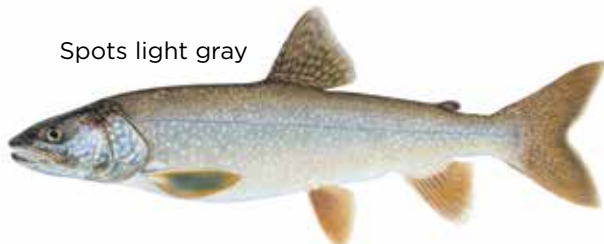
## Bull Trout **No Harvest Allowed**

Olive green with brown above and on sides, shading to white on belly. Lacks wormlike markings as in BROOK TROUT. Upper body with yellow spots, sides with red or orange spots. No bluish halos around spots and white borders on fins less distinct than in BROOK TROUT. Tail is slightly forked. NATIVE.



## Brook Trout

Dark green or blue black on back, to white on belly. Belly and lower fins may turn brilliant red in spawning males. Upper body and dorsal fin with mottled or wormlike markings. Sides with pale spots and reddish spots which may have bluish rings around them. Lower fins, including tail. Have distinct white leading edge. Tail square, or only slightly forked. INTRODUCED.



## Lake Trout (Mackinaw)

Dark gray or gray green above, belly light gray to white. Irregular shaped light gray spots on back, sides, dorsal fin and tail. Pink or blue spots ABSENT. White borders on fins less distinct than in BROOK TROUT. Tail deeply forked. Inhabits only large, deep lakes. INTRODUCED.



## Cutthroat Trout

Red to orange slashes on underside of lower jaw. Body color variable. Back steel gray to olive green. Sides may be yellow brown with red or pink along belly. Spotting more closely grouped toward tail. May spawn in wild with rainbow. NATIVE.



## Rainbow Trout

Body color variable. May be silvery in lakes and reservoirs. Back olive to greenish blue, belly white to silvery. Sides may show red or pink streak, white tip on pelvic (belly) and anal fin usually evident. Irregular spots on back, sides, head, dorsal fin and tail. Spots are more evenly distributed from head to tail on rainbow trout than Cutthroat Trout. NATIVE.

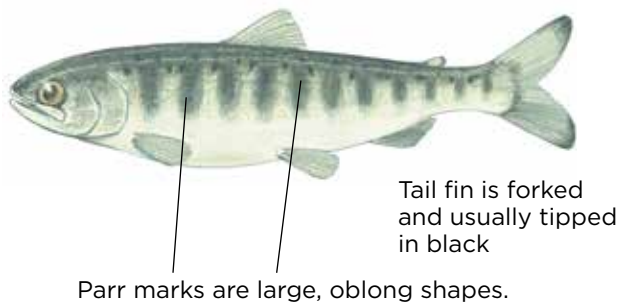


## Sockeye Salmon

An anadromous (ocean going) relative of kokanee salmon. Non-spawning color is silver to steel blue. Males turn a bright red on the back and a darker red on the sides at spawning time. Females also turn red, but the red on the sides is somewhat darker. Sockeye typically spend two years in freshwater and one year in the ocean before returning to spawn in Idaho. NATIVE.

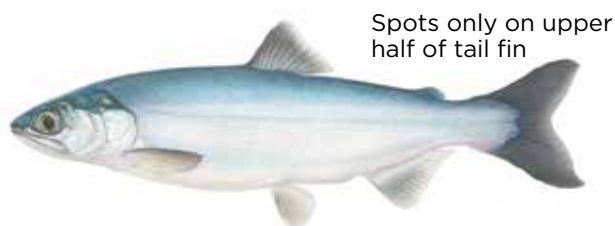
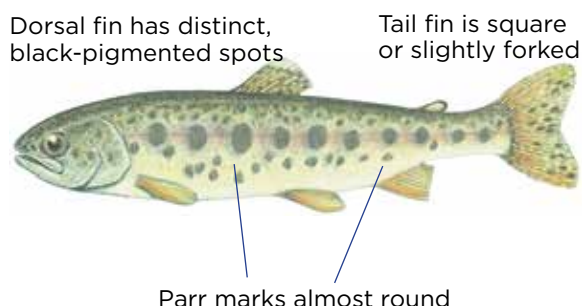


## Juvenile Chinook Salmon



**No Harvest Allowed**  
**In waters with ocean-going salmon or steelhead**

## Juvenile Rainbow Trout/Steelhead



## Kokanee (Blueback)

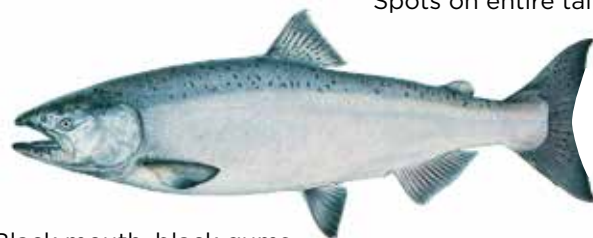
Back greenish blue with faint speckling and few if any spots. Sides and belly silvery. Forked tail with large eye. Typically, no distinct spotting in dorsal fin or tails as in RAINBOW. During spawning (September-December in both streams and shoreline gravels), bodies become 'leathery' and turn dark red to bright scarlet and heads dusky green. Spots are visible on the back half of the fish when in spawning coloration. Kokanee are native to the Payette lakes and the Stanley Basin lakes and have been established in other large lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. NATIVE.



## Tiger Trout

A hybrid or cross between a Brown Trout and Brook Trout. Very pronounced dark vermiculations (tiger like stripes) all over a brownish, gray body and dorsal fin. Adipose fin and tail with spots and/or vermiculations. INTRODUCED.

Spots on entire tail fin



## Adult Chinook Salmon

Adults 24-40 inches in length. Irregularly shaped black spots on back, dorsal fin and tail. Teeth well developed. Black mouth and gum line. Adults return to Snake, Salmon and Clearwater rivers to spawn after 1-3 years at sea. Juveniles migrate to ocean after 18 months in streams. NATIVE.

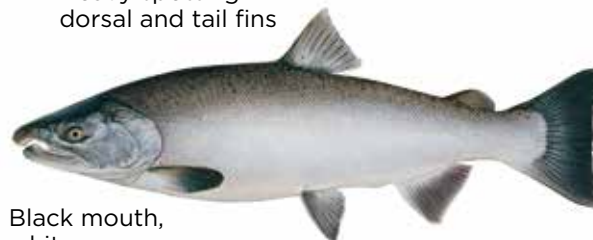


## Adult Steelhead

Adults generally 20-40 inches in length. Irregularly shaped black spots on back, dorsal fin and tail. STEELHEAD are ocean-run rainbow which spawn in Snake, Clearwater and Salmon drainages; juveniles migrate to the ocean, return as adults after 1-2 years. NATIVE. See Pages 39-43.

Heavy spotting in dorsal and tail fins

Spots only on upper half of tail fin



## Coho Salmon

Appearance similar to kokanee with spotting on back, dorsal and upper lobe of tail fin. Sharp teeth on tongue and roof of mouth. 14-16 rays in anal fin. Can be confused with rainbow trout in reservoirs. Chinook salmon can be distinguished from coho by black inside of mouth and gums, while coho have white or gray gums. INTRODUCED.

Blue-gray halos

No spots or  
very few spots  
on tail fin

### Brown Trout

Back brown or olive with large black spots. Sides light brown to yellowish with numerous brown, black and red spots surrounded by halos of blue gray. Adipose fin usually with orange border. Few, if any, spots on tail. Tail slightly forked. INTRODUCED.



### Burbot

Commonly referred to as cod or ling and found in the Kootenia River basin. Burbot are streamlined, elongated fish with a wide flattened head and have one single barbel in center of lower jaw and very long secondary dorsal fin. No true spines in fins. Yellow light brown or tan with background color being overlain with dark brown or black lace-like pattern. NATIVE.



### Mountain Whitefish

Color light grayish blue on back; silvery on sides; and dull whitish on belly. Small mouth without teeth. Five other species of whitefish are found in Idaho. NATIVE.



### White Sturgeon **No Harvest Allowed**

Five rows of bony plates or scutes; mouth directed downward; four barbels in front of mouth; size up to 10 feet in Snake, Salmon and Kootenai rivers. NATIVE. See Page 52 for more information.



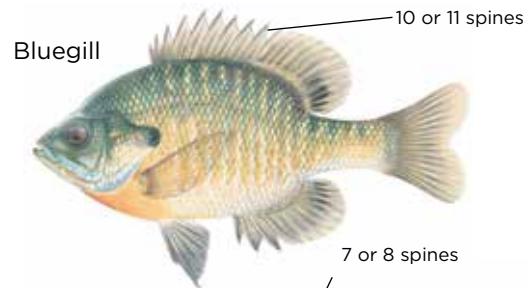
### Tiger Muskie

A sterile hybrid cross of a northern pike and a muskellunge. Olive green to dark gray color with VERTICAL MARKINGS on sides. INTRODUCED.



### Northern Pike

Bluish-green to gray on back and sides with irregular rows of light-colored HORIZONTAL SPOTS on sides. INTRODUCED.



Bluegill

Black Crappie



6 spines

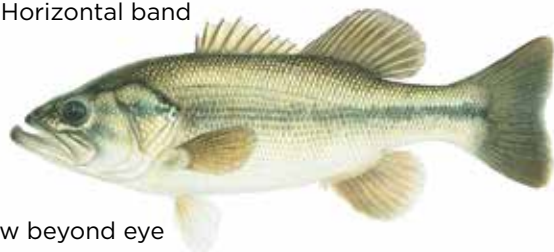
White Crappie



### Bluegill and Crappie

Have spines in the dorsal fin. Bluegill have a blue spot on the gill cover, the back is olive to dark green with a bluish luster, sides are bluish, belly is yellowish. Crappie are grayish to silvery green on the head, with lighter sides and a silvery-white belly. Heavy black spotting or splotches on body and fins. INTRODUCED.

Horizontal band



Jaw beyond eye

### Largemouth Bass

Dark green on back and sides, belly white. Dark, irregular HORIZONTAL band along sides. Upper jaw, when closed, extends behind the eye. INTRODUCED.

Vertical bands



Jaw not beyond eye

### Smallmouth Bass

Dark olive to brown on back, sides bronze, belly white. Dark VERTICAL bands on sides. Eyes reddish. Upper jaw, when closed, does NOT EXTEND behind eye. INTRODUCED.



### Yellow Perch

Dark green back and yellow sides with 6 to 8 dark vertical bars. Front fin has sharp spines and cheek has serrated edges. INTRODUCED.



### Sucker

Eight species of suckers found in Idaho. Bronze, brown or grayish on back and sides; and white, cream or pale yellow color on belly. Breeding male in spring have rosy or dark stripe along sides. Long compressed torpedo shaped bodies. Short conical head with distinct down facing mouth with weak and fleshy lips, no teeth in mouth. Soft rayed dorsal fin. NATIVE.

Channel catfish



Forked tail

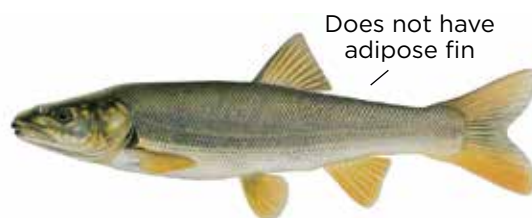
Bullhead



Rounded tail

### Channel Catfish and Bullhead

MEMBERS of the catfish family have 4 pairs of barbels (whiskers), spines on their dorsal and pectoral fins, and no scales. Bullheads in Idaho are normally a more solid brown. INTRODUCED.



Does not have adipose fin /

### Northern Pike

(formerly the northern squawfish)

Body color has a general yellowish tone, back is dark olive green, sides are grayish-silver, belly is yellowish-white. Tail fin is distinctly forked, the mouth is large. Fins without spots. NATIVE.



### Common Carp

Deep bodied with triangular head, often large in size. Olive green to gold on the back and sides becoming yellow to pale yellow on belly. Paired barbels at margins of mouth, resemble a large goldfish. Aquarium koi are Common Carp bred for ornamental purposes. INTRODUCED.



### Walleye

Closely related to the yellow perch, but lacks vertical bars and has prominent "canine" teeth. Lower lobe of tail fin is white tipped. INTRODUCED.



# Licenses, Tags and Permits

## To Buy a License, Tag or Permit

- Visit an Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor.
- By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., or by internet.
- From your computer or mobile device, go to **idfg.idaho.gov/buy**
- Commercial licenses, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime certificates, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.

When buying licenses by telephone, the buyer will be assigned a confirmation number that may be used in lieu of the actual license for 14 days from the date of issue. When this number is used, the person must carry their driver's license or identification card. A confirmation number may not be used in lieu of a tag or salmon/steelhead permit. Purchasers must wait until tags or permits arrive in the mail or WMA.

***Licenses purchased online must be printed from the buyer's computer; they will not be mailed.*** A confirmation number may not be used in lieu of a tag or salmon/steelhead permit. Purchasers must wait until tags or permits arrive in the mail.

The charge for phone-in purchases is three percent of the transaction plus \$5.50; the charge for online purchases is three percent of the transaction plus \$3.50.

Any license, tag or permit that is defaced or altered is invalid from the date and time of issue. It is unlawful to use or attempt to use any license that has been defaced or altered.

**Nonresidents:** If you hunt with an outfitter in Idaho, the outfitter should buy your tags through the "outfitter set-aside" pool of tags. No outfitter should suggest that you buy your own tags from the general nonresident pool of tags.

**Sale Dates:** Most licenses and tags go on sale December 1, but resident deer, and elk tags are not available until after the controlled hunt drawings are done. Most licenses are valid only for the calendar year for which they are issued.

## Hunter and Bowhunter Education

- To buy a hunting license, all hunters must show proof that they have completed a hunter education course if they were born on or after January 1, 1975, unless they have held a valid hunting license from Idaho or another state.
- To buy an archery permit, all bowhunters must possess a valid hunting license and show proof they have completed an approved bowhunter education course or show evidence of having been licensed for an archery-only hunt in Idaho or another state, or complete an affidavit to that effect.
- Course and registration information can be found on Fish and Game's website or by contacting any Fish and Game office.

- **Individuals planning to participate in fall hunts are encouraged to enroll in a course before June 30, as the number of courses offered becomes very limited closer to fall hunting seasons.**
- Prospective hunters have two course options to receive their certification: **Instructor-led Course** – 12 to 18 class hours plus an outdoor field day and final written exam. **Online Course** – A two-phase course begins with a self-paced, online instruction and an online exam. An additional outdoor field day is required for hunter education.

## Refund Policy

No refunds will be made on resident licenses, tags or permits. Nonresident hunting licenses and tags may be refunded less issuance fees and a \$50 processing fee, in the event of:

- Illness or injury that disables a license holder for the entire applicable hunting season.
- Military deployment of license holder due to armed conflict.
- Death of the license holder's parent, spouse or child.

Tags and license must be returned with proof (death certificate, obituary, written justification by a licensed medical doctor, or copy of military orders). Hunting license fees will not be refunded after the license is used to apply for a controlled hunt or to buy a turkey, mountain lion, bear or gray wolf tag. The request must be postmarked by December 31 of the year in which the license was valid, except for "event of death" refund, which must be submitted within 1 year of the death.

A controlled hunt permit and tag may be made available in the same hunt for purchase by an immediate family member of a person who died before using his or her tag, and whose family had the fees refunded. Contact Licenses at (208) 334-2592.

If a refund is requested for any other reason, only the tag fees (not the license or permit fee) may be refunded at the following sliding scale rate:

- Postmarked before April 1 – 75 percent refund.
- Postmarked April 1 through June 30 – 50 percent refund.
- Postmarked July 1 through August 31 – 25 percent refund.
- Postmarked September 1 through December 31 – No refund.

## Resident Disabled Licenses

Anyone certified as eligible for federal supplemental income (SSI), social security disability income (SSDI), railroad retirement board disability, a nonservice-connected veteran's pension, or a service-connected veteran's disability benefit with 40 percent or more combined/overall disability rating, may qualify for a "disabled" license. Bring current year documentation when applying. Disabled licenses may be purchased at Fish and Game offices, selected license vendors (see website for list), and through the mail.

## Disabled Hunter/Companion

The rules for a companion assisting a disabled hunter allow the companion to take an animal that has been wounded by the disabled hunter and to place and validate the disabled hunter's tag on the animal.

The rules apply for disabled hunters who possess a valid disabled combination license, a nonresident disabled American Veteran hunting license, a disabled archery permit, or a disabled hunt-from-a-motor-vehicle permit and a valid tag.

The companion is not required to have a tag or controlled hunt permit to assist a disabled hunter. However, the companion must have a valid license and applicable special weapon permit (i.e. – for an archery only hunt, the companion would need an archery permit) when assisting a disabled hunter.

The companion must have a written statement of designation from the disabled hunter while hunting with the disabled hunter or assisting them with taking and tagging their harvested animal. The statement must include the disabled hunters name, address, hunting license, big game tag number and the dates of the designation as a companion.

The companion must accompany the disabled hunter while hunting and they are required to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

For more information about the rules for a companion to a disabled hunter, please contact your local Fish and Game office.

## Resident Lifetime License Certificates

The purchase of a lifetime certificate could be the best investment you ever make. Lifetime certificates authorize all privileges associated with a corresponding annual license, are valid for the life of the certificate holder and are available to Idaho residents. The lifetime certificate does not include tags and permits. If a lifetime certificate holder moves out of Idaho, they will continue to receive an annual license, but will pay nonresident tag and permit fees. Lifetime certificates can be purchased at IDFG offices only.

Applicant	Combination	Hunting	Fishing
0 - 1 year	\$795.50	\$276.75	\$601.75
2 - 50 years	\$1,113.00	\$386.75	\$841.75
51 and older	\$636.75	\$221.75	\$481.75

## Idaho Residency Requirements

Proof of residency is required to buy any resident license. A previous year's license is not proof of residency.

**1. Drivers must present:** A valid Idaho driver's license and must have been domiciled in the state of Idaho for the last six months immediately prior to purchasing a resident license, tag or permit. Owning real property or paying property taxes within the state of Idaho does not in itself establish residency. Claiming resident privileges in any other state or country will compromise your resident status in Idaho.

**2. Non-drivers must present:** An Idaho identification card issued by the Department of Transportation; or a combination of two documents bearing your name and address but not issued by yourself.

### Examples include:

- Home utility bills for the previous six months.
- Rent receipts or mortgage statements for the previous six months.
- Notarized statement from an employer on business letterhead.
- Proof of voter registration dated six months prior.
- For a minor child under 18, identification from a parent.

**3. Military members:** A member of the military service of the United States or a foreign country, state National Guard or Air National Guard, together with spouse and children under 18 years of age, residing in his/her household, who have been officially transferred, stationed, domiciled and on active duty in the state of Idaho for a period of 30 days last preceding application, as long as such assignment continues, is eligible to purchase a resident license.

To show eligibility you need: A current "Military Status and Residency Affidavit" signed by first sergeant, section commander or commander; or a current request and authorization for permanent change of station showing a 'report no later than' date within the last 60 days; or a combination of two documents given in number two (2) above dated thirty (30) days prior.

This is a summary of residency requirements, for additional details see Idaho Code 36-202(S) and 36-405; online at <http://idfg.idaho.gov/title36> and <https://idfg.idaho.gov/idapa13> or contact your local Fish and game office. Persons who do not qualify as residents must purchase a nonresident license.

## Hunting Passports

Hunting Passports are available only to first time hunters. Anyone who has previously held a hunting license in any state is not eligible. For more information, visit: <https://idfg.idaho.gov/hunt/passport>, or contact your local Fish and Game office.



## Resident License, Tag and Permit Fees

Prices listed below include prices for those who have held a valid annual/3 year license in 2017 and 2018 who are considered "Price Locked" and prices for those who are not price locked. To opt in to the price lock you may purchase a 3 year license. See important notes on next page.

FEE OR LICENSE	WITH PRICE LOCK		WITHOUT PRICE LOCK	
	ANNUAL	3-YEAR <sup>7</sup>	ANNUAL	3-YEAR <sup>7</sup>
Access-Depredation Fee for Adults	\$5.00	10.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
Access-Depredation Fee for Jr./Sr./DAV/Furlough	2.00	4.00	2.00	4.00
A license buyer is required to pay this annual fee when purchasing their first annual license of the year. It will not apply to any additional annual licenses purchased later in the year, nor is it required to purchase a daily license.				
<b>Adult Licenses: 18 years of age and older</b>				
Sportsman's Package (Adult or Youth) <sup>1</sup>	\$124.25	N/A	\$144.60	N/A
Combination (Hunting & Fishing)	33.50	97.00	38.75	97.00
Disabled Combination - SSI, SSDI, DAV	5.00	11.50	5.75	11.50
Military Furlough Combination	17.50	N/A	20.50	N/A
Hunting	12.75	34.75	15.75	34.75
Fishing	25.75	73.75	30.50	73.75
Daily Fishing (first day) <sup>8</sup>	11.50	N/A	13.50	N/A
Each consecutive day at initial time of purchase	5.00		6.00	
Disabled Fishing	5.00	11.50	5.75	11.50
Military Furlough Fishing	17.50	N/A	20.50	N/A
Trapping (expires June 30)	26.75	N/A	29.75	N/A
Taxidermist/Furbuyer (expires June 30) <sup>2</sup>	40.00	5-yr-176.75	40.00	5-yr-176.75
Hunting Passport (8+ yrs Junior or Adult) <sup>6</sup>	1.75	N/A	1.75	N/A
<b>Youth Licenses</b>				
Junior Combination (Hunting & Fishing, 14-17 yrs)	\$17.50	\$49.00	\$19.75	\$49.00
Junior Hunting (10-17 yrs) <sup>5</sup>	7.25	18.25	8.25	18.25
Junior Fishing (14-17yrs)	13.75	37.75	16.00	37.75
Youth Trapping (expires June 30)	7.25	N/A	8.25	N/A
<b>Senior Licenses - 65 or Older</b>				
Senior Combination (Hunting & Fishing)	\$11.75	\$31.75	\$13.75	\$31.75
<b>Permits and Validations</b>				
Archery or Muzzleloader Permit	\$18.25	N/A	\$19.50	N/A
Bear Baiting Permit <sup>2</sup>	12.75		15.00	
Hound Hunter Permit	12.75		15.00	
WMA Pheasant Permit (18+ yrs)	23.75 each		28.75	
Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit	4.75		5.75	
Disabled Archery or Disabled Motor Vehicle Permit <sup>2,3</sup>	1.75		1.75	
Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit	1.75		2.75	
Salmon or Steelhead Permit	12.75		15.25	
Two-Pole Permit	13.75		15.00	
<b>Adult Tags</b>				
Deer	\$19.75	N/A	\$24.75	N/A
Elk	30.75		36.75	
Pronghorn	31.25		36.50	




FEE OR LICENSE	WITH PRICE LOCK		WITHOUT PRICE LOCK	
	ANNUAL	3-YEAR <sup>7</sup>	ANNUAL	3-YEAR <sup>7</sup>
Adult Tags				
Bear/Second Bear and Mt. Lion/Second Mt. Lion	11.50 each	N/A	13.75	N/A
Gray Wolf	11.50 each		13.75	
Gray Wolf Trapping (expires June 30)	11.50 each		13.75	
General Turkey	19.75		22.75	
Extra Turkey	12.25 each		12.25	
Special Unit Turkey	5.00 each		5.00	
Sandhill Crane	19.75 each		22.75	
Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat (tag only, does not include application fee)	166.75		199.75	
Youth, Senior and DAV Tags <sup>4</sup>				
Deer <sup>4</sup>	\$10.75	N/A	\$12.50	N/A
Elk <sup>4</sup>	16.50		18.75	
Bear and Second Bear <sup>4</sup>	6.75 each		7.75	
Turkey and Extra Turkey <sup>4</sup>	10.75 each		12.50	
Controlled Hunt				
Controlled Hunt Application for Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bear	\$6.25 each	N/A	\$6.25	N/A
Controlled Hunt Application for Moose, Sheep or Mt. Goat	16.75		16.75	
Turkey Controlled Hunt Permit	7.75		7.75	

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## Resident Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> The sportsman's package includes deer, elk, turkey, bear, gray wolf and mountain lion tags, and archery, muzzleloader, salmon and steelhead permits.
- <sup>2</sup> Available only at Idaho Fish and Game offices.
- <sup>3</sup> Disability must be certified by a medical doctor on a Fish and Game form.
- <sup>4</sup> Must have a senior combination or hunting license, a junior combination or hunting license, a junior hunting passport, or a DAV combination or hunting license.
- <sup>5</sup> All youth younger than twelve must be accompanied in the field by an adult license holder close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices. A 9-year old may buy a license to apply for a controlled hunt tag, but he or she must be 10 years old at the time of the hunt.
- <sup>6</sup> Anyone hunting with this license must be accompanied in the field by an adult license holder close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.
- <sup>7</sup> If a 3-year resident hunting, fishing or combination license holder moves out of Idaho, the license will remain valid, but the holder will be required to purchase nonresident tags and permits.
- <sup>8</sup> Price Lock on daily fishing is only available as long as the customer has a current year annual or a valid multiyear hunting license. Otherwise customer must pay fees in column 3.



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## Nonresident License, Tag and Permit Fees

Prices listed below are as of January 1, 2018. Prices may change without notice. Licenses, tags and permits are valid through December 31, except where noted. All tags, permits and applications require the purchase of a license.

FEE OR LICENSE	ANNUAL	3-YEAR	FEE OR LICENSE	ANNUAL	3-YEAR
Access-Depredation Fee for Adult	\$10.00	20.00	WMA Pheasant Permit (18+ yrs)	51.75 ea.	N/A
Access-Depredation Fee for Jr./Sr./DAV	4.00	8.00	Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit	5.75	
A license buyer is required to pay this annual fee when purchasing their first annual license of the year. It will not apply to any additional annual licenses purchased later in the year, nor is it required to purchase a daily license.			Disabled Archery or Disabled Motor Vehicle Permit <sup>1,3</sup>	1.75	
			Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit	4.75	
			Salmon or Steelhead Permit	25.75	
			Two-Pole Permit	15.50	
Adult Licenses: 18 years of age and older			Adult Tags		
Combination Hunting & Fishing	\$240.00	716.50	Deer	\$301.75	N/A
Hunting (includes three-day fishing license each year of license)	154.75	460.75	Elk	416.75	
Disabled American Veteran Hunting (DAV) <sup>6</sup> (Includes three-day fishing license)	31.75	N/A	Pronghorn	311.75	
Small Game Hunting (Not valid for the first five days of pheasant season)	97.75	N/A	Bear	186.00	
Three-Day Nonresident Small Game Hunting (Not valid for the first five days of pheasant season)	35.50	N/A	Reduced Bear and Second Bear	41.75 ea	
Nongame Hunting	35.50	N/A	Mountain Lion	186.00	
Shooting Preserve Hunting	23.75	N/A	Reduced Mountain Lion and Second Mountain Lion	41.75 ea.	
Fishing	98.25	291.25	Gray Wolf and Gray Wolf Trapping (expires June 30)	31.75 ea.	
Daily Fishing (first day) Each consecutive day at initial time of purchase	15.00 8.75	N/A	General Turkey and Extra Turkey	80.00 ea.	
Three-day Salmon/Steelhead	37.50	N/A	Special Unit Turkey	5.00 ea.	
Trapping (expires June 30)	301.75	N/A	Sandhill Crane	67.50	
Taxidermist/Furbuyer <sup>1</sup> (expires June 30)	170.00	N/A	Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat (tag only, does not include application fee)	\$2,101.75	
Junior Mentored & Youth Licenses			Junior Mentored/DAV Tags		
Junior Mentored Hunting <sup>5</sup> (10-17 yrs)	\$31.75	91.75	Deer <sup>4</sup>	\$23.75	N/A
Junior Fishing (under 18 yrs)	21.75	61.75	Elk <sup>4</sup>	39.75	
Permits and Validations			Bear and Second Bear <sup>4</sup>	23.75 ea.	
			Turkey and Extra Turkey <sup>4</sup>	19.75 ea.	
Archery or Muzzleloader Permit	\$20.00	N/A	Controlled Hunt		
Bear Baiting Permit <sup>1</sup>	31.75		Controlled Hunt Application for deer, elk, pronghorn, bear	\$14.75 ea.	N/A
Hound Hunter Permit <sup>1</sup>	169.75		Controlled Hunt Application for moose, sheep or mt. goat	41.75	
			Turkey Controlled Hunt Permit	7.75	

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### Nonresident Notes:

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<sup>2</sup> Anyone hunting with this license must be accompanied in the field by an adult license holder close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

<sup>3</sup> Disability must be certified by a medical doctor on a Fish and Game form.

<sup>4</sup> Must have a junior mentored hunting license, Junior Hunting Passport or a DAV license. The accompanying adult must have a tag(s) for the same species, and can only mentor two youth at a time. The junior mentored/DAV deer and elk tags are not valid for bear, gray wolf or mountain lion. Price not valid for leftover nonresident, general season deer or elk tags purchased as second tags.

<sup>5</sup> Anyone hunting with this license must be accompanied in the field by an adult license holder close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices. A 9-year old may buy a license to apply for a controlled hunt, but he or she must be 10 years old at the time of the hunt.

<sup>6</sup> Disability must be certified by Veterans Affairs on their official letterhead showing combined service-connected disability rating of 40% or more.