SOUTHEAST REGION

General Fishing Season for the Southeast Region

All Waters Open All Year
except as modified in Southeast Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 31-32.
Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.

Daily Bag Limits for the Southeast Region

The following daily bag limits apply to all waters of the Southeast Region except as modified in Southeast Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 31-32. The possession limit is 3-times the daily bag limit.

Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth)
- Bass limit is 6, both species combined
- None under 14 inches

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

Cisco (Bear Lake only)
- Cisco limit is 30

Kokanee
- Kokanee limit is 6

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 Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, and trout hybrids (e.g. Tiger Trout).
- Trout limit is 6, all species combined
- In rivers and streams, only 2 of the 6 trout may be Cutthroat Trout

Does not include 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 includes Northern Leatherside Chub, Bear Lake Sculpin, and Bluehead Sucker (also known as Green Sucker)
- 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 Southeast Region (see Pages 31-32 for details)

American Falls Reservoir
Bear Lake
Bear River
Bear River tributaries
Blackfoot Reservoir
Blackfoot River and tributaries
Chesterfield Reservoir
Condie Reservoir
Daniels Reservoir
Deep Creek Reservoir
Fish Haven Creek
First Creek
Fort Hall Indian Reservation
Glendale Reservoir
Little Blackfoot River and tributaries
McCoy Creek and tributaries
Montpelier Reservoir
Oneida Narrows Reservoir
Portneuf River
Rose Pond
St. Charles Creek
Snake River
Springfield Reservoir
Treasureton Reservoir
Twenty-Four Mile Reservoir
Special Rule Waters for the Southeast Region

For waters not listed below, see page 30 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Southeast Region.

American Falls Reservoir
- Bass limit is 2, any size

Bear Lake
- From the mouth of St. Charles Creek (Little Creek) for a radius of 300 yards into the lake is closed to fishing from April 16 through June 30
- Not more than 2 baited hooks, flies, or lures per line
- One line only when ice fishing. Two lines permitted when ice fishing with a two-pole permit
- Trout limit is 2
- Cisco limit is 30; dip-netting permitted January 1 through February 15. Dip nets may not exceed 18 inches in any dimension. Any size hole may be cut through the ice to catch cisco
- Whitefish limit is 10

Bear River
Section: From the Utah state line upstream to Oneida Narrows Dam
- Trout limit is 2, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- Bass limit is 6, any size

Section: From the confluence with Oneida Narrows Reservoir upstream to the Wyoming state line
- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Bear River tributaries (all tributaries including the Cub River and Thomas Fork Bear River)
- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Blackfoot Reservoir
- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout
- No size, bag, or possession limits on bass

Blackfoot River and tributaries
Section: From the confluence with the Snake River upstream to Blackfoot Dam (Government Dam) - Southeast Region general rules apply
Upstream from Blackfoot Reservoir (includes: Diamond Creek, Lanes Creek, Slug Creek and tributaries)
- December 1 through June 30 - closed to fishing
- July 1 through November 30 - trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout, no bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Chesterfield Reservoir
- Trout limit is 2

Condie Reservoir
- Bass limit is 2, none under 20 inches

Daniels Reservoir
- Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
- One line only when ice fishing
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Deep Creek Reservoir
- Trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout
- No size, bag or possession limits on Bass

Fish Haven Creek
Section: From the confluence with Bear Lake upstream to the Caribou-Targhee National Forest boundary
- December 1 through June 30 - closed to fishing
- July 1 through November 30 - Southeast Region general rules apply
Section: Fish Haven Creek upstream of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest boundary - Southeast Region general rules apply

First Creek (tributary to Deep Creek Reservoir)
- December 1 through June 14 - closed to fishing
- June 15 through November 30 - Southeast Region general rules apply

Fort Hall Indian Reservation - contact Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Office

Glendale Reservoir
- Bass limit is 2, none under 16 inches

Little Blackfoot River and tributaries
- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

McCoy Creek and tributaries
- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

Montpelier Reservoir - Electric motors only

Oneida Narrows Reservoir
- Walleye limit is 6
- Bass limit is 6, any size

Portneuf River
Section: From above East Main Street bridge in Lava Hot Springs upstream to Chesterfield Reservoir
- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, no bait allowed, barbless hooks required
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - trout limit is 6, no harvest of Cutthroat Trout

All other sections of the Portneuf River: except for within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation (contact Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Office): Southeast Region general rules apply

Rose Pond - Electric motors only
St. Charles Creek
Section: St. Charles Creek (including both lower forks) upstream to the Caribou-Targhee National Forest boundary
  • December 1 through June 30 - closed to fishing
  • July 1 through November 30 - Southeast Region general rules apply
Section: St. Charles Creek upstream of Caribou-Targhee National Forest boundary - Southeast Region general rules apply

Snake River
Section: From the downstream side of the Gifford Springs boat fishing zone (western boundary in Minnidoka NWR) upstream to Eagle Rock
  • Bass limit is 2, any size
  • Trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout
Section: From Eagle Rock upstream to American Falls Dam
  • October 16 – Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
  • Saturday of Memorial Day weekend – October 15 – trout limit is 2
Section: From American Falls Reservoir upstream to Gem Lake dam
  • Trout limit is 6, only 2 may be Cutthroat Trout
  • Bass limit is 2, any size

Springfield Reservoir
  • Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
  • One line only when ice fishing
  • No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Treasureton Reservoir
  • Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
  • No size, bag or possession limits on bass
  • One line only when ice fishing
  • No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Twenty-Four Mile Reservoir
  • Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches
  • One line only when ice fishing
  • No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

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Pull the Plug
Remove all drainage plugs & plant material to prevent the spread of invasive species.