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.

**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

**Burbot**
- Burbot limit is 6

**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
- Sturgeon limit is 0

**Tiger Muskie**
- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

**Trout** *includes Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Golden Trout, Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout, Splake, Arctic Grayling, trout hybrids (e.g. Tiger Trout)*
- 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 and crayfish*
- No bag, size or possession limit

*Check for potential fish consumption advisories. See Page 68.*

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

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

For waters not listed below, see Page 9 for fishing season, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Panhandle Region.

**Anderson Lake**
(includes the channel to the Coeur d'Alene River)
- Bass limit is 6, only 2 may be Largemouth Bass, no Largemouth Bass under 16 inches

**Antelope Lake** - Electric motors only

**Avondale Lake** - Electric motors only

**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 2 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 2 may be Largemouth Bass, no Largemouth Bass under 16 inches

**Clark Fork River**
Section: Entire river upstream of a straight line extending north of county boat dock (near mouth of Johnson Creek) to Bear Paw Point (southwest tip of Denton Slough)
- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Rainbow Trout catch-and-release 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 catch-and-release December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend
- No bait allowed Dec. 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend

**Clearwater River, Little North Fork and tributaries**
- Trout limit is 2

**Coeur d'Alene Lake** (includes Benewah and Chatcolet lakes, Coeur d'Alene River “Chain Lakes” and all tributaries to Coeur d'Alene Lake)
- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Lake Creek and tributaries, closed to fishing

**Coeur d'Alene River and tributaries**
Section: 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

**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

**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**
- Rainbow Trout catch-and-release December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend

**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

**Hayden Creek and tributaries**
- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing

**Hayden Lake**
- Bass limit is 6, only 2 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 - Fishing for or targeting sturgeon in the Kootenai River is illegal
Lake Pend Oreille (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 2 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
• No harvest of Cutthroat Trout
• Rainbow Trout limit is 2, only 1 over 20 inches

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; includes Grouse Creek and tributaries and Rapid Lightining Creek and tributaries)
• 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 December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend
• Fishing closed 100 yards upstream and downstream of Grouse Creek Falls (on Grouse Creek)

Pend Oreille River
(from Highway 95 bridge at Sandpoint downstream to Idaho-Washington border, including tributaries and sloughs to the edge of flat water)
• Bass limit is 6, only 2 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

Robinson Lake - Electric motors only
• Bass limit is 6, only 2 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 limit on Lake Trout
• 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