



## Panhandle Region

MAPS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY



**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!™**

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.

## 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
- No bull trout harvest is allowed

### **Burbot**

- Burbot limit is 0, catch-and-release

### **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, trout hybrids, Arctic grayling*

- 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 53.**

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

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

## Special Rule Waters for the Panhandle Region

See Page 9 for fishing season, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Panhandle Region except as listed below.

### 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

### Benewah Creek and tributaries

- Closed to fishing

### 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 except for posted area adjacent to the Cabinet Gorge Hatchery

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout
- Rainbow trout closed to harvest 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 closed to harvest December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend,
- No bait allowed Dec. 1 through the 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, except Benewah and Lake creeks)*

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

### Coeur d'Alene River and tributaries

*(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

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

### 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

### Grouse Creek and tributaries

Section: From the mouth upstream, except for 100 yards upstream and downstream of Grouse Creek Falls.

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout
- Rainbow trout closed to harvest December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend
- No bait allowed Dec. 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend

Section: 100 yards upstream and downstream from Grouse Creek Falls

- Closed to fishing

### Hayden Creek and tributaries

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

### 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

**Lake Creek and tributaries**

- Closed to fishing

**Lightning Creek and tributaries**

*(see Clark Fork River tributaries)*

**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; also see Grouse Creek)*

- 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

**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
- Cutthroat trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- 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

**Rapid Lightning Creek and tributaries** *(see Pack River)*

**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 bait allowed, barbless hooks required
- Kokanee limit is 6



## Fishing & Boating Access Sites

For a complete guide to Idaho Fish and Game's access sites and other resources for anglers go to:

[idfg.idaho.gov/fish/access-guide](http://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/access-guide)