



Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Idaho Wildlife Policy

“All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping.”

— Idaho Code Section 36-103

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- Southwest Region 208-465-8465
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Idaho Fish and Game offices are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except state holidays. Offices in the Panhandle and Clearwater regions are in the Pacific Time Zone; all others are in the Mountain Time Zone.

To Buy a License, Tag or Permit:

- In person, go to any Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor.
- By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail.
- A service fee is added for online transactions. **gooutdoorsidaho.com**
- Commercial licenses and tags, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime licenses, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.

Other Information Numbers

Rules booklets, nonresident license applications: 208-334-3700

U. S. Forest Service:

- Southern Idaho **fs.usda.gov/r4**
- Northern Idaho..... **fs.usda.gov/r1**
- Hells Canyon..... **fs.usda.gov/r6**

Bureau of Land Management: **blm.gov/idaho**

Idaho Relay Service (TDD)1-800-377-3529

To report wildlife crimes, call Citizens Against Poaching at 1-800-632-5999.

Emergency information can be relayed to Fish and Game personnel through any Idaho law enforcement agency.



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Information in this brochure summarizes rules and is an official proclamation of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for the taking of wildlife. The official rules are available at **adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current** or from the Office of Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720, and may be reviewed in some libraries. Maps are for general reference only.

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Fishing Rules 2022-2024

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WHAT'S NEW

- Panhandle Region: Pend Oreille River and Lake Pend Oreille boundary modifications (Pages 8–11)
- Southwest Region: several alpine lakes changed to general rules, Dick Knox Pond new trophy bass regulations (Pages 17–21)
- Magic Valley Region: Anderson Ranch Reservoir kokanee limit now 15/day, Baker Lake simplified 2-trout bag limit (Pages 22–28)
- Southeast Region: Blackfoot Reservoir - bass restrictions removed, Bannock Reservoir, Edson Fichter, and Montpelier Rearing Ponds adopt general rules (Pages 22–28)
- Southeast Region: Bear Lake - harvest of wild (unmarked) or hatchery Cutthroat Trout (adipose clipped) now allowed. Snake River - simplified seasons, limits, and gear restrictions from Eagle Rock to American Falls Dam. (Pages 29–32)
- Upper Snake Region: Henrys Lake harvest season and new catch-and-release season added (Pages 33–37)
- Salmon Region: Lemhi and Pahsimeroi rivers - trout length limits changed to general rules. Stanley Lake - trout limit may include only 2 Lake Trout per day (Pages 38–40)
- Clearwater River and Lower Snake River: new steelhead seasons and bag limits for 2022-2024 (Page 44)
- Fall Chinook and Coho salmon seasons and bag limits now included in this book (Page 45)

Who needs a license to fish in Idaho:

- **Any person 14 years of age or older is required to purchase a fishing license**
- **Resident** children under 14:
 - do NOT need to purchase a fishing license
 - can keep their own daily bag limit
 - may purchase a salmon/steelhead permit to keep their own limit of salmon/steelhead
 - may purchase a 2-pole permit
- **Nonresident** children under 14 years of age:
 - must be accompanied by the holder of a valid Idaho fishing license, and
 - their harvested catch must be included in the license holder's limit
 - OR, they may purchase a nonresident license and have their own limit.
- Any license, tag or permit which is defaced, altered or tampered with shall be invalid from the date and time of issuance.
- Fishing on Indian reservations may require tribal licenses and following tribal regulations. Please consult respective tribes.

Información Importante

Este libro incluye información importante acerca de las leyes de pesca de Idaho. Usted puede ser multado o encarcelado si viola estas leyes. Por favor, encuentra alguien que lea inglés para explicar la información en este libro.



HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

Idaho Fish & Game Regions and Map

- Panhandle: pages 8-11
- Clearwater: pages 12-16
- Southwest: pages 17-21
- Magic Valley: pages 22-28
- Southeast: pages 29-32
- Upper Snake: pages 33-37
- Salmon: pages 38-40



1. Find the region where you plan to fish



2. Find your fish species and its daily bag limit



3. See if the water is listed under Special Rule Waters

- If so, turn the page to find the Special Rules for that water



PANHANDLE REGION

Panhandle

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.

<p>Bass (<i>Largemouth and Smallmouth</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bass limit is 6, both species combined <p>Brook Trout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brook Trout limit is 25 <p>Bull Trout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bull Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release <p>Burbot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burbot limit is 6 <p>Chinook Salmon (<i>landlocked</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinook Salmon limit is 2, none under 20 inches <p>Kokanee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kokanee limit is 15 <p>Sturgeon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing for or targeting sturgeons in the Kootenai River is illegal • Sturgeon limit is 0 	<p>Tiger Muskie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches <p>Trout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Golden Trout, Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout, Splake, Arctic Grayling, and hybrid (e.g., Tiger Trout) • Trout limit is 6, all species combined <p>Does not include Bull Trout and Brook Trout which are listed separately.</p> <p>Whitefish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitefish limit is 25 <p>All Other Fish Species includes bullheads & crayfish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No bag, size or possession limit <p>Check for potential fish consumption advisories. See Page 68.</p>
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Special Rule Waters for the Panhandle Region (see Pages 10-11 for details)

Anderson Lake Antelope Lake Avonlea Lake Blue Lake (Priest River 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 Fraeman Lake Gambelle (Garnett) Lake Gold Creek Granite Creek and tributaries Granite Lake Hayden Creek and tributaries Hayden Lake Jewett Lake Kibbo Lake Kootenai River Lake Pend Oreille Lower Giddan Lake Mirror Lake Moyle River Pack River and tributaries Pond 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 Shephard Lake Sinclair Lake Smith Lake Spirit Lake Spokane River Trestle Creek and tributaries Upper Priest Lake and tributaries
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General Information and Definitions pertaining to rules can be found starting on Page 47.

HOW TO AVOID FISHING VIOLATIONS

Idaho Fish and Game reminds all anglers to review Idaho's fishing seasons and rules and act within the law. **Here are common fishing violations, and how to avoid them:**

Fishing without a valid license: Any person 14 years or older must have a valid Idaho fishing license or permit to fish for fish, bullfrogs or crayfish. Anglers can buy a license at vendors, Fish and Game offices, by phone at (800) 554-8685 or at gooutdoorsidaho.com.

Fishing with a barbed hook where prohibited: Barbless hook may be required for certain waters and for certain species, including salmon, steelhead, sturgeon and some trout fishing. Check the Special Rule Waters for each region.

Exceeding the legal number of poles: Anglers are limited to one pole per person unless a person has a two-pole permit. Anglers may fish up to five lines while ice fishing. See Page 47.

Fishing without your license in possession: You must have a printed license, or electronic version with you while fishing. If you buy online, save a copy to your smartphone, and you can also use a photo of your printed license. But you must possess printed copies of salmon/steelhead tags.

Fishing during a closed season: Many waters, or fish species, are closed part of the year. Check the General Fishing Seasons for the region you are fishing in, and also check the Special Rule Waters for that region. Salmon and steelhead seasons frequently change, so check idfg.idaho.gov for their current status.

Have a question about fishing seasons and bag limits? Call any Fish and Game office (see Page 4)



PROXY STATEMENT (To transport fish taken by another person)

Taker's Name _____ Taker's Signature _____

Taker's Address _____

License No. _____ Tag No. _____

Fish Species	Description & Number Taken	Water Caught	Date

Other Game:

Species _____ #Taken _____ Date Killed _____