

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
- 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

tributaries

Salmon River

Salmon River, East Fork Salmon River, Middle Fork and

Salmon River 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)