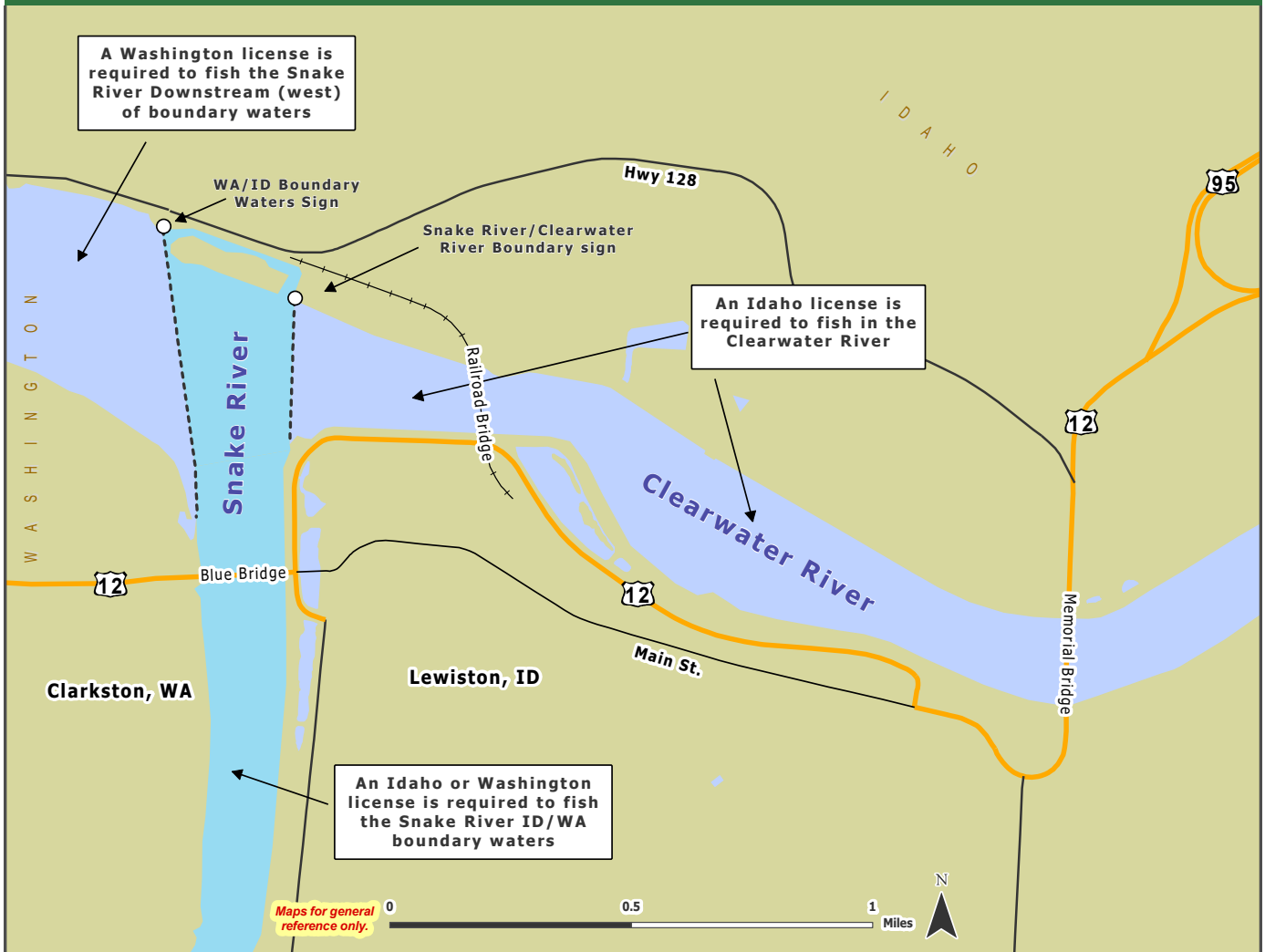


## Washington/Idaho Fishing Waters Boundaries



Clearwater

### 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.

## Keep Idaho Waters Clean!

Trash and fishing line can be harmful to wildlife and the scenery.

**How You Can Help:**

- ✓ Don't leave used line, tackle or bait containers behind
- ✓ Properly discard used fishing line and tackle
- ✓ Pack out your trash
- ✓ Do your part, and fill your net!

# 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 15-16.

**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 15-16. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit.

### **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**

- Spring and summer Chinook Salmon seasons and limits are set by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and issued in separate brochures
- Seasons and limits for fall Chinook Salmon and Coho Salmon can be found on page 45 in this booklet
- Sockeye Salmon limit is 0 and fishing for or targeting Sockeye Salmon is illegal
- 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)
- Seasons and limits for steelhead can be found on page 44
- Fishing for or targeting steelhead is prohibited unless a steelhead season is specifically opened for that water

### **Sturgeon**

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks are required
- Use of a sliding swivel device to secure a weight, and a lighter test line to secure weight to sliding swivel device is required. See Page 54 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 68.**

## Special Rule Waters for the Clearwater Region (see Pages 15-16 for details)

Clearwater River  
Clearwater River, Middle Fork  
Clearwater River, North Fork  
Clearwater River, South Fork  
Crooked Fork  
(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  
(ID/WA border upstream to Hells Canyon Dam)  
Spring Valley Reservoir  
Winchester Lake

# Special Rule Waters for the Clearwater Region

For waters not listed below, see Page 14 for fishing season, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Clearwater Region.

## 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 (tributary to Lochsa River)

### Section: From the mouth to Brushy Fork

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

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

## Deer Creek Reservoir

- Trout limit is 6, only 2 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 Little Salmon River (Page 20) and South Fork Salmon River (Page 21).

- Trout limit is 2

Section: Those tributaries upstream from the mouth of the Middle Fork Salmon River - See Page 40, 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** (ID/WA border 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

**Winchester Lake** - Electric motors only



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 Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes  
 Winchester Lake

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