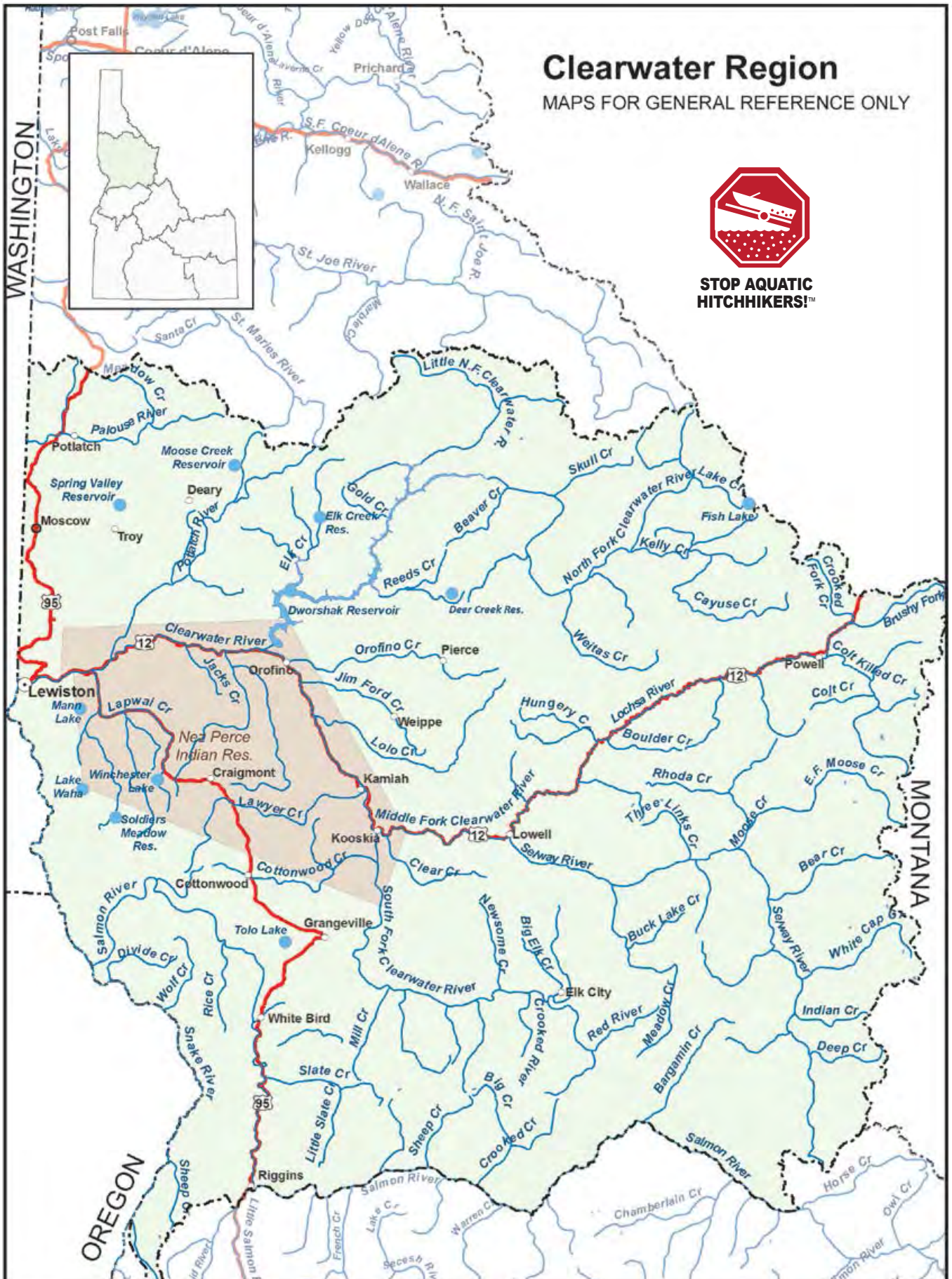


# Clearwater Region

MAPS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY



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# Clearwater Region

## General Fishing Season for the Clearwater Region

All Waters Open All Year

Except as modified in Clearwater Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 18-19.

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

## General Bag and Possession Limits for the Clearwater Region

The following bag and possession limits apply to all waters of the Clearwater Region except as modified in Clearwater Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 18-19.

### **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
- **No bull trout harvest is allowed**

### **Kokanee**

- Kokanee limit is 25, 50 in possession

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

- Salmon seasons and limits are set annually by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and rules are 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 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 43-47)

### **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 56 for details

### **Tiger Muskie**

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

### **Trout** includes cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, and trout hybrids

- 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 57.**

## Special Rule Waters for the Clearwater Region (see Pages 18-19 for details)

Clearwater River  
Clearwater River, Middle Fork  
Clearwater River, North Fork  
Clearwater River, South Fork  
Crooked Fork Creek (tributary to Lochsa River)  
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  
Palouse River and tributaries

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

See Page 17 for fishing season, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Clearwater Region except as listed below.

## 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

- Trout limit is 6; only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept
- Cutthroat trout limit is 0, catch and release
- Only single-pointed barbless hooks are allowed 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

## Dworshak Reservoir

Section: From Dworshak Dam upstream to Grandad Bridge

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

Section: From Grandad Bridge upstream to end of flat water

- Trout limit is 6, only 2 may be cutthroat trout, no cutthroat trout under 14 inches
- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - no bait allowed except maggots, barbless hooks required
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - bait and barbed hooks allowed

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

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

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## Fish Lake (Cedars Area)

- No motors allowed
- December 1 through July 31 – closed to fishing
- August 1 through November 30 - Clearwater Region general rules apply

## Kelly Creek and tributaries

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

## Lake Creek (Cedars Area)

Section: From the mouth upstream to Goose Creek - Clearwater Region general rules apply

Section: From Goose Creek to Fish Lake including all tributaries (Cedar Flat area)

- December 1 through July 31 – closed to fishing
- August 1 through November 30 - Clearwater Region general rules apply

### 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

- Bass limit is 6, none under 12 inches
- Electric motors only
- October 1 to December 31 - No boats allowed

**Moose Creek Reservoir** - Electric motors only

### Palouse River and tributaries

- Trout limit is 6

### Salmon River

- Trout limit is 6; only trout with a clipped adipose fin, as evidenced by a healed scar, may be kept

### 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 42, 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

**Spring Valley Reservoir** - Electric motors only

**Tolo Lake** - Electric motors only

**Winchester Lake** - Electric motors only

## TAG! YOU'RE IT!



**Did you catch a tagged fish?  
Here is how to report it.**

**Website:** <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>  
Select the 'Fishing' page, then 'Tagging Programs'  
or call  
**Fish Tag Hotline** (toll free): 1-866-258-0338

**What to do when you catch a tagged fish:**

**Contact IDFG with this information:**

- ◆ Tag number(s)
- ◆ Where the fish was caught
- ◆ Date caught
- ◆ Species
- ◆ Length of fish
- ◆ Did you keep or release the fish?