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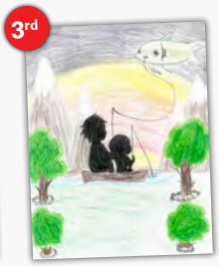

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WELCOME TO NEVADA

If we could describe fishing in the beautiful state of Nevada in one word, it would be variety. From the world-famous waters of Lake Tahoe to the pristine high alpine lakes in Elko's Ruby Mountains to the desert lakes like Lake Mead near Las Vegas, Nevada has a wide range of fishing opportunities. The Silver State is home to 113 lakes and reservoirs and 420 streams and rivers, providing nearly 400,000 surface acres of sport fishing opportunities.

The fish species in the Silver State are as diverse as the geography. Coldwater species include native cutthroat trout, redband trout and mountain whitefish. Non-native species include rainbow, brown, brook and Mackinaw trout. Nevada also has hybrid species such as bowcutts (rainbow/cutthroat) and tiger trout (brook/brown).

Warmwater species include smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, channel catfish, wipers, and crappie. Lake Mead and Lake Mohave are best known for their stripers that average close to two pounds, although 20- to-30-pound fish are occasionally caught. Wipers, a cross between a striped bass and a white bass, can be found in Lahontan, Rye Patch, Wildhorse, South Fork and Chimney reservoirs. In northeastern Nevada, Wildhorse Reservoir, traditionally a trout fishery, is also known as a great spot for yellow perch, especially in winter. Largemouth bass and channel catfish are found throughout the state including Lakes Mead and Mohave, and Lahontan, Rye Patch and South Fork reservoirs.

Urban waters offer a great way for anglers to fish without traveling too far from home. They offer the chance to fish after work, hone your fishing skills, pick up a nice meal, or take the kids fishing. Rivers such as the Carson, Truckee, Humboldt, and Walker also offer nearby fishing for several small and large communities along their path.

While flipping through this year's Nevada Fishing Regulations, make sure to read the articles found throughout this magazine. Read about Topaz Lake, one of the best kept fishing secrets in the state or check out the article on the amazing smallmouth bass fishing at Lake Mohave. We have a section introducing our new fishing web tool, FishNV, that allows you to search waters by species, water type, region or county. There is an article on how to make fishing trips fun for the kids and a story on the warmwater species opportunities in eastern Nevada. Don't just flip past the stories, there is a lot of great information throughout.

This publication is intended as a reference for any questions you might have regarding fishing the Silver State. Statewide regulations and license information can be found near the front of the magazine (pages 4-25), with a region by region breakdown of all available waters throughout the magazine. The Nevada Fishing Regulations Book also includes information from boating regulations (40-41) to Wildlife Management Areas (38) to our Angler Recognition Programs (42-44). If there is anything you can't find in this publication, check out the Nevada Department of Wildlife website at *ndow.org*.

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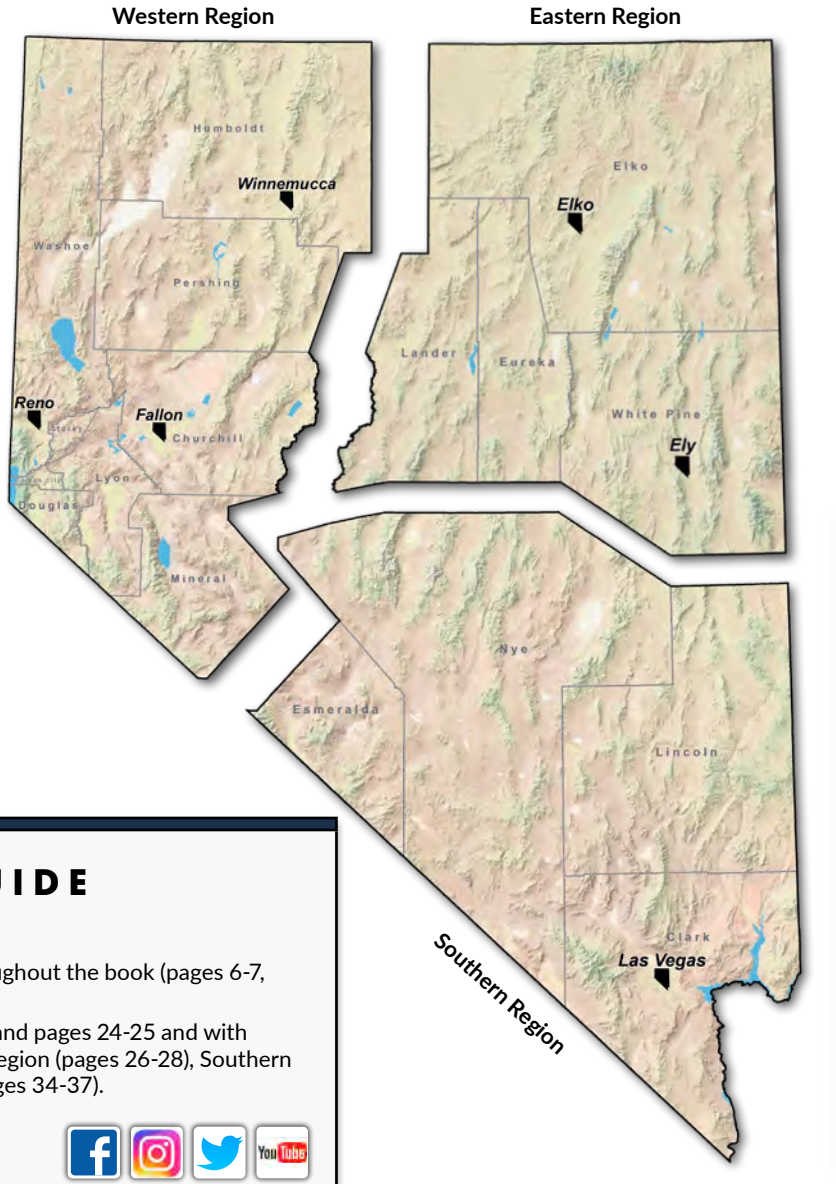

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1. License, permits, and fee information is on page 4.
2. There are several fun and informative stories throughout the book (pages 6-7, pages 10-12, pages 22-23, and pages 30-31).
3. General regulations can be found on pages 18-20 and pages 24-25 and with regulations by region broken up into the Eastern Region (pages 26-28), Southern Region (pages 32-33), and the Western Region (pages 34-37).

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EASTERN NEVADA: NOT JUST TROUT FISHING ANYMORE

While northeastern Nevada may not be a traditional warmwater fishing destination, anglers from around Nevada and other nearby states regularly make the trip to fish the variety of lakes and reservoirs in the region. Elko and White Pine counties are known for some of their quality coldwater trout fisheries, but recently fisheries management efforts have been expanded to growing existing and creating new warmwater fishing opportunities.

Wildhorse Reservoir not only offers quality trout fishing, but the fishery also offers a variety of other species including smallmouth bass, channel catfish, wipers, and white crappie. Last year was an exciting fishing season at Wildhorse with a new water record channel catfish landed at over 28 pounds, and a new wiper record at over 15 pounds. Anglers on social media were also sharing catches of multiple wipers over 10 pounds and channel catfish in the 15-pound range.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife resumed stocking Wipers in spring 2022 and fisheries biologists are expecting these fish to grow quickly foraging on the abundance of juvenile yellow perch. While not many anglers specifically target the channel catfish at Wildhorse Reservoir, the fish often reach impressive sizes and offer a great summer fishing opportunity.

Smallmouth bass are a highly favored warm water sportfish at Wildhorse. In the early summer months, anglers travel from all over the state to experience the quality smallmouth bass fishing the reservoir offers. Anglers can expect good numbers of fish with 2–3-pound smallmouth bass caught regularly. The water record for smallmouth bass in Wildhorse Reservoir is 5-pounds 5-oz.

White crappie are a relatively new addition to Wildhorse Reservoir and Fisheries Biologist CJ Ellingwood plans to augment the growing white crappie fishery in Wildhorse along with establishing a new crappie fishery at nearby Wilson Sink Reservoir.

"We are continually forced to manage reservoir fisheries with fluctuating water levels and warmer water temperatures, which creates challenges for trout fisheries," said Ellingwood. "We are exploring options to expand angling opportunities while still maintaining the existing fisheries. Crappie are a popular sportfish in the handful of fisheries where they occur in northern Nevada, and we think they will add an exciting component to the rainbow trout and largemouth bass fishery currently present at Wilson Sink Reservoir."

Just a short drive outside of Elko, South Fork Reservoir has long been known for its quality warmwater fishing. The current state record channel catfish , over 32 pounds, was caught at South Fork along with several wipers weighing in at more than 16 pounds.

Over the last five years largemouth bass have represented most of the catch with an average length of over 11 inches. The water record for largemouth bass currently sits at 8-pounds 2-ounces. Smallmouth bass fishing is also very popular with anglers and fish grow to over 6 pounds. Since 2002, wipers have been periodically stocked in South Fork Reservoir to control non-game fish and provide alternate angling opportunities.

"The wipers have not only done a great job suppressing non-game fish but have also grown in popularity with the angling community," said Fisheries Biologist Mike Starr. "Wipers were most recently stocked in the spring of 2022 and will continue to be stocked at South Fork to keep up with angling demand."

Destinations like Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge and Comins Lake in White Pine County are also popular choices for anglers wanting to experience a successful summer evening of largemouth bass fishing. The August 1 gas-powered motorboat opener is always a popular choice for anglers at Ruby Lake. Both fisheries are also great choices for anglers who may only have access to float tubes, pontoon boats, canoes, or similar vessels. Topwater fishing in the warm summer evenings is both efficient and effective. The largemouth bass fishery at Comins Lake has even expanded to the point where it is functioning as a source stock to augment smaller fisheries in White Pine County.

Anglers are also reminded that there are a variety of smaller water bodies throughout the region that offer angling opportunities for warmwater fish species. Other fisheries include Jakes Creek Reservoir, Dry Creek Reservoir, Willow Creek Pond, and the Humboldt River just to name of few.

Trout fishing will always draw anglers to northeastern Nevada, but biologists are optimistic the ever-increasing angling opportunities for warmwater fish species like smallmouth bass, wipers, and crappie will keep anglers fishing throughout the summer months when trout fishing typically slows. Anglers are always encouraged to contact local fisheries biologists in the Elko and Ely NDOW offices to discuss current fishing conditions and warmwater fishing opportunities.

Bluegill

(Lepomis macrochirus)

Very colorful. Light to dark blue on bright purple. In breeding season, the breast of males is red. Gill covers often blue with a black spot on the rear of the "ear flap". Faint vertical bars on the sides. Dorsal fin has 10 spines followed without interruption by 10 or 12 rays. The mouth is small and when closed, barely reaches the front of the eye. Body deep for its length and compressed from side to side.

Brook Trout

(Salvelinus fontinalis)

Color ranges from olive, blue-gray or black on the back to white on the belly. Belly and lower fins brilliant orange in spawning males. Upper body and dorsal fin have mottled or worm-like markings. Red spots, with or without bluish rings around them. The most distinguishing marks are the white and thin black stripe along the fore edge of the lower fins. Tail square or slightly forked.

Brown Trout

(Salmo trutta)

Back is brown or olive with large black spots. Sides light brown to yellowish, with numerous black and red-orange spots surrounded by light blue rings. Few if any spots on tail. Tail square, not forked. Spooky and difficult to catch.

Bull Trout

(Salvelinus confluentus)

The bull trout is normally olive-green to light green along the back and sides and appears somewhat washed out. Back with pale yellow spots and sides with orange or red spots; fins fringed with yellow orange; pectoral, pelvic, and anal fins with white margins. This fish is native to only the Jarbidge River system of northern Elko County and occurs in tributaries associated with the two forks of that stream system.

Bullhead

(Ameiurus)

No scales. Tail only slightly forked, with rounded lobes. Adults are blackish, dark olive or dark brown. Belly is yellow, greenish-white, or white. Chin barbels are entirely black. The pectoral fin spine is smooth.

Channel Catfish

(Ictalurus punctatus)

No scales, tail deeply forked with pointed lobes. Body pale bluish-olive above and bluish-white below. Spots vary from a few to many over much of the body and may not occur on large fish. Barbels extend from the chin and upper jaw. Both dorsal and pectoral fins have strong, sharp spines. Larger fish may be distinguished from the white catfish by the longer black barbels and more streamlined body form. Tail more deeply forked and head thinner and less rounded than white catfish. White on belly only to forward edge of anal fin.

Cutthroat Trout

(Oncorhynchus clarkii)

Body color is highly variable. Back may be steel gray to olive-green. Sides may be yellow-brown with red or pink along belly. Slash marks on either side of the throat beneath the lower jaw may be yellow, crimson-red or orange. Fins uniform color with no white tips. Scattered spots are usually round and black, more closely grouped towards the tail. Teeth on back of tongue. Nevada has three subspecies of cutthroat trout including Lahontan, Bonneville and Yellowstone.

Crappie

(Pomoxis)

Silver-olive with numerous black or dark green splotches on the sides. Forehead is dished and the snout is turned up. Base of the dorsal fin is about the same length as the base of the anal fin. Body compressed from side to side.

Green Sunfish

(Lepomis cyanellus)

Each scale is flecked with yellow or emerald green. Back and sides olive-green, and lower belly yellowish-copper or brassy. Body is short, stocky, and deeply compressed from side to side. The gill cover has a broad, light margin, and it often has a black spot on the rear flap. The gill cover bone is stiff all the way to the margin which is different from most other sunfish.

Kokanee

(Oncorhynchus nerka)

Kokanee are silver in color until they are ready to spawn in the fall, at which time they become bright red. Kokanee are a form of landlocked sockeye salmon and generally do not grow larger than 16 inches. Within the state, Kokanee can be found in Lake Tahoe and its tributaries when spawning.

Lake Trout Or Mackinaw

(Salvelinus namaycush)

Not as highly colored as other trout. Dark gray or gray-green above, belly light gray or white. Light gray irregular shaped spots or lines on back, sides, dorsal fin and tail. No white edging appears on lower fins as in brook trout. Tail deeply forked. Currently found in Lake Tahoe, Nevada-California, and Liberty and Echo Lakes in Elko County.

Largemouth Bass

(Micropterus salmoides)

Dark green on back and sides, silvery below. Belly is greenish-white. A broad dark band on the sides which consists of irregular patches touching together. Dorsal fin with 9 to 10 sharp spines nearly separated from the soft rays by a deep notch. Upper jaw when closed extends at least to the rear edge of the eye in adults, usually beyond.

Mountain Whitefish

(Prosopium williamsoni)

Back and fins are light brown and the sides and belly are silver and white. There are no spots. Tail deeply forked and body is deep and round. Mouth small with no teeth. Large fleshy adipose fin. Scales large and rough.

Pumpkinseed

(Lepomis gibbosus)

Considered a very colorful sunfish, the pumpkinseed is highlighted with mostly orange-brown spots on the main body and dorsal fin. Belly is orange-yellow. Opercular lobe has a dark blue-black spot with a bright red or orange edge. The cheek and operculum, or gill plate, also have wavy blue lines much like a green sunfish.

Rainbow Trout

(Oncorhynchus mykiss)

Body usually olive to greenish-blue on the back; belly white to silver; sides usually show prominent red or pink streak. Fish from lakes sometimes lose all color and appear silvery. Irregular spots on back, sides, head, dorsal fin and tail. No teeth on back of tongue. Native to the Columbia River drainage of northeastern Nevada, but stocked extensively from hatcheries throughout Nevada.

Redear Sunfish

(Lepomis microlophus)

Dark brown to green back with yellow to green sides. Belly is light yellow to nearly white. The mouth is small and the opercular lobe or ear flap has a dark blue-back spot with red to orange edge.

Wiper

(Morone chrysops x M. saxatilis)

A hybrid bass produced by crossing a female white bass with a male striped bass. Hybrids closely resemble both striped bass and white bass making identification difficult, particularly for young fish. When comparing adult fish, the hybrid has a deep body and an arched back similar to the white bass. Wipers can often be distinguished by broken or irregular stripes on the front half of body and straight lines on the rear half of body. A mid-body break in line pattern occasionally occurs.

Smallmouth Bass

(Micropterus dolomieu)

Dark olive to brown on back, sides bronze, belly white. Five dark vertical bands on sides. Eyes reddish. Dorsal fin with 9 or 10 sharp spines without a deep notch separating them from the soft rays. Upper jaw when closed does not extend beyond the rear edge of the eye.

Spotted Bass

(Micropterus punctulatus)

Green to dark green on back and sides with a white belly. Rows of spots along the lower sides below the dark lateral stripe. Dorsal fins are connected and not separated into two distinct fins. Upper jaw extends to the back of the eye, but not beyond the eye as in the largemouth bass.

Striped Bass

(Morone saxatilis)

Body olive-green above, shading through silvery on sides to white on belly with brassy reflection. There are 7 to 8 longitudinal dark stripes following the scale rows. A spiny dorsal fin is barely separated from a soft dorsal fin. The tail is forked and the body is cylindrical in shape. The fish can become very large with some specimens larger than 50 pounds.

Walleye

(Sander vitreus)

Prominent "canine" teeth distinguish this big perch from its smaller family member the yellow perch. Color is brassy-olive buff sometimes shading to yellowish sides and white beneath. No distinct bars on the sides, but rather an overall mottling of black or brown. Large dark blotches at rear base of dorsal fin, and the lower lobe of tail fin is white tipped. The tail is moderately forked.

White Bass

(Morone chrysops)

Dark gray to black on the back, with bright silvery sides and white belly. The sides have dark stripes or lines (about 5 are above the lateral line). There are 13 or 14 rays in the dorsal fin, and 11 to 13 in the anal fin. Body strongly compressed from side to side, forehead is dished and snout is slightly turned up.

Yellow Perch

(Perca flavescens)

Rich yellow to brassy-green with 6 to 8 dark vertical bars on the sides. Dark green back. No "canine" teeth. The belly is whitish. The dorsal fin has two sections, the front one contains 12 to 14 sharp spines and the rear 12 to 13 soft rays.

White Catfish

(Ameiurus catus)

Bluish to grayish above and white below. Tail deeply forked. No scales. No spots. Barbels extend from the chin and upper jaw. Both dorsal and pectoral fins have strong, sharp spines. White catfish have shorter barbels on the upper jaw than channel catfish, and barbels on lower jaw are whiter. Head is more rounded and white on belly extends to rear of anal fin. Found in Lahontan and Willow Creek Reservoirs and the Humboldt River with channel catfish.

LITTLE FISH WITH LITTLE KIDS EQUALS BIG FUN

By Jan Nemec,
Western Region Angler Education Coordinator

Competing with your kid's attention in a world filled with immediate entertainment is a tough job, but the Nevada Department of Wildlife thinks fishing might be your best bet. With a little bit of patience and preparation, taking your kids fishing could be just the thing to get them away from their Nintendo Switch or Xbox.

There's no quicker way to hook a kid on fishing than putting them in front of hundreds of hungry fish, eager to eat. Where you run into a problem is when there is much more fishing and not so much catching. Keep in mind that a little patience now can earn you a fishing buddy for life. Just remember that fishing with kids may or may not include anything that you recognize as fishing. Expect lots of fun, just don't expect to be using your own fishing pole right away. In fact, they may not even get much use out of their own fishing poles that first time out.

EQUIPMENT

Basic fishing poles are made to be easy when starting out and the character versions are easy to find. Regardless of what superhero or cartoon character is on the pole, kids seem to do better with shorter poles and push button reels. The closed reel design helps to teach timing without adding stray line and the additional moving parts. If any part of using the reel ends up frustrating, consider taking the reel off entirely and tying line directly to the rod tip. The fishing docks found at many of our community ponds offer excellent fishing directly underneath them, eliminating any need for a cast. A few other important items to remember would include sunglasses, sunblock, water, and don't forget the snacks.

About the easiest part to fishing for heavily populated panfish is deciding on what to use. Since almost anything will work, start with a small

barbless fly or small red hook without any bait. Panfish are typically in close enough to see them eat your lure or bait a few feet off the shore. Try the bare hook and work up from there. There's really no question if they like your bait or not when you can just about spoon feed it to them. If for some reason that doesn't work, try adding a small amount of bait to the exposed hook point. Flies can be tipped with any moldable dough bait, salmon egg, corn, cheese, or even bread. Get creative and make a game out of it, just be aware of any special bait regulations if you're not fishing at one of the community ponds.

ENTERTAINMENT

Until everyone is self-sufficient, try picking up a few aquarium nets with long handles, they're a great way of getting kids hooked on fishing even before you get a rod in their hand. Crayfish, tadpoles, and other large insects are often easy to catch with the little nets. Have fun exploring everything at the pond but please leave any of the creatures where you find them. Once everyone learns the basics and how to land their own fish, try adding a few elements to help keep it exciting. A family fishing derby is a great way to spend a hot summer afternoon. It helps to offer bragging rights for the biggest fish, smallest fish, or most fish caught. This would also be a great time to bring out your own fishing pole again.

SAFETY

Plans and precautions only go so far when fishing with kids. It's impossible to stop every minor injury that comes from biting insects, slippery rocks, sharp sticks, fishing hooks, or fish spines. A small first aid kit is a great addition that can help you care for all those other unexpected minor accidents. You might consider bending down all the barbs on the hooks going into a kids tackle box. It's impossible to avoid every minor accident, be sure to do everything you can to avoid the major ones. Life jackets are also a good idea in any situation where young kids or weak swimmers are near water.

ACCESS

Nevada's community ponds are an excellent place to start when looking for healthy populations of panfish. The key to good fishing is heat and knowing where to go. Southern Nevada offers prime panfish conditions during the warmest six months of the year. A few favorites are Lorenzi Park Pond, Sunset Park Pond, and Veterans Park Pond. Western Nevada typically offers excellent fishing from June through August at the Verdi Park Ponds in Reno and Baily Pond in Carson City. Use our new FishNV webtool to find an urban fishery near you. A tutorial to use this new tool can be found on page 14.

REGIONAL FISH STOCKING SCHEDULE

Species Abbreviations

BC..... Rainbow Trout/Cutthroat Trout Hybrid
BK .....Brook Trout
BN .....Brown Trout
CC.....Channel Catfish
LCT .....Lahontan Cutthroat Trout
RB..... Rainbow Trout
TT.....Tiger Trout
TRB..... Triploid Rainbow
WI .....Wiper

Regional fish stocking months may vary. This list is intended to give anglers a general idea of the months fish stocking occurs.

For real-time updates on stocking, visit *https://www.ndow.org/calendar/#*

EASTERN REGION REPORT

BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	MONTH TO BE STOCKED
ELKO COUNTY		
Angel Lake	RB	June, July, August, September
	TT	June, July
Carlin Pond	RB	April, May, October
Cow Creek Reservoir	RB	May
Dorsey Reservoir	TT	April, May, June
Dry Creek Reservoir	RB	April, May, June
Jakes Creek Reservoir	RB	March, April, October
	CC	May or June
Jiggs Reservoir	RB	March, April, October
Lamoille Creek	TT, LCT	June, July
Ruby High Lakes	LCT, TT	August
Ruby Lake NWR - Collection Ditch	RB	March, October
	TT	October
Ruby Lake NWR - No. Dikes Unit 10	RB	March, October
Ruby Lake NWR - S. Lakes	RB	April, October
Ruby Lake NWR - South Springs	RB	April, October
	TT	April
Ruby Lake NWR - Unit 21	RB	March, October
	BN	October
	TT	March
CLARK COUNTY (CONTINUED)		
Lorenzi Park Pond	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	April, May, June, August, September, October
Bluegill may be stocked at Lorenzi Park Pond during the months of April and May.		
Mesquite Park Pond	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	April, June, August, September, October
Sunset Park Pond	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	April, May, June, August, September, October
Bluegill may be stocked at Sunset Park Pond during the months of April and May.		
ESMERALDA COUNTY		
Silver Peak Pond	RB	April, May, June
Trail Canyon Reservoir	RB	April, May, June
LINCOLN COUNTY		
Beaver Dam Wash	RB	April, May
Eagle Valley Reservoir	RB	February, March, May, October
Echo Canyon Reservor	RB	February, March, October
HUMBOLDT COUNTY		
Bilk Creek Reservoir	RB	May, June
	TRB	November
Blue Lakes	BC	August, September
	TRB	August, September
	TT	August, September
Chimney Reservoir	CC, WI	May or June
James Kinney Pond	CC	May or June
	TRB	March, April, May, June, September, October
	BN	May, June
Knott Creek Reservoir	BC	September
	TRB	June
	TT	September
Onion Valley Reservoir	BC	September
	RB	June, October
	TT	October
Streams and Ponds	BN	May, June
	TRB	June
	TT	June
LYON COUNTY		
Carson River	BN	March, June
	RB	March, June, September
Desert Creek	BN	May, June
	RB	May, June, October
	TT	June
Ft. Churchill Cooling Ponds	RB	February, March
	CC	May or June
E. Walker River	BN	May
	RB	May, June, September
W. Walker River	BN	April, May, June
	RB	April, May, June, September, October
Hinkson Slough	BC	October
	BN	March, June
	RB	February, September, October
Mountain View Park Pond	RB	March, April, May
North Pond	RB	February
	CC	May or June
MINERAL COUNTY		
Rose Creek Reservoir	TT	April
PERSHING COUNTY		
Buena Vista Creek	RB	April
Rye Patch Reservoir	RB	March, October
	CC, WI	May or June
Starr Creek	RB	June
Streams and Ponds	RB	June

South Fork Reservoir	BC	October
	BN	July, October
	RB	April, October
	CC	May or June
Wildhorse Reservoir	BC	October
	BN	July, October
	RB	May, October
	TT	May, June
	CC	May or June
Willow Creek Reservoir	CC	May or June
Wilson Sink Reservoir	RB	May, June, September, October

EUREKA COUNTY		
Roberts Creek	RB	May
Tonkin Springs Reservoir	RB	May

LANDER COUNTY		
Groves Lake	RB	May, June, July
Kingston Creek	RB	May, June, July
Willow Creek Pond	RB	May, June, August, September

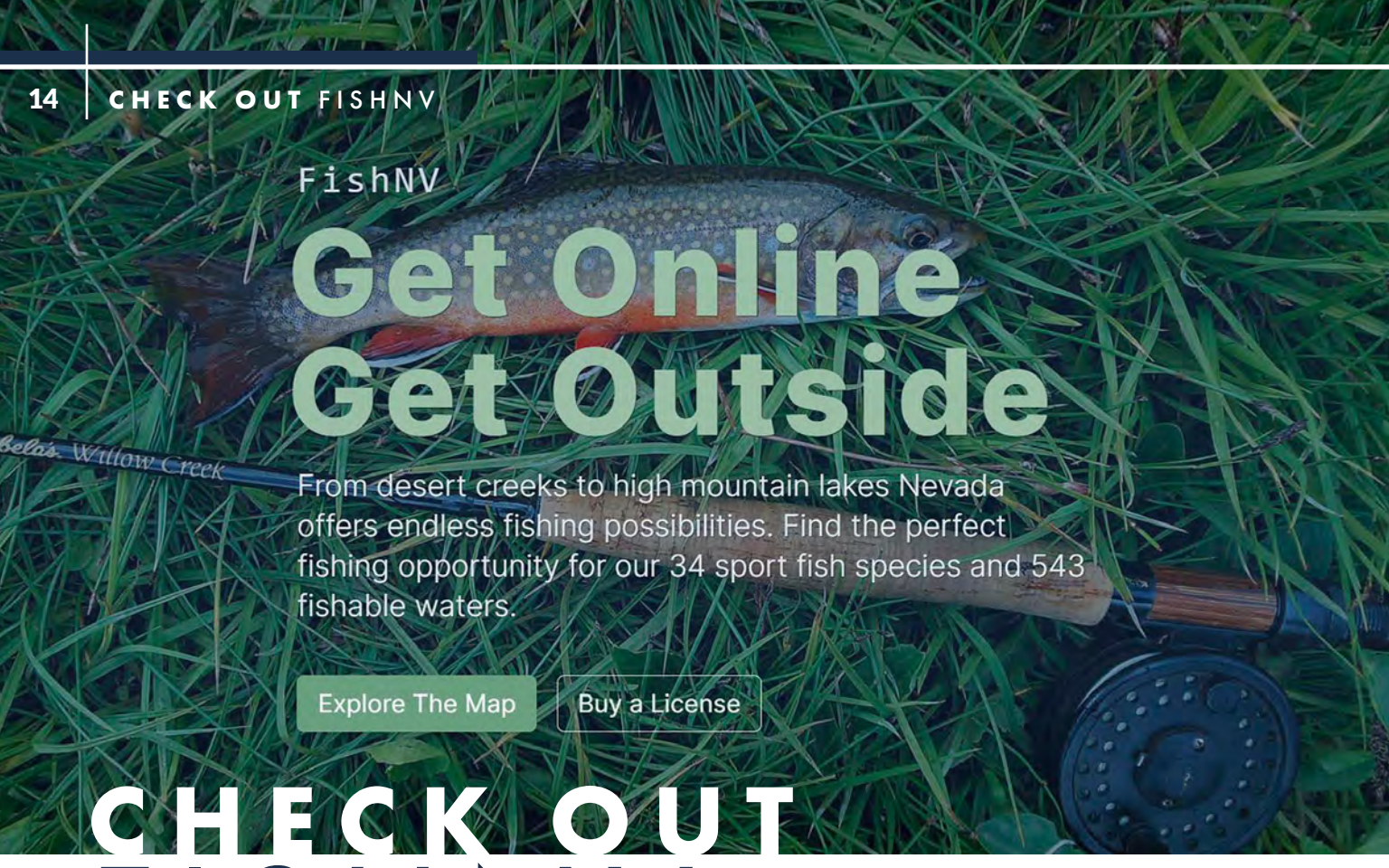
WHITE PINE COUNTY		
Cleve Creek	RB	May, June
Cold Creek Reservoir	BC	April
Comins Lake	RB	May, June, August, September, October
Illipah Reservoir	RB	April, May, October
Sacramento Pass Pond	RB	April, May, June, September, October
Silver Creek Reservoir	TT	May, June
Steptoe Creek	RB	May, June
White River	RB	May, June

SOUTHERN REGION REPORT

BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	MONTH TO BE STOCKED
CLARK COUNTY		
Boulder City Pond (Veteran's Memorial Park)	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	April, May, June, August, September, October
Bluegill may be stocked at Boulder City Pond/Veteran's Memorial Park during the months of April, May, June.		
Cold Creek Pond	RB	March, November
Floyd Lamb Park Ponds (Tule Pond)	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	April, May, June, August, September, October
Bluegill may be stocked at Floyd Lamb Park (Tule Pond) during the months of April and May.		
NYE COUNTY		
Adams-McGill Reservoir	RB	March, November
Barley Creek	RB	May, June, July
Beatty Urban Pond	RB	November, December, January, February
Cold Springs Reservoir	RB	March, October
Dacey Reservoir	RB	October
Haymeadow Reservoir	RB	March, October
Peavine Creek	RB	July
Sportsman's Park Pond	RB	April, May, June, July

WESTERN REGION REPORT

BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	MONTH TO BE STOCKED
CARSON CITY		
Ash Canyon	RB	June
Bailey Park	RB	March, April, May, June, September, October
Carson River	BN	March, June
	RB	April, May, September, October
CHURCHILL COUNTY		
Lahontan Reservoir	WI	May or June
Liberty Pond	RB	March, April, May, October
	CC	May or June
DOUGLAS COUNTY		
E. Carson River	BN	April, June
	RB	March, June, July
Lake Tahoe	RB	July
	TRB	May, June, July, August
Lampe Park	RB	May
Martin Slough Ponds	RB	April, May, October
Mitch Pond	BN	April, June
	RB	March, April, May, September, October
	CC	May or June
Seeman Pond	RB	March, April, May, September, October
	CC	May or June
Spooner Lake	BC	September
	RB	April, May
	TT	June
Topaz Lake	BC	October
	RB	February, October
	TT	June
Topaz Canal	BN	June
	RB	April, May, June
Upper East Carson River	RB	June, September
STOREY COUNTY		
American Flat Creek	RB	April
WASHOE COUNTY		
Boulder Reservoir	RB	May, October
Catnip Reservoir	LCT	June
Davis Creek Park	RB	March, April, May, September
Hobart Reservoir	RB	June
	TT	June
Lake Tahoe	LCT	May, June
	TRB	July, August
Marilyn's Pond	RB	April, May, June, July, August, September
Marlette Lake	LCT	June
	RB	June, October
Paradise Pond	RB	March, April, May, September
	CC	May or June
Rancho San Rafael	RB	April, May, June, July
Sparks Marina	BN	March, April
	RB	March, April, May, September, October
	CC	May or June
Squaw Valley Reservoir	BC	September
	BN	June
	RB	March, April, October
	CC	May or June
Truckee River	LCT	March, April, May
	TRB	June, July, August, September
Virginia Lake	BC	October
	RB	October
	CC	May or June
Wall Canyon Reservoir	BC	September
	RB	April, May
Washoe Lake	CC	May or June
Wilson Commons	RB	March, April, May, June, September
Streams and Ponds	RB	May, June



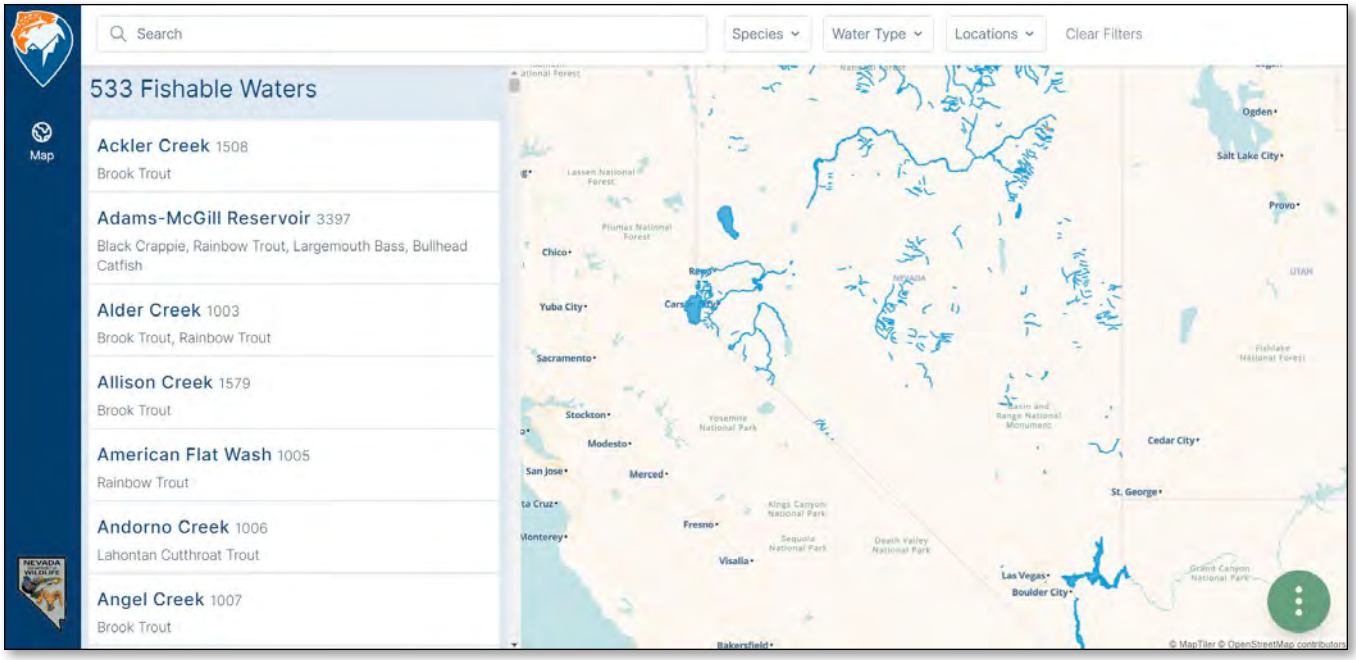
CHECK OUT FISHNV

THIS ONLINE WEB TOOL WILL HIGHLIGHT ALL NEVADA'S FISHABLE WATERS AND HELP USERS FIND NEW WATERS TO EXPLORE BASED ON THEIR SELECTIONS.

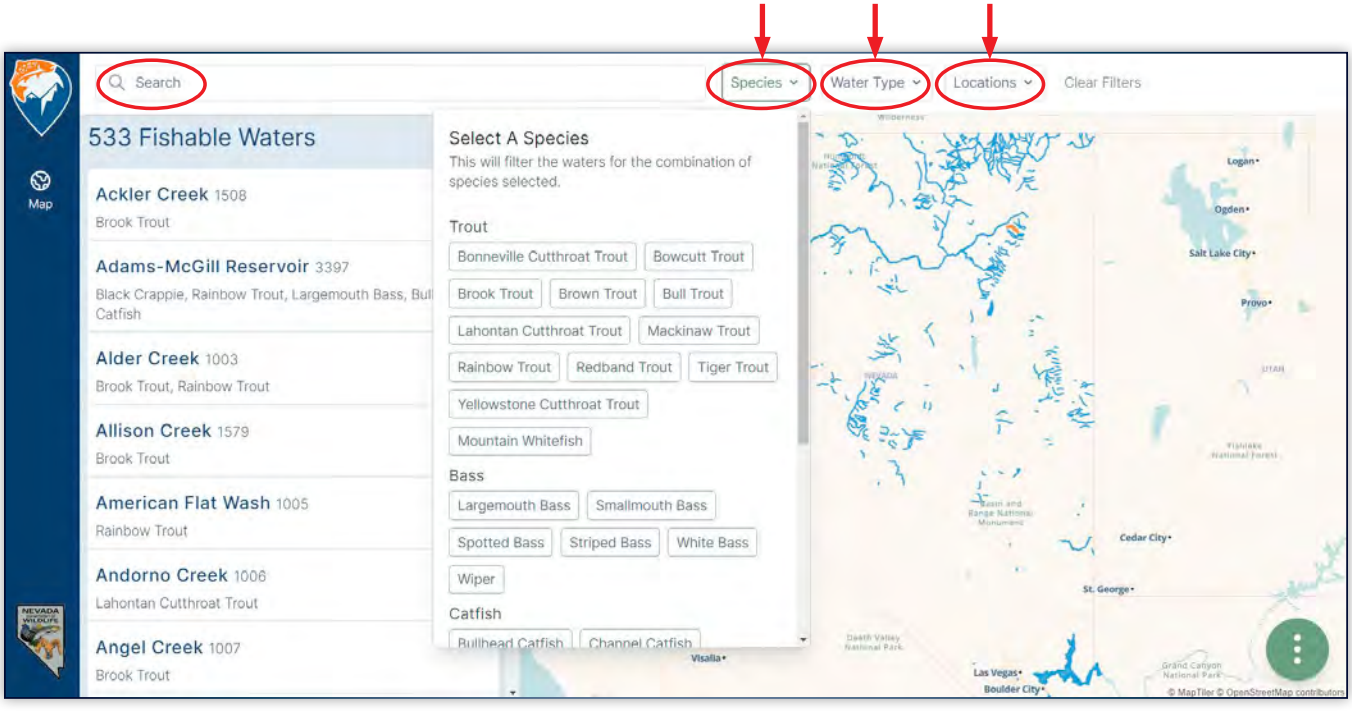
Scan, Explore, and Enjoy Your Next Nevada Fishing Adventure!

- Use filters to search waters by species, water type (lakes/reservoirs/streams), region or county.
- As filter selections are made, the list of fishable waters meeting those requirements is updated.
- Users can select different basemaps including satellite and topographic maps.
- Users can select between different layers including fishable waters, hunt units, and public land layers.
- Clicking on a water brings up the water details including the game species present, the top trophy fish records for each individual species, and any consumption advisories that may be in place.
- Buy your fishing license online right from the FishNV tool home page.

Interactive Map — Base map highlights all the fishable waters throughout the State.



Explore Your Waters — Use the search bar to find a specific water. If you you're feeling adventurous, use the filters to explore new waters. You can filter your search criteria by species, water type (Lakes/Reservoirs/Rivers/Streams/Urban Fisheries), or by county/region. As you make your selections, the list of waters that meet those criteria will instantly update.



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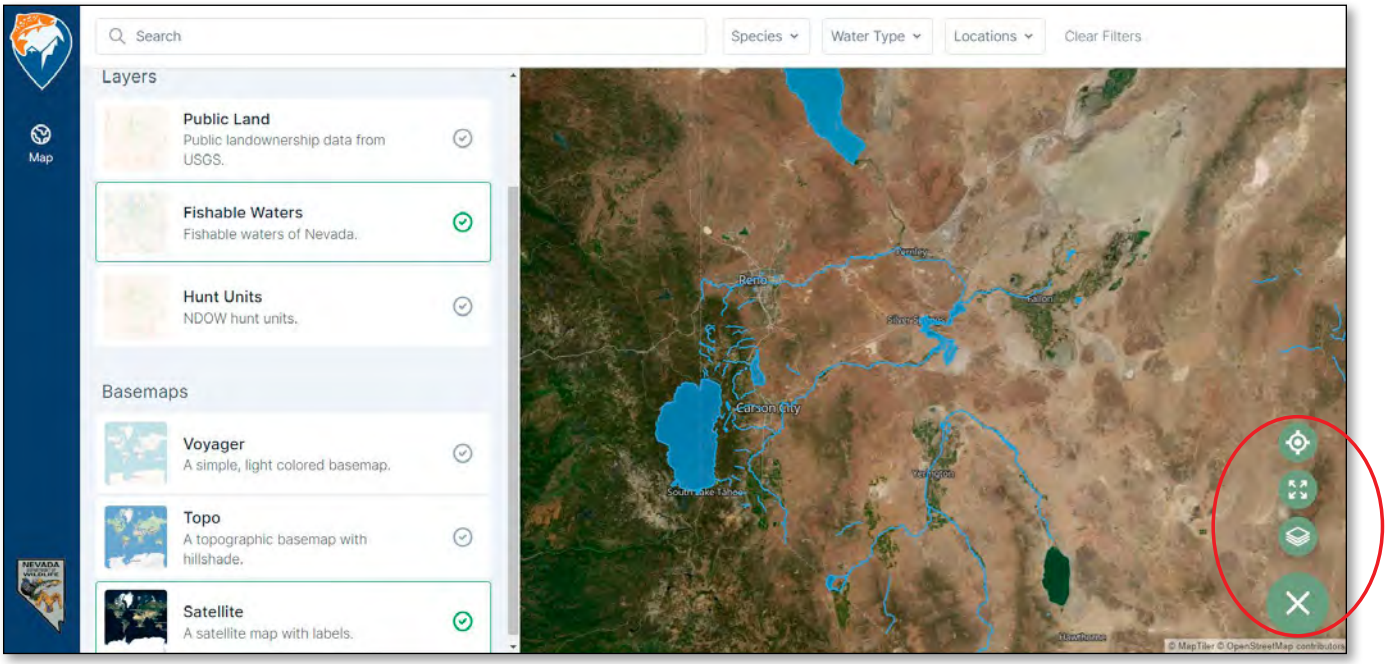
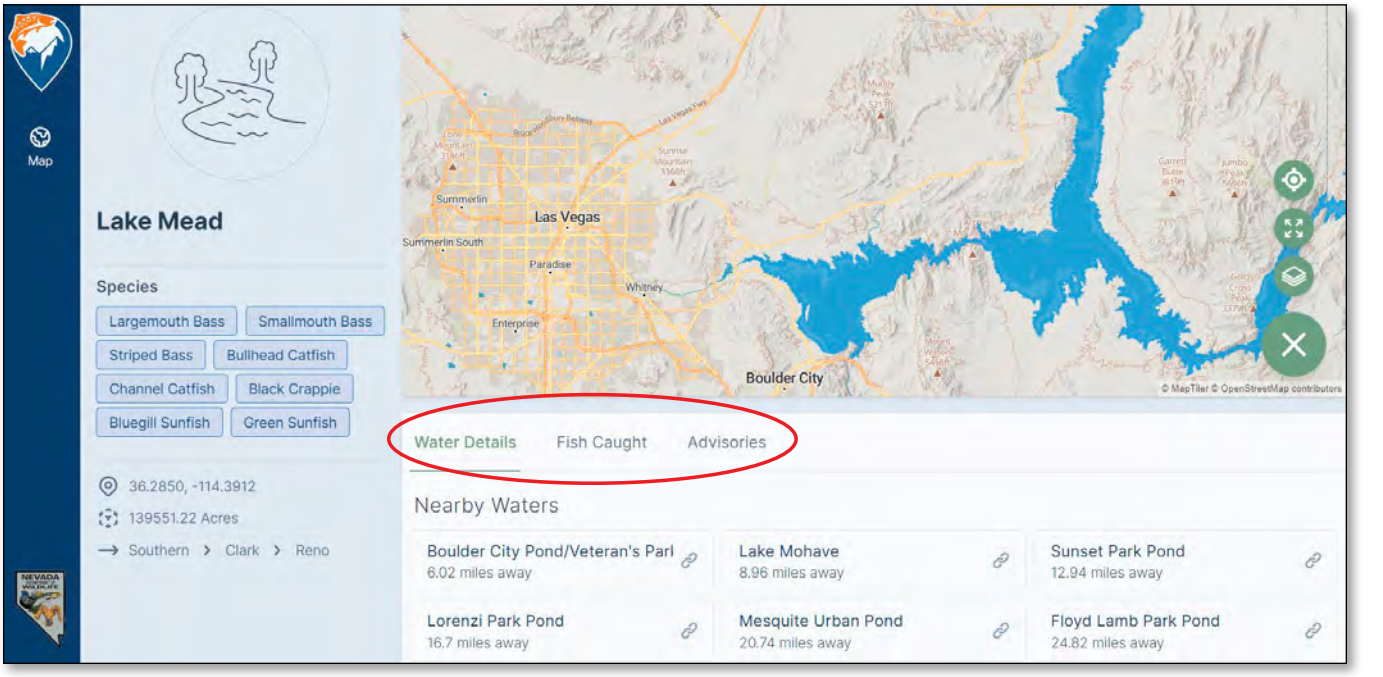


Plan Your Trip! — Explore the water details including the type of game fish present, the top trophy fish records for that water, as well as any fish consumption advisories/guidelines in place.

Don't forget to get your Nevada Fishing License which you can easily do from the FishNV home page!



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GENERAL STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

Fishing regulations are effective Jan. 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023.
All Regulations are applicable to CR 21-15, Amendment #1.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Any resident 12 years of age or older who fishes in Nevada is required to have a fishing license. Nonresident anglers under 12 years of age are not required to have a license, but the number of fish taken must not exceed 50 percent of the limit. For example, if the limit is five fish, these young anglers may take only two fish. These license requirements are for all Nevada waters except for some "interstate waters" (Lake Tahoe, Topaz Lake, Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Colorado River). (Refer to NRS 502.010)

LIMITS

"Limit" means the maximum number of game fish that may be lawfully taken and reduced to possession by a person. The "Limit" includes fish caught in Nevada which have been processed or preserved and are stored at any location. Fish that are caught and immediately released back to the water alive are not considered to be reduced to possession or part of the limit. Limits for individual counties are specified under each Region's General Regulations. Limits for waters, which have special limits or restrictions, are listed under each Region's Special Regulations.

POSSESSION LIMIT VS. DAILY LIMIT

In this state, there is no distinction between a "daily" limit and a "possession" limit. There is simply a "limit." An angler may not have more than one limit in possession. For example, if an angler fishes one body of water where the limit is five trout and takes his limit, he may not then move to a body of water where the limit is two trout and keep any more fish.

SIZE LIMIT

Unless otherwise noted under Region General Regulations or Region Special Regulations, there is no size limit. Where size limits do apply, this shall mean the total length of the fish including the head and tail, measured as illustrated in the diagram. (Refer to NAC 503.500)

SEASONS AND HOURS

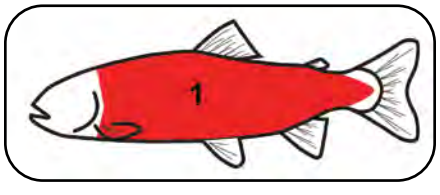
Unless otherwise noted under Region Special Regulations, the season is open year around and fishing hours are any time of the day or night. Where specified, "open season" includes the first and last day designated. (Refer to NRS 501.065)

"FISHES," "FISHING," "FISHED" AND "TO FISH" DEFINED

The words "to fish" and their derivatives, "fishes," "fishing" and "fished," mean catching, taking, capturing, killing, injuring or crippling of a fish and every attempt to do so. (Refer to NRS 501.030)

FILLETING FISH

Where size limits apply, fish may be filleted before transport if the remainder of the carcass of each fish filleted is kept in one piece so size and possession limits can be immediately determined. It is unlawful for any person to cause through carelessness, neglect or otherwise any edible portion of any game fish to go to waste needlessly. In the case of game fish, the fillet meat from the operculum (gill plate) to the caudal fin (tail fin). (NAC 503.586)



METHODS OF FISHING

Fish may be taken only with hook and line attached to rod or reel and closely attended in the manner known as angling. No more than three baited hooks, nor more than three fly hooks, or two lures or plugs irrespective of the number of hooks or attractor blades attached thereto, may be attached to the line. Some waters have further restrictions. No more than two lines may be used (Except as noted under "Spearfishing / Bowfishing" and "Unprotected Fish"). (Refer to NRS 503.290)

SPEARFISHING/ BOWFISHING

Persons may spearfish for **unprotected** fish in all Nevada waters except Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake. Persons may spearfish for striped bass in Lake Mead and Lake Mohave from Cottonwood Cove to the cable below Hoover Dam. Spearfishing for striped bass is prohibited in that portion of Lake Mohave from Cottonwood Cove to Davis Dam and from Davis Dam down river to the Nevada state line. In Lakes Mead and Mohave and the Colorado River system, spearfishing is prohibited within 1/2 mile of any dock or swimming area. When spearfishing, a person must display, within 100 feet, an appropriate diver's flag. A mechanical spearing device may be used only under the surface of the water, and the spear must be attached to the device by a lanyard. **Fishing license regulations apply to persons taking fish by means of spear or bow and arrow.** (Refer to NAC 503.590-592) Only unprotected fish may be taken with a bow and arrow except where prohibited (Refer to NAC 503.580) Please contact the county you'll be fishing in prior to assure you are in compliance with county regulations.

GENERAL STATEWIDE BAIT USE

Any person possessing a fishing license or permit, or otherwise exempted from such licenses, may capture, transport and use live baitfish, aquatic bait, or commercially prepared and preserved baitfish for fishing or personal consumption where specified by Region.

Live baitfish means live, unprotected species of freshwater fish.

Aquatic bait means live, unprotected amphibians (such as bullfrogs), crustaceans (such as crayfish), mollusks (such as clams and snails), insects (such as grasshoppers), or worms (such as natural earthworms or purchased nightcrawlers or redworms).

The use of any **game fish** (see page 20) or **protected species** as bait and parts thereof is prohibited, except preserved salmon eggs.

Commercially Prepared and Preserved bait means dead dried, frozen, or liquid (such as in mineral oil, isopropyl alcohol, or ethyl alcohol), dry (such as in salt or borax), or other proprietary preserved or cured fish or their parts or aquatic bait.

Any bait obtained from a licensed dealer of live bait fish must be accompanied by a current dated receipt by that dealer. See page 24 for regulations for bait fishing by region.

CHUMMING

"Chumming" means placing fish, parts of fish or other material upon which fish feed, in the water for the purpose of attracting fish to a particular area so that they may be taken. Chumming is prohibited in Lake Tahoe, Topaz Lake, Spooner Lake and the entire Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. (Refer to NRS 501.013)

UNPROTECTED FISH

Unprotected fish are all species not classified as game or protected (game fish are listed on page 20). Unprotected fish may be taken by bow and arrow, hook and line, dipnet, cast net, minnow seine or minnow trap, and, except where prohibited, by spear. In the Colorado River and Lakes Mead and Mohave, the taking of fish by bow and arrow is prohibited within 1/2 mile of any dock or swimming area. **Fishing license regulations apply to persons taking unprotected fish by means of hook and line, bow and arrow or spear.**

ICE FISHING

For the purposes of ice fishing, holes cut through the ice must not exceed 10 inches in diameter. (Refer to NAC 503.583)

ARTIFICIAL LURES

"Artificial Lures" means any device with a hook or hooks attached which is made partly or entirely of rubber, wood, metal, glass, plastic or feathers. (Please note: PowerBait® or similar products are not considered artificial lures.) (Refer to NAC 503.500)

ARTIFICIAL LURES WITH SINGLE BARBLESS HOOKS

A "single barbless hook" means a fish hook having one point, manufactured without barbs or on which the barbs have been bent completely closed or filed off. Double or treble hooks having a common shank are not a single barbless hook even when the barbs are closed or filed off. When single barbless hooks are required, only one single barbless hook may be attached to each hook eye or ring of the lure. (Refer to NAC 503.500)

HOOK IDENTIFICATION

NORTHERN PIKE

Northern pike are not classified as game fish; they are a prohibited species. Anglers wishing to keep northern pike to eat are required to kill them upon capture. There is no limit for northern pike, and anglers who wish to assist in the removal of northern pike from the waters of the state and who wish to dispose of them may do so without regard for Nevada's wanton waste laws. The importation, transportation or possession of live northern pike is prohibited (Refer to NAC 503.110).

GAME FISH TRANSPORTATION

Game fish taken under the authority of a fishing license or fishing permit may not be transported alive from the body of water where the game fish is taken. It is legal to keep game fish alive and in a live well or a net while at the body of water from which they are caught. **Anglers must kill fish to be transported away from the body of water.** Under no circumstances can game fish be transported in a manner which would allow

ARTIFICIAL LURE REGULATIONS BY LOCATION

Only artificial lures may be used in the following waters:

1. **The Collection Ditch at Ruby Lake NWR** in Elko County.
2. **Dacey Reservoir on the Kirch WMA** in Nye County.
3. **Hinkson Slough on the Mason Valley WMA** in Lyon County
4. **Tonkin Springs Reservoir** in Eureka County.

Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used in these waters:

- **Knott Creek Reservoir including inlet and outlet streams** in Humboldt County.
- **Hobart Reservoir** (Washoe County), its tributaries and Franktown Creek downstream to Red House.
- **Catnip Reservoir** in Washoe County.
- **South Fork of the Humboldt River** (Elko County) from the access causeway for the Lucky Nugget subdivision upstream to Lee.
- **East Walker River** (Lyon County) from 1/4 mile above the confluence of the East Walker River and Sweetwater Creek downstream to 1/2 mile below the confluence of the East Walker River and Red Wash Creek.
- **Marlette Lake including tributaries and outlet stream** in Washoe County.
- **Smith Creek Reservoir** in Lander County.
- **Truckee River** (Washoe and Storey County) in that portion from E Mustang Road bridge (1-80 Exit 23) to Derby Dam and from 1,000 feet downstream of Derby Dam to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary.

Please see pages 26-37 for more information on special regulations in the eastern, southern, and western regions.

for their release alive at another body of water. The transport and release of live wildlife without a permit is illegal. (Refer to NAC 503.115)

BULLFROGS

There is no license requirement or limit on bullfrogs if they are taken by gig, spear, bow and arrow or by hand. However, **a fishing license is required to take bullfrogs by hook and line.** Season is open year around anytime of the day or night in waters that are open to fishing or frogging. Bullfrogs are a non-indigenous species that may not be transported alive from the body of water where taken. (Refer to NAC 503.580 and 503.100)

CRAYFISH

A fishing license is not required to capture crayfish for personal consumption or use as bait. When used as bait, crayfish may only be used in the water where captured and other bait restrictions apply (see page 24). There is no limit on crayfish. A license is required to take crayfish by hook and line. A permit is required to take crayfish for commercial purposes at Lake Tahoe (crayfish may not be taken for commercial purposes from any other Nevada water.) (Refer to NAC 503.100 and 503.540)

COLDWATER GAME FISH

Coldwater game fish are: Bonneville cutthroat trout, Lahontan cutthroat trout, Yellowstone cutthroat trout, Kokanee salmon, brook trout, brown trout, bull trout, lake trout (Mackinaw), rainbow trout, redband trout, mountain whitefish and any hybrid thereof. (Refer to NAC 503.060)

WARMWATER GAME FISH

Warmwater game fish are: black bullhead, brown bullhead, channel catfish, white catfish, striped bass, white bass, black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted), black crappie, white crappie, tiger muskie, yellow perch, Sacramento perch, bluegill sunfish, pumpkinseed sunfish, green sunfish, redear sunfish, walleye and any hybrid thereof. (Refer to NAC 503.060)

PROTECTED FISH AND AMPHIBIANS

Protected fish and amphibians are those species listed in NAC 503.065, 503.075 and 503.067. There is no open season on fish or amphibians classified as protected.

REGLAS DE LA PESCA

Requisitos de Licencia

Cualquier residente de 12 años o más que pesque en Nevada debe tener una licencia de pesca. Los pescadores residentes y no residente menores de 12 años no están obligados a tener una licencia, pero la cantidad de peces capturados por el no residente no debe exceder el 50 por ciento del límite. Por ejemplo, si el límite es de cinco peces, pescadores no residentes menores de 12 años pueden capturar solo dos peces. Estos requisitos de licencia son para todas las aguas de Nevada excepto para algunas "aguas interestatales" (Lake Tahoe, Topaz Lake, Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Colorado River). (Consulte NRS 502.010)

- Una persona se considera residente del estado de Nevada si mantuvo la residencia permanente en el estado durante los últimos seis meses y no compró una licencia de residente de ningún otro estado. (Consulte NRS 502.015)

Límites

"Límite" significa el número máximo de peces de caza que una persona puede capturar y reducir legalmente de su posesión. El "Límite" incluye peces capturados en Nevada que han sido procesados o preservados y están almacenados en cualquier lugar. Los peces capturados y inmediatamente devueltos vivos al agua no se consideran reducidos de la posesión o parte del límite. Los límites para condados individuales se especifican en las Regulaciones Generales de cada Región. Los límites para las aguas, que tienen límites o restricciones especiales, se encuentran detallados en las Normas Especiales de cada Región.

Límite de Posesión VS. Límite Diario

En este estado, no hay distinción entre un límite "diario" y un límite de "posesión". Simplemente hay un "límite". Un pescador no puede tener más de un límite en posesión. Por ejemplo, si un pescador pesca un cuerpo de agua donde el límite es de cuatro truchas y captura su límite, no puede moverse a un cuerpo de agua donde el límite es de dos truchas y tener más peces.

Métodos de Pesca

Los peces pueden pescarse únicamente con anzuelo y sedal atados a una caña o carrete y vigilados de cerca en la forma conocida como pesca con caña. No se puede conectar a la línea más de tres anzuelos cebados, ni más de tres anzuelos con mosca, o dos señuelos, a pesar de del número de anzuelos o intermitentes de pesca adjuntados, pueden adjuntarse a la línea. Algunas aguas tienen restricciones adicionales. No se pueden utilizar más de dos líneas (excepto lo indicado en "Pesca Submarina/Pesca con Arco" y "Pez sin Protección"). (Consulte NRS 503.290)

CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY

HELP PROTECT NEVADA'S WATERS BY STOPPING THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Inspect and decontaminate your watercraft and equipment! CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY your:

- ☑ Waders
- ☑ Fishing Gear
- ☑ Canoes/Kayaks
- ☑ Buckets
- ☑ Boats
- ☑ Fishing Poles

Here are some methods to minimize your chances of accidentally transporting invasive species. By following these steps you can help protect your valuable fishing and boating resources for the future:

CLEAN Remove all mud, plants and animals from every part of your boat, trailer and equipment.

DRAIN Remove all drain plugs and water from your boat including live-wells, ballast, hull, and engine-cooling water when you leave the waterbody.

DRY Allow boat, equipment, and gear to completely dry before deploying into another waterway.

NOTE: When transferring your watercraft from one water to another or across state borders, you may be required to have your watercraft inspected or decontaminated. For additional information, visit ***www.westernais.org***.

- **NEVER** release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.
- **AIS DECAL** requirement (NRS 88.536) includes in-state and out-of-state motorized watercraft as well as most non-motorized water-craft including paddle-craft, canoes and kayaks. Watercraft that are capable of retaining water are required to display the decal.

KNOWN INVADER:
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KNOWN INVADER:
NORTHERN PIKE

KNOWN INVADER:
EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

KNOWN INVADER:
NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAIL

TOPAZ; NEVADA'S HIDDEN GEM

By Kris Urquhart,
Western Region Fisheries Biologist

Thirty-seven miles south of Carson City along Highway 395, flanked by the iconic Sierra Nevada lies a beautifully pale blue lake aptly named Topaz Lake. With a campground that includes full RV hookups, primitive camping sites, picnic areas, showers, toilets, and shade trees, it's a destination for anyone looking to enjoy Nevada's landscape.

If your outdoor adventures tend to incorporate angling, Topaz offers even more of a treat. While Topaz has always been, and continues to be, a popular destination for trout fishing, the lake is home to an ever-expanding smallmouth bass population that has become popular to those that are keen to it. Some of the best bass fishing can be found right out in front of the camp sites along the northern shoreline, but if you or a friend are lucky enough to have a boat, bring it. There is a wide concrete boat ramp with two docks and a breakwater structure to help during windy conditions which makes launching and loading as painless as possible. Motorboat around and look for rocky outcroppings along the eastern side of the lake or go south to the sandy flats and you'll be sure to run into some bass.

Unlike many of the reservoirs in the area you may be familiar with, Topaz doesn't go dry, so even during poor water years there's always a spot to wet a line. With angling allowed year-round, the "hot lure" will

change with the seasons but small swim baits, tubes, and the old standby classic worm are a pretty good bet anytime.

The Department of Wildlife has dedicated plenty of funding and time to installing habitat structures along the eastern shoreline and these areas are ideal locations to target. SONAR is helpful to identify these structures, but smallmouth bass generally congregate anywhere that underwater topography changes like cliff faces, rocky outcroppings, or inlets and bays. Most anglers are able to wrangle in a twelve-inch fish every hour but with some fish breaking the five-pound mark the lake has been garnering the attention of some of the areas most discerning bass fisherman. The prime bass fishing months are April and September when water temps are cool, and weather is usually nice. There are no special tackle regulations to worry about at Topaz Lake, but if you plan to practice catch and release, single hooks are the most fish friendly.

Smallmouth are known for their flakey white meat; they rank near the top of the list of delicious fish here in northern Nevada, so if you want to keep a few for the grill, the limit is five with no size restrictions. No smallmouth are stocked into the lake and as such, this wild fishery is a great resource for the public to enjoy in Nevada.

FISHING WITH BAIT FISH

The use of bait fish, whether dead or alive or the parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited in all waters except those listed below.

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The capture, possession, or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive or the parts thereof, including commercially prepared and preserved baitfish is prohibited other than preserved salmon eggs. Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken. See page 19 for waters that require special lure regulations. (Refer to NAC 503.502 - NAC 503.507)

SOUTHERN REGION

In Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, and the Colorado River, only golden shiner, fathead minnow, threadfin shad, and goldfish may be lawfully purchased or may be personally taken from and used only in these waters. In addition, carp, gizzard shad, and mosquitofish may be used as bait, but only may be taken from and used in Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, and the Colorado River. Live bait fish in the Colorado River, Lake Mead, or Lake Mohave, may be taken for a person's own use with a dipnet, a cast net having a radius not exceeding four feet from horn to leadline, a seine not exceeding 10 feet in length and four feet in width, or a minnow trap not exceeding 12 inches in width, 12 inches in depth, and 24 inches in length. Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish or their parts may be used as bait. Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken.

In all other waters of the Southern Region, the capture, possession, or use of baitfish, whether dead or alive or the parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs and commercially prepared and preserved baitfish, is prohibited. Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken. See page 19 for waters that require special lure regulations. (Refer to NAC 503.502 - NAC 503.507)

SOUTHERN REGION BAIT REGULATIONS

SPECIFIC WATERS WHERE BAIT FISH MAY BE USED	* SPECIES APPROVED FOR USE AS LIVE BAIT TAKEN ONLY	* SPECIES APPROVED FOR USE AS LIVE BAIT TAKEN OR PURCHASED
Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River located in Clark County	Mosquitofish, Carp, Gizzard Shad	Fathead Minnow, Golden Shiner, Threadfin Shad, Goldfish
All other waters	Capture, possession or use of baitfish whether alive or dead is prohibited	

WESTERN REGION

In the waters of the Carson River Basin; Humboldt River Basin from Stall Diversion Dam downstream including in Rye Patch Reservoir, the Pitt Taylor Reservoir, and Chimney Reservoir; the Nevada portion of Lake Tahoe; the Truckee River except from the E. Mustang Road Bridge downstream to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary; and the Walker River from the railroad bridge near Wabuska downstream to and including Walker Lake, live bait fish and aquatic bait may be used only in the river basin from which it is taken. Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish or their parts may be used as bait in these waters.

In all other waters of the Western Region, the capture, possession, or use of baitfish, whether dead or alive or the parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs and commercially prepared and preserved baitfish, is prohibited. Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken. See page 19 for waters that require special lure regulations. (Refer to NAC 503.502 - NAC 503.507)

WESTERN REGION BAIT REGULATIONS

WHERE LIVE BAIT FISH MAY BE USED	BAIT REGULATIONS
Carson River Basin	Live bait fish and aquatic bait may be used only in the river basin from which it is taken. Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish or their parts may be used as bait.
Humboldt River Basin, in the Humboldt River from Stall Diversion Dam (near Golconda, Humboldt County) downstream, including in Rye Patch Reservoir, the Pitt-Taylor and Chimney reservoirs. All waters of the Lovelock Valley and the Little Humboldt River downstream of Chimney Reservoir.	
The Lake Tahoe Basin located in Carson City and Douglas and Washoe Counties.	
The Truckee River Basin, except in the Truckee River from the E Mustang Road bridge (I-80 Exit 23) downstream to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary.	
Walker River, from the railroad bridge near Wabuska downstream to and including Walker Lake, excluding waters on the Walker River Paiute Tribe Reservation.	

ACCESSIBLE (ADA)
FISHING IN NEVADA

This section contains information on accessible fishing sites in wildlife management areas, lakes, ponds, streams, etc. that have Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps or entrances for people to fish and clean fish from. All of these locations are noted on the Fishable Waters Maps included in this publication.

EASTERN NEVADA

Cave Lake – ADA pier and disabled parking.

SOUTHERN NEVADA

Eagle Valley Reservoir – Accessible fishing pier and boat ramp.

Floyd Lamb Park Ponds – Paved and hard dirt paths around ponds provide access.

Lake Mead – Access varies with lake level. Contact National Park Service at 702-293-8990.

Lake Mohave – On the Nevada side of Lake Mohave, Cottonwood Cove has ADA accessible boat docks, fish cleaning stations, restrooms, marina, and restaurant. On the Arizona side of Lake Mohave, both Willow Beach and Katherine's Landing have the same amenities as Cottonwood Cove and ADA accessible fishing piers.

Lorenzi Park Pond – Accessible fishing around the pond via a paved path.

Sunset Park Pond – Accessible fishing around the pond via a paved path.

Veteran's Memorial Park Pond – Accessible fishing around the pond via a paved path.

WESTERN NEVADA

Baily Fishing Pond – One fishing pier.

Liberty Pond - One wooden fishing dock with two wheelchair accessible fishing locations, concrete path around pond.

Marilyn's Pond – One fishing pier.

Mason Valley WMA: One ADA accessible boat ramp at North Pond. The front dike at Hinkson Slough, Bass Pond and North Pond can be accessed quite easily by the ADA. There are four ADA accessible bathrooms: one at Hinkson Slough, one at the Sandridge Campground, one at the Shoveler Parking Area and one by the boat ramp and campground for North Pond.

Mitch Park Pond (Gardnerville, NV) – One concrete fishing platform.

Paradise Pond – Two concrete fishing platforms on the east side of the north pond.

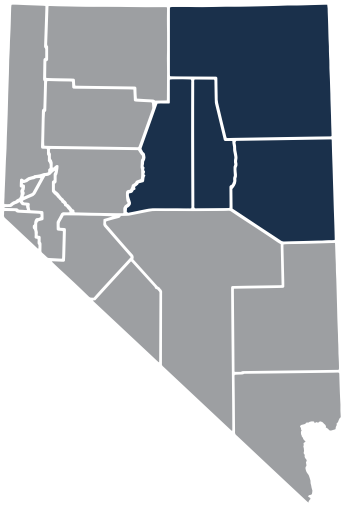
Seeman Pond – One fishing platform.

Sparks Marina – One fishing pier at the southwest end of the lake.

Verdi Pond at Crystal Peak Park – Three accessible ramps and piers.

Virginia Lake – One fishing pier on the east side.

EASTERN REGION REGULATIONS



The **Eastern Region** includes the four counties of northeastern Nevada: Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine. Popular fishing waters include Wildhorse, Wilson, Willow Creek, Jakes Creek, Illipah and South Fork reservoirs, Groves Lake, Bassett Lake, Cave Lake, Ruby Lake, other high mountain lakes and several streams located throughout the area. **The Eastern Region NDOW Office** is located at 60 Youth Center Road, Elko, NV 89801, (775) 777-2300.

Important Note: Within the Eastern Region the general fishing seasons, hours, limits, and regulations apply to all waters EXCEPT those listed under **"Eastern Region Special Regulations"**. If the water in which you intend to fish is not listed under the Eastern Region's Special Regulations, then the General Regulations shall apply.

All game fish must be dead before being transported away from the body of water where caught.

EASTERN REGION GENERAL REGULATIONS

Open year around, any hour of the day or night.

EASTERN REGION LIMITS

Except as noted under "Special Regulations," the limits are as follows:

STREAMS AND RIVERS

Elko County: The limit is 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on northern pike or yellow perch (unlimited possession). No bull trout are allowed in possession.

Eureka, Lander and White Pine Counties: The limit is 10 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on northern pike or yellow perch (unlimited possession).

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine Counties: The limit is 5 trout, and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on northern pike or yellow perch (unlimited possession).

ARTIFICIAL LURE WATERS

See page 19.

BAIT REGULATIONS

While fishing in this region, the capture, possession, or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive or the parts thereof, including commercially prepared and preserved baitfish is prohibited other than preserved salmon eggs. Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken. See page 24 for more regulations on the use of bait fish.

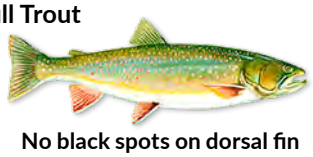
ATTENTION TROUT ANGLERS – IDENTIFY YOUR CATCH IN THE JARBIDGE

When fishing in the Jarbidge River drainage area it is essential to be able to differentiate between rainbow trout and the threatened bull trout. The most common trout you will find is rainbow trout.

The possession of bull trout is prohibited! All captured bull trout must be immediately released unharmed. Knowing how to identify your catch is important.

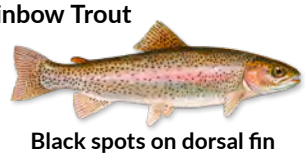
Bull trout have light colored spots scattered over a dark (olive-green color) background. The fins have no black spotting. Rainbow trout have a light colored background with a pink to red colored stripe across the side of the body. In addition, there is black spotting over the body, tail fin and dorsal fin.

Bull Trout



No black spots on dorsal fin

Rainbow Trout



Black spots on dorsal fin

HEALTH ADVISORY

The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued health advisories that recommend limited consumption of fish species due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh.

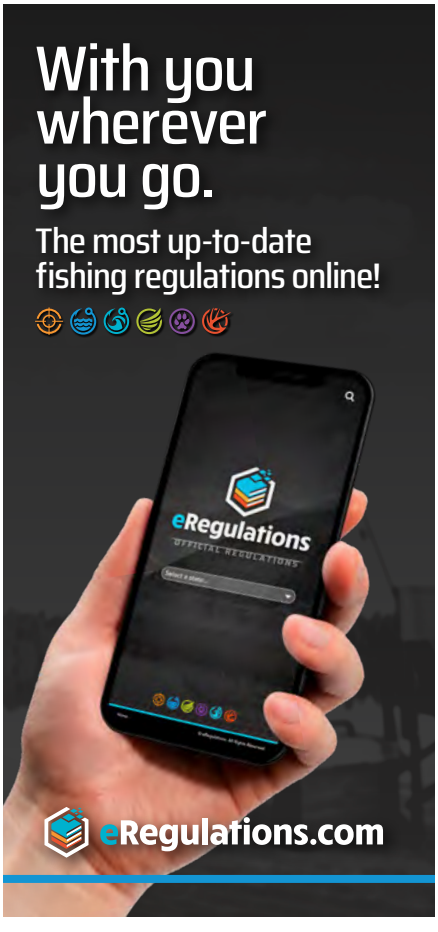
In the Eastern Region, there is a "no consumption" advisory for largemouth bass and northern pike in Comins Lake. For more information visit *ndow.org*.

All Regulations are applicable to CR 21-15, Amendment #1.

EASTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	LIMIT
ELKO COUNTY		
Angel Lake and inlet and outer streams	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout
Bruneau River and tributary streams	Year round; any hour of the day or night	10 trout and 10 mountain whitefish
Dry Creek Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which no more than 10 may be black bass.
Jarbidge River, West Fork and East Fork and its tributary streams	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout and 10 mountain whitefish, except the possession of bull trout is prohibited.
	Special Regulations: All captured bull trout must be released immediately. Please report the capture of bull trout to NDOW Eastern Region Office.	
Marys River and tributary streams	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout
Ruby Mountains and East Humboldt Range High Lakes (except for Angel Lake)	Year round; any hour of the day or night	10 trout
Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Year round in all areas except as posted. Refuge is open ***1 hour*** before sunrise to ***1 hour*** after sunset.	**From Jan 1 - June 14:** limit is 3 trout and 5 black bass*. **From June 15 - Dec 31:** limit is 3 trout and 10 black bass*. *Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.
	Special Regulations: The areas of the Collection Ditch that are open to fishing may be fished with artificial lures only. Chumming is prohibited. It is unlawful to clean or fillet fish within the boundaries of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The possession or use of live or dead bait fish (including crayfish and amphibians) is prohibited anywhere on the refuge. *For boating regulations contact the Refuge Manager. *The Gallagher Hatchery rearing, brood and spring ponds, and Cave Creek on the west side of the County Road are closed to fishing. See page 40 for boating regulations.	
South Fork Reservoir and the South Fork of the Humboldt River from the Lucky Nugget Subdivision causeway downstream to its confluence with the Humboldt River	Year round; any hour of the day or night. Exception: March 1 - June 30, catch and release fishing only for black bass.	5 trout, 1 black bass, 1 white bass hybrid (wiper) and 5 channel catfish. *Minimum size for black bass and white bass hybrids is 15 inches total length.

For Reese River regulations please see the Southern Region regulations for Nye County on page 33.



EASTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS (CONTINUED)

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	LIMIT
ELKO COUNTY (CONTINUED)		
South Fork of the Humboldt River from the Lucky Nugget Subdivision causeway upstream to Lee	Year round; any hour of the day or night	1 trout
	Special Regulations: Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	
Wildhorse Reservoir and all inlet and outlet streams including Penrod Creek up to the bridge below the Gold Creek Ranger Station	Year round; any hour of the day or night. Exception: March 1 - June 30, catch and release fishing only for black bass.	5 trout, 1 black bass, 1 white bass hybrid (wiper) and 5 channel catfish. Minimum size for black bass and white bass hybrids is 15 inches total length. No limit on yellow perch (unlimited possession).
Willow Creek Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which no more than 10 may be black bass and 5 may be channel catfish. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.
Wilson Sink Reservoir and its outlet and inlet stream up to State Route 11	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout and 10 mountain whitefish and 10 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.

ELKO COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: In Ruby Valley, fishing is prohibited in Gallagher Hatchery rearing, brood and spring ponds; in Cave Creek west of the county road; and on Franklin Lake Wildlife Management Area.

EUREKA COUNTY		
Tonkin Springs Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout
	Special Regulations: Artificial lures only. Stream above reservoir is closed to fishing.	

EUREKA COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Tonkin Springs Creek (Denay Creek) from origin to its confluence with Tonkin Springs Reservoir.

LANDER COUNTY		
Groves Lake, Kingston Creek, and Big Creek	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout
	Special Regulations: Only boats without motors and boats with electric motors are permitted.	
Smith Creek Reservoir	April 1 - Nov. 15, any hour of the day or night.	1 trout
	Special Regulations: Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used. Please respect "No Trespassing" signs as posted (from the inlet of Smith Creek along the north shore, including the dam) by the private land owner.	
Willow Creek Pond and Reservoir including inlet and outlet streams	Year round; 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset.	5 trout and 5 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length. No limit on yellow perch (unlimited possession).

WHITE PINE COUNTY		
Cave Lake, Steptoe Creek, and Cave Creek	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout
	Special Regulations: On Cave Lake, boats must be operated at a speed which leaves a flat wake and in no case exceeds 5 nautical miles per hour. **Note:** Lake access at Cave Lake State Park will be closed in 2023 as the lake will be drained so engineers can work to restore and repair the Cave Creek Dam.	
Cold Creek Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout and 5 black bass; Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.
Comins Lake	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout and 5 black bass. No limit on northern pike (unlimited possession).
	Health Advisory: The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued a health advisory recommending no consumption of largemouth bass or northern pike from Comins Lake due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh. **Note:** If caught, please release tagged northern pike. Tags are located near the dorsal fin.	
Illipah Reservoir and Creek	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout
	Special Regulations: On Illipah Reservoir, boats must be operated at a speed which leaves a flat wake and in no case exceeds 5 nautical miles per hour.	
Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Elko and White Pine Counties	Year round in all areas except as posted. Refuge is open ***1 hour*** before sunrise to ***1 hour*** after sunset.	From Jan. 1 through June 14: 3 trout and 5 black bass*. From June 15 through Dec. 31: 3 trout and 10 black bass*. *Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.
	Special Regulations: Those areas of the Collection Ditch that are open to fishing may be fished with artificial lures only. Chumming is prohibited. It is unlawful to clean or fillet fish within the boundaries of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The possession or use of live or dead bait fish (including crayfish and amphibians) is prohibited anywhere on the refuge. For boating regulations contact the Refuge Manager. The Gallagher Hatchery rearing, brood and spring ponds, and Cave Creek on the west side of the County Road are closed to fishing. See page 40 for boating regulations.	
Snake Mountain High Lakes	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	Catch and Release Only
	Special Regulations: Artificial lures only.	
Tailings Creek, Cleve Creek, Silver Creek, and White River	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout

WHITE PINE COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Cold Creek Springs (Spring Pond) and creek above Cold Creek Reservoir in the Diamond Range of White Pine County.

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MOHAVE SMALLIES

By Doug Nielsen,
Southern Region Conservation Education Supervisor

If you are looking for a rod-bending experience, consider casting your favorite bass bait into the crystal-clear waters of Lake Mohave. Long in the shadow of Lake Mead, one of the West's premier bass fishing destinations, Lake Mohave is quickly earning its own unique reputation for producing big bass that will let you know they took your bait.

Historically, largemouth bass were the only species of black bass found in Lake Mohave, but today it is the *Micropterus dolomieu* variety that is capturing the attention of anglers visiting the fishery. Considered by many to be America's best-fighting freshwater game fish pound for pound, the species is commonly known as smallmouth bass. But you might also hear anglers refer to the fish as a smallie, bronze back, brown bass, brownie and bronze bass among others.

Mohave does give up some bronze-colored smallies, but the reservoir has a growing reputation for producing fish with a strikingly mottled complexion in olive colors ranging from very dark to light. Some anglers consider Lake Mohave smallies to be among the prettiest around. In this part of the country anyway.

Smallmouth bass are native to central and eastern North America, but today there are few states where populations of this popular game fish have not been established. The first reports of smallmouth bass being caught in Lake Mohave came from anglers in 2008. Then in 2009, biologists officially documented the presence of smallmouth bass in the reservoir. Today smallmouth bass consistently account for a significant portion of the fish weighed in during competitive bass fishing tournaments held at Lake Mohave.

The current lake record smallmouth bass weighed in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was caught by Tim Myers of North Las Vegas in March 2019. There also is a rumor that a young angler from Southern Nevada reeled in a fish from Mohave that surpassed the 8-pound mark. There are some who believe the reservoir will soon produce the new state record smallie, but that will require a fish weighing in at more than 8 pounds, 11 ounces. The smallmouth bass that set that mark came from Sheep Creek Reservoir on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

What bass angler would not want to battle the fish that will best that mark?

When asked why smallmouth bass seem to do so well in Lake Mohave, Lisa Ozborn, NDOW fisheries biologist, attributed their success to the simplicity of the habitat found in the reservoir. That, along with its clarity and rocky nature favors smallmouth bass.

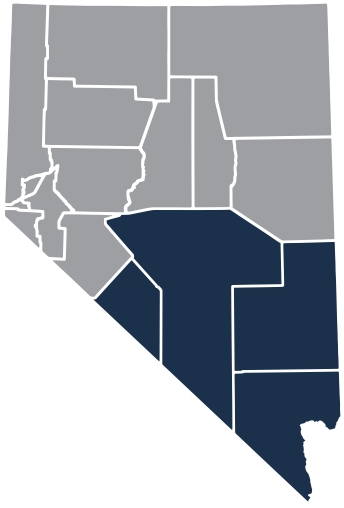
"Compared to Lake Mead, the shoreline at Mohave is less complex. There are no large water in-flows like the Las Vegas Wash that create shallow, slow-moving, and turbid environments. The water that does enter the reservoir at Hoover Dam moves quickly through its length. Coves on Lake Mohave are relatively small and exposed to the water of the main channel. Much of the shoreline consists of rocky points and submerged ridges, which is perfect habitat for smallmouth bass," said Ozborn.

Though its smallmouth bass are attracting the attention of anglers looking for a good fight, Lake Mohave remains a popular destination for largemouth bass, striped bass, catfish and panfish. Bluegill and green sunfish can provide anglers with some good action.

Like largemouth bass, smallmouth bass are a predatory fish that eat any critter small enough for them to swallow such as other fish or crayfish. Anglers can catch smallmouth bass using conventional fishing gear with soft plastic baits, crankbaits, spinnerbaits, jigs and topwater lures. Fly fishing gear is also effective.

Due to the rugged nature of its shoreline, access from land is limited. For those who own a boat, launch ramps can be found at Willow Beach, Cottonwood Cove and Katherine Landing. Each of the three marinas also provide a livery service where anglers can rent a boat or paddle craft.

SOUTHERN REGION REGULATIONS



The **Southern Region** includes the four counties of southern Nevada: Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye. Popular fishing waters within this region include Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, the Colorado River, Eagle Valley Reservoir, Echo Canyon Reservoir, and the reservoirs on Kirch Wildlife Management Area. A number of small streams in northern Nye County provide wild trout fishing and a few are stocked with hatchery-reared rainbow trout. The Southern Region NDOW Office is located at 3373 Pepper Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89120, (702) 486-5127.

Important Note: Within the Southern Region the following general fishing seasons, hours, limits and regulations apply to all waters EXCEPT those listed under **"Southern Region Special Regulations."** If the water in which you intend to fish is not listed under the Region's Special Regulations, then the General Regulations shall apply.

All game fish must be dead before being transported away from the body of water where caught.

INTERSTATE WATERS FISHING LICENSE INFORMATION

Lake Mead, Mohave, Colorado River: Persons under 12 years of age are not required to have a fishing license. Persons 12 years of age or older must have either a Nevada fishing license or a Nevada Interstate Boundary Waters license; a Nevada short-term fishing permit or an Arizona fishing license.

SOUTHERN REGION GENERAL REGULATIONS

Open year around, any hour of the day or night, except where noted under special regulations.

An AIS Decal Is not required for Arizona registered watercraft on Lake Mead/Mohave and the Colorado River. All Nevada registered motorized and non-motorized vessels must display a current Nevada AIS Decal.

SOUTHERN REGION LIMITS

Except as noted under "Southern Region Special Regulations" the limits are as follows: Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye counties: the limit is 10 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass.

BAIT REGULATIONS

See page 24 for more regulations on the use of baitfish.

TACKLE RESTRICTIONS

In Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, and the Colorado River, the use of more than two hooks for bait or flies is prohibited. See below and on page 19 in General Regulations for further information. (Refer to NAC 503.590)

ARTIFICIAL LURE WATERS

See page 19.

SPEARFISHING

Persons may spearfish for striped bass in Lake Mead and in Lake Mohave from Cottonwood Cove to the cable below Hoover Dam. Spearfishing for striped bass is prohibited in that portion of Lake Mohave from Cottonwood Cove to Davis Dam and from Davis Dam down river to the Nevada state line. In Lakes Mead and Mohave and the Colorado River system, spearfishing is prohibited within 1/2 mile of any dock or swimming area. See page 18 in General Regulations for further information.

When spearfishing, a person must display, within 100 feet, an appropriate diver's flag. A mechanical spearing device may be used only under the surface of the water, and the spear must be attached to the device by a lanyard. **Fishing license regulations apply when spearfishing.** (Refer to NAC 503.590-592)

Please contact the county you will be fishing in prior to assure you are in compliance with county regulations.

All Regulations are applicable to CR 21-15, Amendment #1.

SOUTHERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	LIMIT
CLARK COUNTY		
Carpenter Canyon Creek	Year round; any hour of the day or night	2 trout
Clark County Urban Ponds: (Boulder City Pond/Veteran's Memorial Park, Lorenzi Park Pond, Mesquite Urban Pond-Hafen Lane Pond, Sunset Park Pond, and Floyd Lamb Park Pond)	Year round; hours are when the park is open to public use.	3 game fish
Cold Creek Pond and Cold Creek	Year round; any hour of the day or night	3 game fish

SOUTHERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS (CONTINUED)

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	LIMIT
CLARK COUNTY (CONTINUED)		
Colorado River below Davis Dam	Year round; any hour of the day or night except in areas as posted.	5 trout, 6 black bass, 10 striped bass, and 25 catfish. Minimum size for black bass is 13 inches total length. No limit on other game fish.
	Special Regulations: For bait restrictions see page 24.	
Lake Mead	Year round; any hour of the day or night, except in areas as posted.	5 trout, 6 black bass, 25 catfish and 15 crappie. No limit on striped bass less than 20 inches total length. The limit on striped bass 20 inches total length or longer is 20 fish. *No limit restriction on other game fish.
	Special Regulations: For bait restrictions see page 24.	
Lake Mohave	Year round; any hour of the day or night, except in areas as posted.	5 trout, 6 black bass, 25 catfish and 15 crappie. No limit on striped bass less than 20 inches total length. The limit on striped bass 20 inches total length or longer is 20 fish. No limit restriction on other game fish.
	Special Regulations: For bait restrictions see page 24.	
Virgin River and Muddy (Moapa) **River systems**	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout, 6 black bass, 25 catfish, 15 crappie, and 20 striped bass. No limit restriction on other game fish.

CLARK COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Lakes Mead and Mohave and the Colorado River areas as posted immediately above and below Hoover and Davis Dams; and except as otherwise posted by the National Park Service, all harbors, in or from marinas, from boats moored within marinas, and in mooring areas for those waters to include, but not limited to, the following on Lake Mead: Calville Bay Marina, Boulder Harbor, Hemenway Harbor, and the Las Vegas Boat Harbor/Lake Mead Marina Harbor Complex and on Lake Mohave: Cottonwood Cove.

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park Pond. Veteran's Memorial Park, Boulder City, all waters except the Boulder City Pond as posted in Clark County.
Las Vegas Wash, all waters within the Clark County Wetlands Park. Cornerstone Park, all waters within Cornerstone Park as posted by Henderson Municipality.

LINCOLN COUNTY		
Eagle Valley Reservoir and Meadow Valley Wash above the reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. Zero black bass (catch and release only) from April 1 through June 30.
Echo Canyon Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass.
Nesbitt Lake (Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area)	Year round; any hour of the day or night except the portion above the old fence line as posted closed to entry from Feb. 15 - August 15 and closed to fishing during waterfowl season.	50 bullhead and 15 other warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass.
	Special Regulations: See boat restrictions on page 40.	
Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge	Year round; any hour of the day or night except North Marsh which is closed to fishing during the waterfowl hunting season.	3 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass.

LINCOLN COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Ash Springs outflow through the River Ranch to beginning of the concrete ditch, in Lincoln County.
Crystal Springs and outflow for one half mile to beginning of the concrete ditch, in Lincoln County.

NYE COUNTY		
Beatty Urban Pond	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	3 game fish
Kirch Wildlife Management Area	Year round; any hour of the day or night, except the upper portions of Adams-McGill, Cold Springs and Haymeadow Reservoirs, which are closed to trespass Feb. 15 - August 15 as posted. A 100-yard area as posted around the inflow from Hot Creek to Adams-McGill Reservoirs is closed to fishing Jan. 1 - April 1.	5 trout, 50 bullhead, and 15 other warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. You may only possess 5 black bass from April 1 - June 30.
	Special Regulations: See boat restrictions on page 40.	
Kirch Wildlife Management Area Tule Reservoir	Open Aug. 16 - Feb. 14, any hour of the day or night.	5 trout, 50 bullhead, and 15 other warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass.
Kirch Wildlife Management Area Dacey Reservoir	Year round except the upper portions of Dacey Reservoir closed to trespass Feb. 15 - Aug. 15 as posted. A 100-yard area as posted around the inflow from Hot Creek to Dacey Reservoir is closed to fishing Jan. 1 - April 1.	1 trout, 50 bullhead, and 15 other warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. Zero black bass (catch and release only) from April 1 through June 30.
	Special Regulation: Artificial lures only, see page 19.	
Upper Reese River and tributaries from the Arc Dome wilderness boundary south of the Yomba Shoshone Tribe Reservation to its headwaters	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	No limit on trout
Sportsman's Park Pond	Year round; hours are when the park is open to public use.	3 game fish
Stewart Creek from its confluence with the Reese River to its headwaters	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	No limit on trout

NYE COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Kirch Wildlife Management Area - Hot Creek to its confluence with Adams-McGill Reservoir; Sunnyside Creek above Sunnyside / Adavin County Road crossing in Sec 36, T7N, R61E in Nye County.

WESTERN REGION REGULATIONS

The **Western Region** includes the nine counties of northwestern Nevada: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey and Washoe. Several popular fishing waters are located within this region including Lake Tahoe, Topaz Lake, Knott Creek Reservoir, Pyramid Lake, and the Truckee, Carson and Walker River systems. Pyramid Lake is managed by Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Please contact the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for regulations and license requirements pertaining to Pyramid Lake. Waters that are popular for warmwater species are Lahontan, Chimney and Rye Patch reservoirs, Humboldt River, Washoe Lake, Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area and several canals and drains in the Lahontan Valley. The Western Region office is located at 1100 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512, (775) 688-1506.

Important Note: Within the Western Region the general fishing seasons, hours, limits, and regulations apply to all waters EXCEPT those listed under **"Western Region Special Regulations."** If the water in which you intend to fish is not listed under the Region's Special Regulations, then the General Regulations shall apply.

All game fish must be dead before being transported away from the body of water where caught.

INTERSTATE WATERS FISHING LICENSE INFORMATION

Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake: Persons under 16 years of age are not required to have a fishing license. Persons 16 years of age or older must have either a Nevada fishing license or a Nevada Interstate Boundary Waters license; a Nevada short-term fishing permit or a California fishing license.

WESTERN REGION GENERAL REGULATIONS

Open year around, any hour of the day or night.

An AIS Decal is not required for California registered watercraft on Topaz Lake or Lake Tahoe. All Nevada registered motorized and non-motorized vessels must display a current Nevada AIS Decal.

WESTERN REGION LIMITS

Except as noted under "Special Regulations" the limits are as follows:

Carson City, Douglas County, Mineral County, Storey County and Washoe County: The limit is 5 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass.

Churchill County and Lyon County: The limit is 5 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass and 5 may be walleye.

Humboldt and Pershing County: The limit is 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass and 5 may be walleye.

ARTIFICIAL LURE WATERS

See page 19.

TACKLE RESTRICTIONS

See page 19 for more regulations on tackle restrictions.

BAIT REGULATIONS

See page 24 for more regulations on the use of baitfish.

All Regulations are applicable to CR 21-15, Amendment #1.

WESTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	LIMIT
CARSON CITY		
Baily Fishing Pond	Year round; hours are when the park is open to public use.	3 game fish.
Lake Tahoe	**Special Regulations:** Persons under 16 years of age are not required to have a fishing license. Persons 16 years of age or older must have either a Nevada fishing license or a Nevada Interstate Boundary Waters license; a Nevada short-term fishing permit or a California fishing license.	

WESTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS (CONTINUED)

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	LIMIT
CARSON CITY (CONTINUED)		
Lake Tahoe and Tributaries	Year round; 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset, except for the following closed areas: within a 200 yard radius of the mouths of Third, Incline and Wood Creeks; 500 yard radius from Sand Harbor Boat Ramp; and within the boat launch area inside the jetty at Cave Rock Boat Ramp.	5 game fish.
CHURCHILL COUNTY		
Lahontan Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night except for the Lahontan Dam spilling pool (bowl) which is closed to fishing.	15 game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass, 5 may be walleye, and 2 may be white bass or white bass hybrids (wiper) 15 inches total length or longer. White bass or white bass hybrids (wiper) under 15 inches may be included in the 15 game fish limit.
		Health Advisory: The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued a health advisory recommending no consumption of any fish from the Carson River from Dayton to Lahontan Dam and all waters in Lahontan Valley due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh.
Carson River below Lahontan Reservoir and all waters in Lahontan Valley	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	25 game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass and 5 may be walleye.
		Health Advisory: The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued a health advisory recommending no consumption of any fish from the Carson River from Dayton to Lahontan Dam and all waters in Lahontan Valley due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh.
Liberty Pond	Year round; hours are when the park is open to public use.	3 game fish.

CHURCHILL COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Lahontan Dam spilling pool (bowl) on the Carson River below Lahontan Dam. All waters within the boundaries of the Stillwater NWR.

DOUGLAS COUNTY		
Lake Tahoe and Tributaries	See Carson City.	
Mitch Park Pond, Lampe Parke Pond, Martin Slough Pond, Seeman Pond	Year round; hours are when the park is open to public use.	3 game fish.
Spooner Lake	Year round; 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset.	5 trout.
Topaz Lake	Year round; one hour before sunrise to two hours after sunset, except for the area within the jetties of Topaz Marina which is closed to fishing.	5 trout, 5 mountain whitefish, and 25 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass.
	Special Regulations: There is no chumming at Topaz Lake (see page 19).	

DOUGLAS COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Lake Tahoe within the boat launch area, inside the jetty at the Cave Rock boat ramp, north end. Glenbrook Creek from Lake Tahoe to Hwy 50. Topaz Lake within the jetties of Topaz Marina.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY		
Big Springs Reservoir	Season is open the second Saturday in May through the last day of February; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout.
	Note: The reservoir has been dry for several years, check on conditions before heading out.	
Bilk Creek Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 game fish.
Blue Lakes	Season is open the second Saturday in June through November 15; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout.
	Special Regulations: Only boats without motors are permitted and the area is closed to vehicular traffic.	
Chimney Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	15 gamefish of which not more than 5 may be black bass, 5 may be walleye, 2 may be white bass hybrid (wiper) and zero (0) may be tiger muskie (catch and release only). The minimum length for white bass hybrid is 15 inches total length.
	Health Advisory: The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued a health advisory recommending no consumption of walleye from Chimney Reservoir due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh.	
James Kinney Pond	Year round; during the hours the park is open to the public.	3 game fish.
Knott Creek Reservoir including inlet and outlet streams	Season is open the second Saturday in June through November 15; any hour of the day or night.	1 trout, minimum size 18 inches total length.
	Special Regulations: Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used. Boats must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake.	
Onion Valley Reservoir	Season is open the second Saturday in June through November 15; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: All tributaries to Summit Lake. All waters of the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge (within Humboldt County) except Big Springs Reservoir and Dufurrena Ponds. Crowley Creek in the Montana Mountains. Eightmile Creek in the Santa Rosa Range. Donnelly Creek in the Calico Range.

WESTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS (CONTINUED)

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	LIMIT
LYON COUNTY		
East Walker River	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass.
	Special Regulations: Except in that portion of the East Walker River which is from ¼ mile above the confluence of the East Walker River and Sweetwater Creek downstream to ½ mile below the confluence of the East Walker River and Red Wash Creek, which is catch and release fishing only. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	
Lahontan Reservoir	See Churchill County.	
Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area Fort Churchill Cooling Pond Cooperative Management Area	Season is open the second Saturday in February through September 30; 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset.	5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 2 may be black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 14 inches total length.
	Special Regulations: Fishing is prohibited from the center dike and posted areas. Wading or the use of boats and other floating devices is prohibited.	
Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area	Season is open the second Saturday in February through September 30; any hour of the day or night on the following waters: Bass, Crappie, North Pond, Beaver Slough and that portion of the Walker River within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.	5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 2 may be black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 14 inches total length.
Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area Hinkson Slough	Same season as above.	2 trout and 15 warmwater gamefish of which not more than 2 may be black bass. Minimum size for trout is 16 inches total length. Minimum size for black bass is 14 inches total length.
	Special Regulations: Artificial lures only (see page 19).	
Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area Eastside Waterfowl Series Ponds	Season is open Aug. 16 through Sept. 30; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 2 may be black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 14 inches total length.
Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area Kuenzli Pond, Hatchery Outpond 1, Hatchery Outpond 2, and Hatchery Outpond 3	Season is open on the first Saturday in May, from 8 a.m. to sunset.	3 game fish of which not more than 1 may be black bass.
	Note: These ponds are open for one day only.	
Mountain View Park Pond	Year round; hours are when the park is open to public use.	3 game fish.

LYON COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: All waters within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area except for those listed above.

MINERAL COUNTY		
Rose Creek Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	3 game fish.
	Note: Anglers must obtain permission from the Hawthorne Army Depot at (775) 945-7101 or (775) 945-7601. Anglers can also email maryjean.a.belzer.ctr@army.mil for the forms and information.	

MINERAL COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Rose Creek Confluence from the diversion pipe downstream to Walker Lake and Walker Lake within a 100-yard radius of the inflow.

PERSHING COUNTY		
Rye Patch Reservoir and Humboldt River	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	25 game fish of which not more than 5 may be trout, 5 may be walleye, 5 may be black bass and 2 may be white bass or white bass hybrids over 15 inches total length or longer. White bass or white bass hybrids under 15 inches total length may be included in the 25 game fish limit.
	Health Advisory: The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued a health advisory recommending no consumption of wipers and walleye and no more than one eight-ounce meal per week of any other fish from Rye Patch Reservoir due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh.	

STOREY COUNTY		
Truckee River	Year round; any hour of the day or night, except in that portion from Derby Dam downstream 1,000 feet, which is closed to fishing.	3 game fish except in that section from E Mustang Road bridge (I-80 Exit 23) downstream to Derby Dam and from 1,000 feet downstream from Derby Dam to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary where the limit is three gamefish of which 1 may be trout.
	Special Regulations: In that portion from E Mustang Road bridge (I-80 Exit 23) to Derby Dam and from 1,000 feet downstream of Derby Dam to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary, only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	

STOREY COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Five Mile Reservoir, and the Truckee River from Derby Dam downstream 1,000 feet.

WESTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS (CONTINUED)

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	LIMIT
WASHOE COUNTY		
Catnip Reservoir, tributaries and outlet stream	Season open the second Saturday in June through November 15, any hour of the day or night.	1 trout
	Special Regulations: Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	
Hobart Reservoir and tributaries and Franktown Creek downstream from Hobart Reservoir to Red House	Season open May 1 through September 30; 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset.	5 trout, only one of which is longer than 14 inches.
	Special Regulations: Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	
Lake Tahoe and Tributaries	See Carson City.	
Marlette Lake, tributaries and outlet stream	Season is July 15 through Sept. 30; 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset.	Zero (0) fish, catch and release only.
	Special Regulations: Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	
Truckee River	Year round; any hour of the day or night, except in that portion from Derby Dam downstream 1,000 feet, which is closed to fishing.	3 game fish except in that section from E Mustang Road bridge (I-80 Exit 23) downstream to Derby Dam and from 1,000 feet downstream from Derby Dam to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary where the limit is 3 gamefish of which 1 may be trout.
	Special Regulations: In that portion from E Mustang Road bridge (I-80 Exit 23) to Derby Dam and from 1,000 feet downstream of Derby Dam to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary, only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	
Washoe County Urban Ponds: Sparks Marina, Davis Creek Park Pond, Marilyn's Pond, Paradise Pond, Virginia Lake, Idlewild Ponds, Rancho San Rafael Pond, Wilson Common, and Verdi Pond	Year round; hours are when the park is open to public use.	3 game fish.
Washoe Lake	Season open year around, any hour of the day or night.	10 game fish of which not more than 5 may be catfish.
	Special Regulations: Scripps Wildlife Management Area is closed to trespass February 15 through August 15.	
	Health Advisory: The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued a health advisory recommending no consumption of white bass from Little and Big Washoe Lakes due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh.	

WASHOE COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Third Creek and its tributaries from Lake Tahoe to the Mt. Rose Highway No. 431. Incline Creek and its tributaries from Lake Tahoe to Ski Way and the Mt. Rose Highway No. 431. Wood Creek from Lake Tahoe to the Mt. Rose Highway No. 431. Lake Tahoe within a 200-yard radius of the mouths of Third, Incline and Wood Creeks. A 500-yard radius from Sand Harbor boat ramp. Truckee River from Derby Dam downstream 1000 feet is closed to fishing.

HEALTH ADVISORY

The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued health advisories that recommend limited consumption of fish species due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh.

In the Western Region the health advisories recommend no consumption of any fish from the **Carson River from Dayton to Lahontan Dam and all waters in Lahontan Valley.** No consumption of white bass from **Little and Big Washoe Lakes;** no consumption of wipers and walleye and no more than one eight-ounce meal per week of any other fish from **Rye Patch Reservoir** and no consumption of walleye from **Chimney Dam Reservoir**. For more information, go to *www.ndow.org*.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

AREA	BODIES OF WATER	SEASON RESTRICTIONS	USE OF VESSELS	CAMPING & USE OF CAMPFIRES
Bruneau River WMA (Elko Co.)	Bruneau River	None	No Restrictions	Camping & campfires are permitted. Camping is not permitted in any building or other structure located within the WMA.
Key Pittman WMA (Lincoln Co.)	Nesbitt Lake	Access restricted from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 in the portion of Nesbitt Lake north of the buoy line.	Flat wake restriction in effect.	Camping & campfires not permitted.
Kirch WMA (Nye Co.)	Dacey Reservoir, Tule Reservoir, Cold Springs Reservoir, Haymeadow Reservoir, and Adams-McGill Reservoir	Access restricted from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 in the upper portion of Adams-McGill, Cold Springs, Dacey and Haymeadow reservoirs, and all of the Tule Reservoir.	Flat wake restriction in effect. Vessels may not exceed 5 nautical miles per hour. Only vessels without motors may be used on the Dacey Reservoir from Feb. 15 through August 15. Flat wake restriction in effect all other dates.	Camping & campfires only permitted within the David Deacon Campground.
Mason Valley WMA (Lyon Co.)	Hinkson Slough, North Pond, Bass Pond, Beaver Slough, Crappie Pond, Walker River	Season is open the second Saturday in February through September 30.	Flat wake restriction in effect.	Camping & campfires only permitted in those sites designated for camping.
Mason Valley WMA (Lyon Co.)	Eastside Waterfowl Series Ponds	Access restricted from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15. Fishing season is open Aug. 16 through Sept. 30.	All vessels are prohibited from Feb. 15 through Aug. 15 each year. Flat wake restriction in effect.	Camping & campfires only permitted in those sites designated for camping.
Overton WMA (Clark Co.)	Lake Mead, Honeybee Pond, Center Pond	Access restricted from March 1 through Aug. 1 on Honeybee Pond and Center Pond.	Vessels are prohibited on all ponds. Vessels are allowed on the portion of the area inundated by Lake Mead, except that on Overton Hunt Days, vessels may be used only by persons authorized to hunt waterfowl.	Camping & campfires only permitted within the rest and trails areas.
Steptoe Valley WMA (White Pine Co.)	Comins Lake	None	Waterskiing authorized between 11 a.m. and sunset. During other hours flat wake restriction in effect.	Camping & campfires not permitted.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) are managed specifically for their wildlife values. Fishing is provided on some of the areas and anglers are subject to the following regulations.

VEHICULAR TRAVEL (NAC 504.115)

Vehicular travel within a WMA may be controlled so as to not impact area management and for safe and beneficial use of the area by both the public and the wildlife. Within a Wildlife Management Area, it is prohibited to operate a motor vehicle off an interior road or trail that is designated for vehicular travel; or on an interior road or trail that is marked as closed to vehicular travel.

REMOVAL (NAC 504.110)

Persons may be removed from a WMA for disorderly conduct, intoxication or any other conduct which endangers the area, other persons, or wildlife and livestock.

LITTERING (NAC 504.155)

The Department may deny further use of a WMA to any person who abuses or litters the area.

LAUGHLIN AREA

The following activities are **prohibited** within the Laughlin boating and Fishermen's Access Area in Clark County:

- Camping in any type of motor vehicle or recreational vehicle;
- Erecting a tent or structure for the purpose of sleeping or living in it;
- Parking any type of motor vehicle or recreational vehicle or otherwise blocking or restricting the access of a person or vessel, to the boat ramp;
- Parking a bus hired to carry passengers or a semi-trailer anywhere within the access area;
- Parking a motor vehicle in the access area in a location other than a designated parking space; or
- Being under the influence of a controlled substance or an intoxicating liquor, or consuming an intoxicating liquor.

BOATING SAFETY

CRITICAL EQUIPMENT

DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!

LIFE JACKETS
One correctly sized life jacket is required by law for each person on board. Children under the age of 13-years-old must wear it.

THROWABLE FLOTATION AID
Any boat 16 feet or longer must carry a type IV throwable cushion or ring.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER
Most boats are required to carry at least one fire extinguisher. Boats larger than 26 feet are required to carry two or even three fire extinguishers.

ENGINE CUT-OFF SWITCH
An engine cut-off switch or kill switch, is a safety device used to stop the boats engines should the driver unexpectedly fall overboard.

WATER SKI AND DIVE FLAGS
If you ski or dive you need to display the appropriate signal flag.

SOUND PRODUCING DEVICE
All boats must carry a horn, whistle or other sound producing device.

VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS
Though not required, signal flares and flags can attract attention if the need arises.

FOLLOW THE BOATING SAFETY SEVEN

If you remember nothing else about boating rules, remember the **Boating Safety Seven**. Boating can be a fun activity for the entire family, but you should go boating with safety in mind to make sure your great day on the water doesn't turn sour. NDOW reminds you to have a good time, and be safe...it just makes sense.

1. **Wear your life jacket**
2. **Take a boating education course (Visit *ndow.org* to learn more)**
3. **Carry all your required safety gear**
4. **Know your boat and its limitations**
5. **Follow the boating "rules of the road"**
6. **Be aware of weather and water conditions**
7. **Boat sober and be considerate of other boaters**

SAFETY

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NEVADA BOATING REGULATIONS

The following information provides a summary of some of the boating laws and regulations for Nevada anglers who use boats. Safe boating in Nevada starts with knowing Nevada's boating regulations. All boats in Nevada are required to carry safety equipment appropriate to the type and size of vessel used, and every boater should know and practice safe boating, including learning the rules of the road. To learn more about boating in Nevada, contact NDOW and request a *Nevada Boater's Handbook* or visit Nevada's safe boating website: *www.ndow.org*.

REDUCED SPEED AREAS

1. On the following waters, a vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour:
   (a) Bassett Lake in White Pine County
   (b) Cave Lake in White Pine County
   (c) Knott Creek Reservoir in Humboldt County
   (d) Jakes Creek Reservoir in Elko County
   (e) Onion Valley Reservoir in Humboldt County
   (f) Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area in Nye County
   (g) The lagoon south of Laughlin in Clark County within Section 33, T 32 S. R. 66E. M.D.B.&M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both
   (h) Likes Lake in Churchill County
   (i) The Pitt-Taylor Arm of Rye Patch Reservoir in Pershing County
   (j) Illipah Reservoir in White Pine County
   (k) Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area in Lyon County
   (l) Upper Wall Canyon Reservoir in Washoe County
   (m) Echo Canyon Reservoir in Lincoln County
   (n) Silver Creek Reservoir in White Pine County; and
   (o) Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area in Lincoln County
   (p) Colorado River, the backwater south of Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area within sec. 5, T. 33 S., R. 66 E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both
   (q) Jiggs Reservoir

(Refer to NAC 488.455.)

2. All boat harbors and other areas designated by buoys on any of the following waters are zones in which a vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour:
   (a) Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Clark County
   (b) South Fork Reservoir in Elko County
   (c) Wildhorse Reservoir in Elko County
   (d) Lake Tahoe, Zephyr Cove, Cave Rock, Round Hill Pines Beach and Glenbrook Bay in Douglas County; Sand Harbor, Incline Village General Improvement District Boat Ramp and Crystal Shores West in Washoe County
   (e) Washoe Lake State Park Boat Ramps in Washoe County
   (f) Walker Lake State Recreation Area and Sportsmen's Beach in Mineral County
   (g) Lahontan Reservoir, Churchill Beach, and North Shore Marina in Churchill County; Silver Springs Beach in Lyon County
   (h) Rye Patch Reservoir, Rye Patch Dam Access in Pershing County
   (i) Topaz Lake boat ramps in Douglas County
   (j) Colorado River, adjacent to Harrah's Casino in Laughlin in Clark County; and
   (k) Big Bend of the Colorado River State Recreation Area in the lagoon used for launching boats in Clark County

(Refer to NAC 488.455)

BOATING PROHIBITED AREAS

Vessels are prohibited in areas which are designated by signs or buoys as follows:

1. Within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area;
2. On the Colorado River:
   (a) Below Davis Dam; and
   (b) The swimming area of Harrah's Casino in Laughlin;
3. On Lake Tahoe at:
   (a) The main beaches at Sand Harbor and Divers' Cove within Lake Tahoe State Park;
   (b) The swimming area of the Incline Village General Improvement District and Burnt Cedar Beach;
   (c) The swimming area of Galilee at the Episcopal Camp and Conference Center;
   (d) The swimming area of the Lakeridge General Improvement District;
   (e) The swimming area of the Glenbrook Homeowner's Association;
   (f) The swimming area of the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe;
   (g) The swimming area of the Zephyr Cove Marina;
   (h) The swimming area of Crystal Shores West; and
   (i) The swimming and beach area adjacent to Nevada Beach described in 33CFR 162.215.
4. At the dam and swim beach at the state recreation area in Rye Patch Reservoir;
5. At Lahontan Reservoir Dam;
6. At South Fork Reservoir Dam;
7. At Wildhorse Reservoir Dam;
8. At Eagle Valley Dam at Spring Valley State Park;
9. At Chimney Reservoir Dam in Humboldt County;
10. At the county swim beach at Topaz Lake; and
11. At the swimming area and dive area at Sparks Marina Park.

(Refer to NAC 488.465)

BOATING RESTRICTIONS IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

(See page 38 for table of restrictions.)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, use of vessels is restricted in the following Wildlife Management Areas:
   (a) In the Overton Wildlife Management Area, located in Clark County, vessels are prohibited on all ponds. Vessels are allowed on the portion of the area inundated by Lake Mead, except that on Overton Hunt Days, vessels may be used only by persons authorized to hunt waterfowl;
   (b) In the Humboldt Wildlife Management Area, located in Churchill and Pershing Counties:
      (1) All vessels are prohibited on the ponds in the Humboldt and Toulon Sink areas 5 days before the opening day of the waterfowl season.
      (2) Airboats are prohibited on the Humboldt Sink until 1 hour after the legal shooting time on the opening day of the waterfowl season.
      (3) Airboats are prohibited on the Toulon portion of the area during the waterfowl season.
   (c) In the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area, located in Lyon County, all vessels are prohibited from February 15 through August 15 of each year, except on:
      (1) Hinkson Slough;
      (2) Bass Pond;
      (3) Crappie Pond;
      (4) Beaver Slough;

(5) The Walker River; and
(6) North Pond.

(d) In the Fort Churchill Cooling Pond Cooperative Wildlife Management Area, all vessels and floating devices, except for vessels used by employees of NV Energy in the performance of their official duties, are prohibited on the pond.

(e) In the Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area, only vessels without motors may be used on Dacey Reservoir from February 15 through August 15 of each year.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to vessels owned, operated and used for official purposes by the Department.
3. For the purposes of this section, a vessel is being used if the vessel: (a) is upon the waters of this state, including, without limitation, if it is tied or fastened to a dock, mooring or shore; and (b) is not aground on the shore.

(Refer to NAC 488.467)

AREAS LIMITED TO BOATS WITHOUT MOTORS AND BOATS WITH ELECTRIC MOTORS

1. Only vessels without motors are permitted on the following waters:

Waters	County
(a) Angel Lake	Elko
(b) Blue Lakes	Humboldt
(c) Marlette Lake	Washoe

2. Only vessels without motors and vessels which are powered by electric motors are permitted on the following waters:
   (a) Groves Lake in Lander County
   (b) Sparks Marina Park in Washoe County
   (c) The Lagoon South of Laughlin within section 33, T. 32 S., R66 E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both in Clark County.
   (d) Spooner Lake in Douglas County

(Refer to NAC 488.470)

FEDERAL BOATING REGULATIONS

Informational Note: The following areas are subject to Federal Regulations in addition to the general provisions of the Nevada Boat Act, which include rules for registration, equipment, and operation. Please contact refuge managers for descriptions of restricted zones and/or motor and speed regulations prior to your visit. Regulations are subject to change.

Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge
Phone: (775) 725-3417

Boats without motors (except electric motors) are permitted on the Upper Lake, Middle Ponds, and Lower Lake.

The North Marsh is closed to boating, including float tubes.

Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge
Phone: (775) 779-2237

- **North of Brown Dike**
  No boats permitted. Float tubes permitted in Unit 21 as posted.
- **South of Brown Dike (South Marsh)**
  - » **January 1 through June 14:** Boats prohibited. Float tubes permitted at Main Boat Landing, as posted; at Narciss Boat Landing, as posted; and at mouth of Collection Ditch at west end of Brown Dike, as posted.
  - » **June 15 through July 31:** ONLY motorless boats, float tubes and boats with electric motors are permitted. Boats with gas motors prohibited.
  - » **August 1 through December 31:** Motorless boats, float tubes and boats propelled by motors with 10 h.p. or less are permitted.

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge
Phone: (775) 941-0199

Big Springs Reservoir, Dufurrena Ponds and Catnip Reservoir: Anglers may bank fish, fish by wading, or use nonmotorized boats, boats with electric motors, float tubes and similar flotation devices only.

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge
Phone: (775) 423-5128

Special boating regulations are now in effect at Stillwater NWR. Contact refuge manager before operating a boat in this area. Fishing is not allowed.

Name of Angler _____

NV Client ID # _____ and/or Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

COMPLETE INFORMATION BELOW FOR SPECIES CAUGHT

Bonneville Cutthroat Trout

Water where caught _____

County where caught _____

Date caught _____

Bull Trout

Water where caught _____

County where caught _____

Date caught _____

Lahontan Cutthroat Trout

Water where caught _____

County where caught _____

Date caught _____

Mountain Whitefish

Water where caught _____

County where caught _____

Date caught _____

Redband Trout

Water where caught _____

County where caught _____

Date caught _____

Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout

Water where caught _____

County where caught _____

Date caught _____

FOR A NATIVE SPORT FISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NATIVE FISH-SLAM PROGRAM THE FOLLOWING MUST APPLY:

1. **Fish must be taken legally from Nevada waters. Review current regulations regarding harvest of fish.**
2. **A photograph of the fish caught must be provided.** (All photos submitted are then the property of NDOW and may be used in NDOW publications.)
3. There is no time limit for completing the Native Fish-Slam Program, **but an entry form must be submitted within 60 days of a fish being caught** (NDOW will maintain angler records).
4. No weight or length measurements are required to enter this program.
5. A certificate and custom hat will be awarded once all species of fish have been entered.
6. As of March 1, 2018, an angler may complete additional, consecutive Native Fish-Slams; however, fish for a succeeding slam cannot be caught and entered within one month after the preceding slam is finished and awarded. The same rules apply for entering into subsequent Native Fish-Slams. Only a certificate will be awarded for additional Native Fish-Slams.
7. Anglers are also encouraged to submit fish into the Nevada Trophy Fish Program if it meets the minimum weight qualification. (A separate Nevada Trophy Fish entry form must be completed.)
8. NDOW has the right to accept/reject/disqualify any entry form submitted. All decisions made by the NDOW Trophy Fish Committee (Fisheries Chief, Regional Fisheries Supervisor, and Staff Sport Fish Coordinator) are final.

MAIL ENTRIES AND PHOTOS TO:

Fisheries Division
Nevada Department of Wildlife
6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120
Reno, NV 89511

NEVADA TROPHY FISH ENTRY FORM

Kind of fish caught _____ Date caught _____

Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz. Length (total) inches _____ Girth inches _____

Water where caught _____ in _____ County, Nevada

Specific Location **(cove name, mountain range for streams)** _____

Specific Location where fish was weighed _____

Type of Tackle _____ Lure or bait _____

Name of Angler _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Measurements witnessed by:

1. Name _____ Address _____

2. Name _____ Address _____

ENTER YOUR FISH - IT MAY BE A TROPHY

The following minimum weight qualifications are established for the various species of fish in the Nevada Trophy Fish Program. Each entry which meets the minimum qualifications will receive a Trophy Fish Certificate.

1. Largemouth Bass ..... 5 lbs.
2. Smallmouth Bass ..... 3 lbs.
3. Spotted Bass ..... 2 lbs.
4. Striped Bass ..... 20 lbs.
5. White Bass ..... 2 lbs.
6. Carp ..... 15 lbs.
7. Bullhead Catfish ..... 1 lb.
8. Channel Catfish ..... 10 lbs.
9. White Catfish ..... 4 lbs.
10. Black Crappie ..... 2 lbs.
11. White Crappie ..... 2 lbs.
12. Sacramento Perch ..... 2 lbs.
13. Yellow Perch ..... 0.5 lb.
14. Kokanee ..... 2 lbs.
15. Bluegill ..... 1 lb.
16. Green Sunfish ..... 0.5 lb.
17. Pumpkinseed ..... 0.5 lb.
18. Redear Sunfish ..... 0.5 lb.
19. Brook Trout ..... 2 lbs.
20. Brown Trout ..... 5 lbs.
21. Cutthroat Trout ..... 10 lbs.
22. Bull Trout ..... 0.5 lb.
23. Mackinaw ..... 10 lbs.
24. Rainbow Trout ..... 5 lbs.
25. Rainbow/Cutthroat Hybrid Trout ..... 10 lbs.
26. Tiger Trout ..... 2 lbs.
27. Walleye ..... 6 lbs.
28. Mt. Whitefish ..... 1 lb.
29. Wiper (White/Striped Bass Hybrid) ..... 5 lbs.
30. Tiger Muskie ..... 10 lbs

For a fish to be considered in the Nevada Trophy Fish Program the following must apply:

1. Fish must be taken legally from Nevada waters.
2. Weight is to be taken of whole fish before freezing.
3. Length is to be measured from tip of nose to tip of tail.
4. Measurements must be witnessed by two other persons, at least one of whom must not be a relative of angler entering contest.
5. Angler must provide positive means of identifying the species of fish and include an adequate photograph.*
6. Entry must be made within calendar year of date caught to be included in that year's contest.
7. **If the fish being entered is a possible Nevada State Record, the fish must be weighed on a scale which has been certified as accurate. The fish must also be witnessed by a Nevada Department of Wildlife employee.**
8. An entry form must be submitted within 60 days of the fish being caught. To be considered for the Trophy Fish Book, all entries must be submitted by Jan. 31.

* All photos and stories submitted may be used in NDOW publications and on the agency website unless otherwise requested.

Mail entries and photos to:
Fisheries Division
Nevada Department of Wildlife
6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120
Reno, NV 89511

STATE RECORD
FISH OF NEVADA

SPECIES	WEIGHT		LENGTH	NAME OF WATER	NEVADA RECORD HOLDER	DATE CAUGHT	WORLD RECORD
COMMON NAME	LBS	OZS	INCHES	LAKE OR STREAM	ANGLER NAME	M/D/Y	ALL TACKLE
Bass, Largemouth	12	0	26	Lake Mead	Michael R. Geary	3/8/99	22 lbs 4 oz
Bass, Smallmouth	8	11	21.5	Sheep Creek Reservoir	Curtis Ockerman	5/31/10	11 lbs 15 oz
Bass, Spotted	4	6	19.75	Sparks Marina	Dante Ray	4/19/13	11 lbs 4 oz
Bass, Striped	63	0	49	Lake Mohave	Allan S. Cole	3/15/01	69 lbs 9 oz
Bass, White	4	0	19	Lahontan Reservoir	Greg Ackerman	5/13/84	6 lbs 13 oz
Bluegill	3	10	15.25	Colorado River	Mike Tahash	9/14/10	4 lbs 12 oz
Carp	37	4	38.5	Carson River	Bruce Castro	7/24/07	75 lbs 11 oz
Catfish, Bullhead	6	11	21.5	Lida Junction Pond	Wayne B. Logan	6/29/04	8 lbs 2 oz
Catfish, Channel	32	7	35.5	South Fork Reservoir	Scott Barrett	6/27/11	58 lbs 0 oz
Catfish, White	17	4	31.75	Lahontan Reservoir	Corey Ryan	6/26/08	19 lbs 5 oz
	17	4	33.2	Humboldt River	Jose Mendoza	9/17/05	19 lbs 5 oz
Crappie, Black	3	5	16.5	Weber Reservoir	Lake A. Pressey	4/21/17	5 lbs 7 oz
Crappie, White	3	1	16.1	Rye Patch Reservoir	David Lorain	6/17/06	5 lbs 3 oz
Grayling, Arctic	0	15	13.75	Desert Creek	George Delich	7/1/78	5 lbs 15 oz
Kokanee	4	13	25.7	Lake Tahoe	Dick Bournique	7/31/73	9 lbs 10 oz
Muskie, Tiger	17	10	39.75	Barth Pit	Jason A. Edgar	5/2/02	51 lbs 3 oz
Perch, Sacramento	4	9	17	Pyramid Lake	John Battcher	7/18/71	3 lbs 3 oz
Perch, Yellow	1	8	13.3	Dufurrena Ponds	Warren Todd Goodale	5/23/87	4 lbs 3 oz
	1	8	13.5	Wildhorse Reservoir	John A Shorter III	2/16/19	4 lbs 3 oz
Pumpkinseed	0	15	10.13	Peavine Ponds	Dante Ray	8/2/09	1 lb 8 oz
Salmon, Silver	8	12	28.5	Lake Mead	William Musso	5/9/74	33 lbs 4 oz
	8	12	30.3	Lake Mead	Charles W. Caskey	10/25/74	33 lbs 4 oz
Sunfish, Green	1	13	12.75	Battle Mtn. H.S. Pond	Keegan Quintana	6/23/10	2 lbs 2 oz
Sunfish, Redear	2	5	13.75	Colorado River	Bill Condon	6/26/04	6 lbs 4 oz
Trout, Brook	5	10	22.8	Bull Run Reservoir	Richard Baker	7/19/80	14 lbs 8 oz
Trout, Brown	27	5	33	Cave Lake	Dennis Mangum	12/9/84	44 lbs 5 oz
Trout, Bull	4	6	22	Jarbidge River, WF	Rex Shelburne	7/9/85	32 lbs 0 oz
Trout, Cutthroat	24	12	33.5	Pyramid Lake	Tim Bayles	2/27/05	41 lbs 0 oz *
Trout, Golden	0	15	14.5	Hidden Lakes	Don Capps	8/31/69	11 lbs 0 oz
Trout, Lake (Mackinaw)	37	6	44	Lake Tahoe	Robert Aronsen	6/21/74	72 lbs 0 oz
Trout, Rainbow	16	8	30.5	Ruby Lake NWR	Mike Mott	2/10/11	48 lbs 0 oz
Trout, Rainbow x Cutthroat	24	10	36	Pyramid Lake	Lloyd Lowery	4/3/76	34 lbs 11 oz
Trout, Tiger	20	4	34	Ruby Lake NWR	Eric McBride	5/28/22	27 lbs 6 oz
Walleye	15	4	33	Lahontan Reservoir	Billy Foster	4/10/98	25 lbs 0 oz
Whitefish, Mountain	4	9	21	Lake Tahoe	Jim Syren	9/13/05	5 lbs 12 oz
Wiper, White x Striped Bass	25	9	33	Lahontan Reservoir	Adam Truran	6/6/09	27 lbs 5 oz

NOTE: These records are officially recognized by the Nevada Department of Wildlife as state records established from the year 1968, the first year of the Nevada Trophy Fish Program through December 2022. These records include fish taken in interstate waters including Lake Tahoe, Topaz Lake, Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River. It is recognized that some species of fish of larger size have been caught from Nevada waters prior to 1968.

World Record data was obtained from the International Game Fish Association's World Record Game Fishes 2022 edition.

*** The recognized world record Cutthroat trout of 41 pounds was caught from Pyramid Lake in 1925.**

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