



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME 2025-2027 SPEARFISHING SEASON AND RULES

This document functions as an addendum to the 2025-2027 Fishing Seasons and Rules Booklet, and these seasons and rules will be incorporated into future versions of the booklet.

Historically, spearfishing was authorized as a legal method of take for harvesting unprotected non-game species only. However, as of July 1, 2025, spearfishing may be authorized by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission as a legal method of take for harvesting game fish also.

Spearfishing is defined as, "Taking of fish by a person while underwater, with the aid of a manually or mechanically propelled single- or multiple-pronged spear." Beginning July 1, 2025, the Commission has authorized spearfishing seasons for the locations and species listed below.

Panhandle Region

1. Allow spearfishing for Walleye throughout the Panhandle Region

Walleye – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

2. In Lake Pend Oreille and Upper Priest lakes, allow spearfishing for Lake Trout

Lake Pend Oreille:

- Lake Trout – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

Upper Priest Lake:

- Lake Trout – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

3. In Lake Pend Oreille, Clark Fork River, Pend Oreille River, and Pack River and Tributaries, Allow spearfishing for Northern Pike

Clark Fork River:

- Northern Pike – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

Lake Pend Oreille:

- Northern Pike – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

Pack River and Tributaries:

- Northern Pike – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed. Fishing closed 100 yards upstream and downstream of Grouse Creek Falls (on Grouse Creek)

Pend Oreille River (including tributaries and sloughs to the edge of flat water):

- Northern Pike – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.



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Clearwater Region

4. Allow spearfishing for bass in rivers and streams throughout the Clearwater Region

Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth)

- In all rivers and streams, no bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

5. Allow spearfishing for Walleye throughout the Clearwater Region

Walleye

- No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

Southwest Region

6. Allow spearfishing for Walleye throughout the Southwest Region

Walleye

- No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

7. Allow spearfishing for bass in the Salmon River and Middle Fork, Little, and South Fork Salmon rivers, as well as their tributaries

Salmon River

- Bass – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

Salmon River, Little

- Bass – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

Salmon River tributaries

- Bass – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

Salmon River, South Fork and tributaries

- Bass – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

Salmon River, Middle Fork and tributaries

- Bass – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.



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Magic Valley Region

8. Allow spearfishing for bass in Magic Reservoir

Magic Reservoir

- Bass – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

Southeast Region

9. Allow spearfishing for bass in Blackfoot Reservoir

Blackfoot Reservoir

- Bass – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

Upper Snake Region

10. Allow spearfishing for Walleye in Ririe Reservoir

Ririe Reservoir

- Walleye – No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

Salmon Region

11. Allow spearfishing for bass in rivers and streams throughout the Salmon Region

Bass (*Largemouth and Smallmouth*)

- In all rivers and streams, no bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.

12. Allow spearfishing for Walleye throughout the Salmon Region

Walleye

- No bag, length, or possession limits. Harvest is encouraged. Spearfishing is allowed.