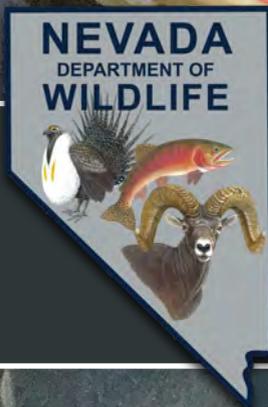


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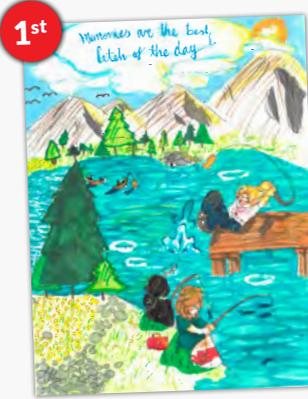
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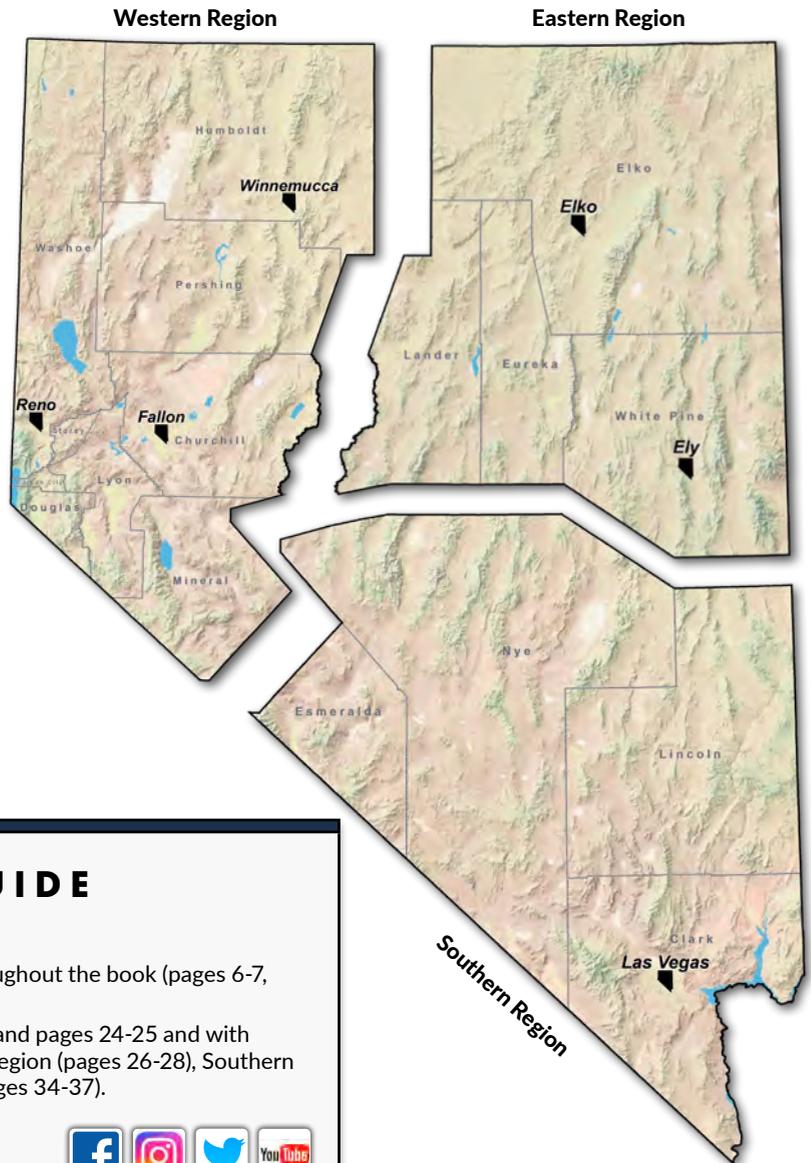
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3. General regulations can be found on pages 18-20 and pages 24-25 and with regulations by region broken up into the Eastern Region (pages 26-28), Southern Region (pages 32-33), and the Western Region (pages 34-37).

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# NEVADA FISHING LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES

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	<b>Each Consecutive Day Added to a 1-Day Permit</b>	\$3

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<b>1-Day Permit to Fish and hunt upland game birds and migratory game birds</b>	Valid until midnight of the date specified.	\$23
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<b>1-Day Fishing Permit</b>	Valid until midnight of the date specified.	\$18
	<b>Each Consecutive Day Added to a 1-Day Permit</b>	\$7

## NEVADA SPECIAL FISHING PERMIT

LICENSE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE
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A person who does not maintain his or her principal and permanent residence in Nevada but who is attending an institution of higher learning in this State as a full-time student is eligible for a resident license, tag or permit if, during the 6 months next preceding the person's application to the Department for a license, tag or permit, the person: (a) Was physically present in Nevada, except for temporary trips outside of the State; and (b) Did not purchase or apply for any hunting, fishing or trapping privilege or entitlement conditional upon residency from another state, country or province.

A resident license, tag or permit issued by this State is void if the person to whom it was issued establishes or maintains his or her principal and permanent residence in and obtains any hunting, fishing or trapping privilege or entitlement conditional on residency from another state, country or province.

Principal and permanent residence means a place where a person is legally domiciled and maintains a permanent habitation in which the person lives and to which the person intends to return when he or she leaves the state in which the permanent habitation is located. The term does not include merely owning a residence in a state. (NRS 502.015)

### SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Laws regarding child support mandate that any person who is required by federal law to have a social security number must provide the number to obtain a business, occupational or recreational license. Federal Law - Public Law 104 - 193; Nevada Statute - NRS 502.063, 503.5833, 504.390.



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Gallagher Fish Hatchery staff teaching about the life cycle of a trout at the Angel Lake Kids Fishing Derby.

# ANGLING 101: EVERYONE'S FAVORITE CLASS

## ANGLER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Did you know Nevada Department of Wildlife administers an entire program solely dedicated to educating the public about fishing techniques and opportunities? NDOW's Conservation Education Division works to promote educational programs, services, and recreational opportunities, and one of those very important programs is the Angler Education Program. Run by a team of staff and volunteers statewide, the Angler Education Program delivers a variety of fishing related classes and activities to the public throughout the year. From kayak fishing clinics on Lake Mead, to fly fishing clinics in Reno, and ice fishing clinics in the northeast, we've got it covered.

Though fishing is a beloved hobby to many, it can also become an intimidating and expensive one! The Angler Education Program helps to mitigate those obstacles. Let's say you want to try fly fishing for the

first time. You walk into the sporting goods store and next thing you know you're a couple of hundred dollars deep in brand new gear that you're not sure how to use. Now, imagine you sign up for one of NDOW's Introduction to Fly Fishing classes. There's no class fee, all equipment is provided, and, perhaps most importantly, it is taught by skilled mentors who are eager to share all their tips and tricks with you. Better yet, you get to experiment with the sport before fully committing to it. If the latter sounds like the better option to you, check out our website!

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**ESSENTIAL VOLUNTEERS**

So, how do we manage to run Angler Education events all over the state? NDOW's staff Angler Education Coordinators are joined by a passionate crew of volunteers. Many of our programs would be impossible to run without the unwavering support of our Angler Education Volunteer Instructors. Volunteer Instructors assist NDOW's Angler Education Coordinators with the implementation and instruction of a wide variety of programs. Some volunteers are fly-fishing gurus, some are bass fishing fanatics, and others like a little bit of everything as long as they are enjoying the great outdoors.

Why volunteer to help others learn to fish, when you could very well go fishing on your own in that same time? Well, have you ever witnessed the pride that radiates from a 5-year-old catching their first fish? That's a common occurrence at the annual Free Fishing Day and derby events, and it never gets old. How about watching the nerves and uncertainty fade as a family encourages each other to step into waders, float tubes, or kayaks for the first time? We see confidence on or in the water skyrocket during our clinics. Of course, we can't forget the look of pure satisfaction when an angler lands their first fish on a fly rod, especially on a fly they learned to tie themselves at one our fly-tying classes! All these reasons, plus many more, are why our volunteers are committed to this program. They experience the joy of sharing their passion for angling with others, and watch it ripple through the community time and time again. If the fulfillment from these experiences wasn't already valuable enough, it is also important to note that all volunteer service provides the Department with federal in-kind match dollars that are used to fund the program. Volunteer hours and miles are awarded a specific dollar amount that are then matched 3:1 by the federal government. The match quickly adds up, allowing for the proliferation of Angler Education programming statewide. We need more volunteers, like you, to join the team and help make more memories on the water! If this sounds like the right fit for you, contact your regional volunteer coordinator –



Fisheries Biologist CJ Ellingwood assisting anglers at the Ice Fishing Clinic at Wildhorse Reservoir.

**TEAMWORK WITH FISHERIES**

In addition to the Angler Education Coordinators and the Angler Education Volunteer Instructors, we have a third essential player on our team, and that's the Fisheries Division. The Fisheries Division coordinates closely with Conservation Education Division staff to ensure fish stockings from Mason Valley and Gallagher Hatcheries occur in a timely manner to provide kids and other anglers the best opportunity to catch fish on Free Fishing Day and at other big events across the state. Angler Education events also allow for local Fisheries Biologists to share their knowledge and experience with managing various fisheries with participating anglers. Eastern Region Fisheries Supervisor Cody Byrne explained, "Introducing and recruiting new anglers is a critical piece to supporting our Sport Fish Restoration program, which provides angling opportunities around the state. NDOW's sport fish management is largely funded through the sale of fishing licenses and excise taxes on fishing equipment that is allocated to the state annually." With this funding model in place, the Angler Education Program serves not only to educate and provide angling opportunities, but also secure the future of both!

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SR Angler Education Coordinator Abbey Czarnecki instructing an Intro to Kayak Fishing class at Lake Mead.



SR Volunteer Instructor Jun Sensano instructing spincast lessons at the Clark County Fair

## WHAT'S NEW IN 2024? A LOT!

This year, the Fisheries Division underwent a thorough review of statewide regulations with the intent of simplifying regulations throughout the State by eliminating ineffective regulations, reducing the number of special regulation waters, and providing more consistent, simplified angling regulations.

As a result, numerous regulation changes that were proposed by the Fisheries Division and accepted by the Board of Wildlife Commission will come into effect on January 1, 2024. A summary of most changes is listed below. All changes in the General and Regional regulation sections throughout this book are marked in blue, bold italics.

### STATEWIDE CHANGES

**Possession limits** will be implemented for all waters statewide including general regulation waters and special regulation waters. The possession limit will be 2 times the daily limit of the water being fished.

**More simplified regional general fishing regulations.** Each Region (Eastern, Southern, Western) will have one general regulation for all counties within their respective Regions.

### EASTERN REGION CHANGES

**Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge (Elko/White Pine Counties):** The daily limit on trout increased from 3 trout to 5 trout.

**Willow Creek Reservoir and Wilson Sink Reservoir (Elko County):** The size limit for bass has been removed and both reservoirs now fall under Eastern Region General Regulations.

Several daily limit changes were made as part of the effort to simplify general regulations and reduce the number of special regulation waters.

### SOUTHERN REGION CHANGES

Eliminate the seasonal closure on black bass at **Eagle Valley Reservoir (Lincoln County)**.

Allow for unlimited possession of bullheads at **Nesbitt Lake (Lincoln County)** and all waters on the **Kirch WMA, including Tule and Dacey reservoirs (Nye County)**.

### WESTERN REGION CHANGES

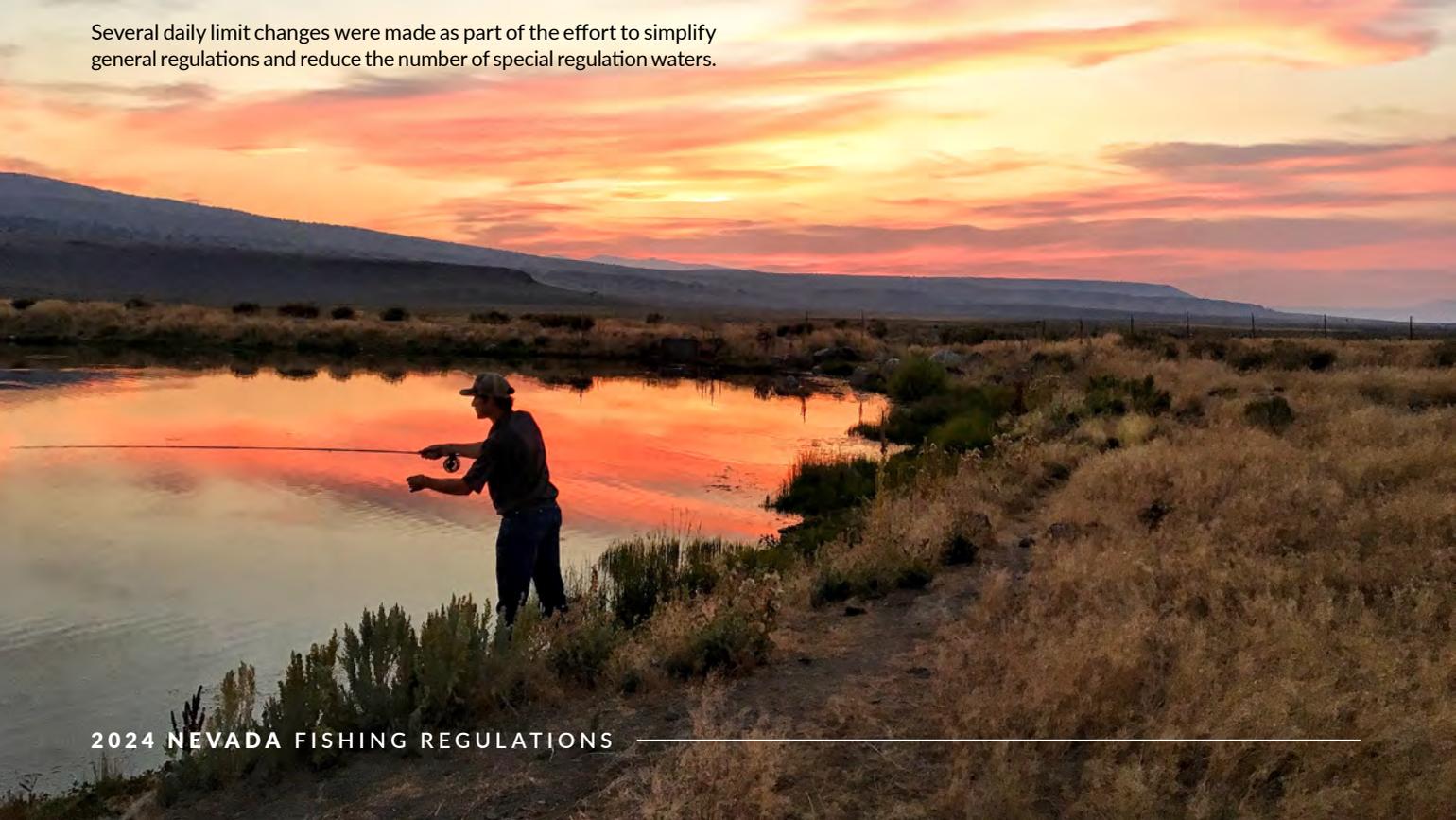
Seasonal closures have been eliminated on **Big Springs Reservoir, Onion Valley Reservoir, Blue Lakes (Humboldt County)** and **Catnip Reservoir (Washoe County)** making them all open year around.

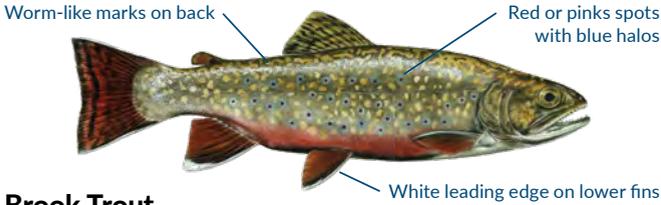
**Knott Creek Reservoir (Humboldt County):** Eliminate the seasonal closure and size restriction for trout on Knott Creek Reservoir (Humboldt County).

Two new urban ponds have been added. **Mountain View Park Pond (Douglas County)** and **Battle Born Pond (Washoe County)** have limits consistent with all other urban ponds (3 game fish daily).

**Hobart Reservoir (Washoe County):** The season has been extended until October 31, the size restriction has been removed and the daily limit on the number of tiger trout has been reduced to 2.

**Twelvemile Creek (Washoe County):** The daily limit of trout was reduced to 2 in order to be consistent with Oregon fishing regulations.





**Brook Trout**

*(Salvelinus fontinalis)*

They have light spots on a dark background. 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 leading 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.



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**Cutthroat Trout (Stream and Lake)**

*(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.

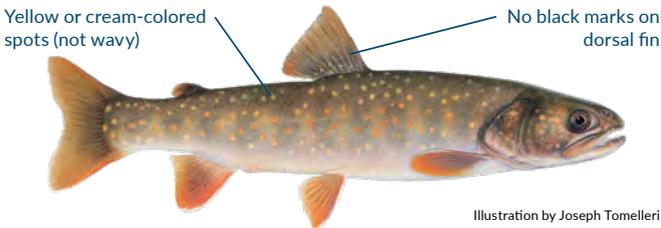
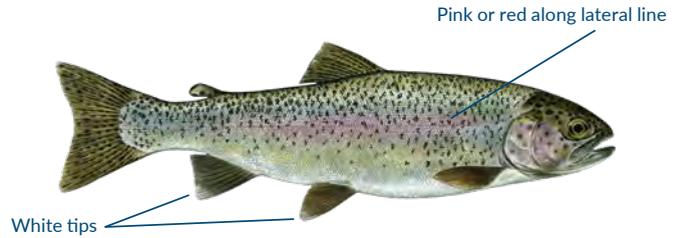


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**Bull Trout**

*(Salvelinus confluentus)*

They have light spots on a dark background. Back has pale yellow spots and sides with orange or red spots; pectoral, pelvic, and anal fins have white edges. Distinguished from Brook Trout by lack of worm-like markings on back. 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.



**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/freckled 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.



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**Tiger Trout**

*(Salmo trutta x Salvelinus fontinalis)*

A Tiger Trout is a hybrid of a Brown Trout and Brook Trout. It has pronounced, light-colored vermiculations (worm-like markings) all over a brownish-gray body that resembles the stripes of a tiger. The belly is yellowish-orange as are the pectoral, pelvic and anal fins. The tail is not deeply forked.

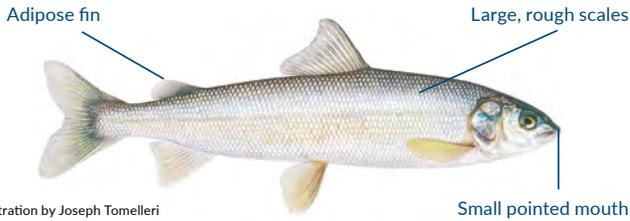


**Lake Trout Or Mackinaw**

*(Salvelinus namaycush)*

Light colored spots on a dark background. Dark gray or gray-green above, belly light gray or white. Currently found in Lake Tahoe, Nevada-California, and Liberty and Echo Lakes in Elko County.

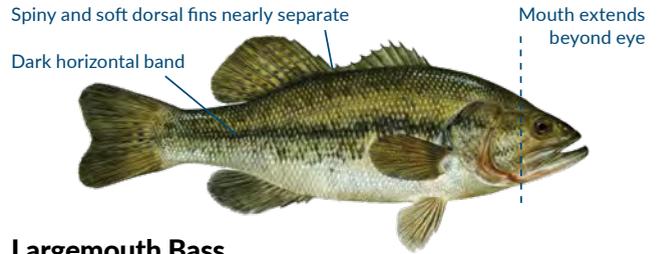
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**Mountain Whitefish**

(*Prosopium williamsoni*)

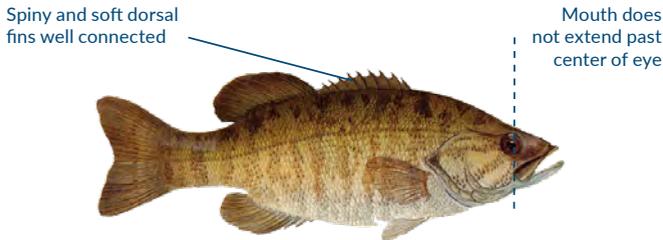
Back and fins are light brown or gold and the sides and belly are silver and white. There are no spots. Tail deeply forked and body is deep and round. Mouth small with no teeth. Large fleshy adipose fin.



**Largemouth Bass**

(*Micropterus salmoides*)

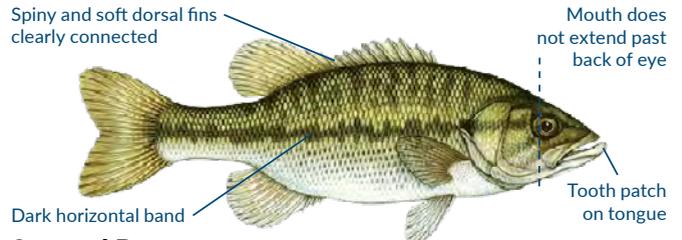
Dark green on back and sides, silvery below. Belly is greenish-white. A broad dark band on the sides a broad, dark horizontal band extends along the lateral line on each side. The spiny and soft-rayed parts of the dorsal fin are nearly separated from the soft rays by a deep notch. Upper jaw when closed extends at least to the rear edge of the eye in adults, usually beyond.



**Smallmouth Bass**

(*Micropterus dolomieu*)

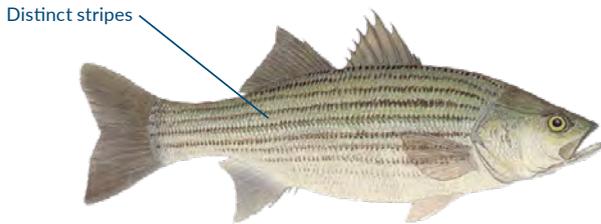
Dark olive to brown on back, sides bronze, belly white. Dark vertical bands on sides and dark brown horizontal bars on the head. Eyes reddish. The spiny and soft-rayed parts of the dorsal fin are continuous, not separate. Upper jaw when closed does not extend beyond the rear edge of the eye.



**Spotted Bass**

(*Micropterus punctulatus*)

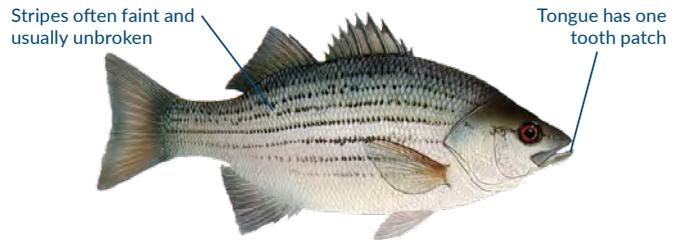
Green to dark green on back and sides with a white belly. Rows of spots along the lower sides below the dark lateral stripe. Dorsal fins are connected and not separated into two distinct fins. Upper jaw extends to the back of the eye, but not beyond the eye as in the largemouth bass.



**Striped Bass**

(*Morone saxatilis*)

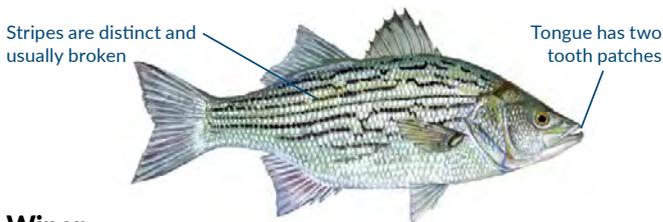
Body olive-green above, shading from silvery on sides to white on belly with brassy reflection. There are 7 to 8 longitudinal dark stripes following the scale rows. The tail is forked and the body is cylindrical in shape. Occasionally exceeds 50 pounds. Found in Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and Colorado River.



**White Bass**

(*Morone chrysops*)

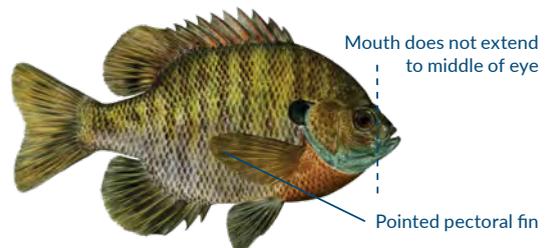
Dark gray to black on the back, with bright silvery sides and white belly. The sides have dark stripes or lines (about 5 are above the lateral line). Body strongly compressed from side to side, forehead is dished and snout is slightly turned up. Seldom exceeds 3 pounds. Found only in the Northern NV waters.



**Wiper**

(*Morone chrysops* x *M. saxatilis*)

A wiper is a sterile hybrid of a white bass and striped bass. Identification can be difficult, particularly for young fish. In adult fish, the hybrid has a deep body and an arched back similar to the white bass. A mid-body break in line pattern occasionally occurs. Occasionally exceeds 10 pounds. Found only in northern Nevada waters.

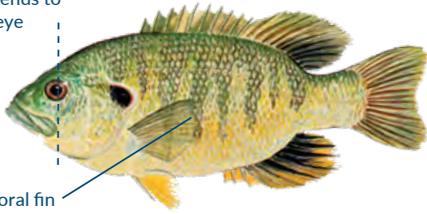


**Bluegill**

(*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. The mouth is small and when closed, barely reaches the front of the eye. Distinguished from Green Sunfish by small mouth not extending to middle of eye.

Mouth extends to middle of eye



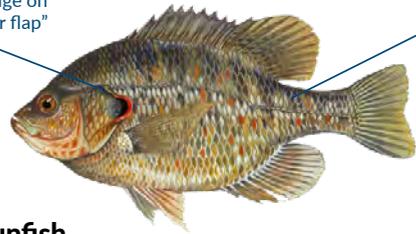
Rounded pectoral fin

**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. Distinguished from Bluegill by larger mouth with jaw extending to middle of eye.

Red/orange edge on operculum "ear flap"



Spotted body

**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.

Dished forehead

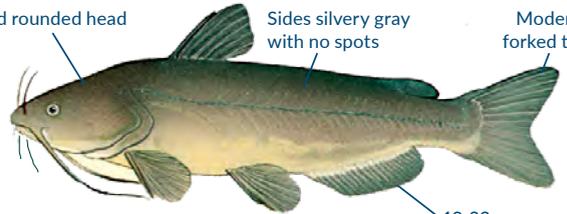


**Crappie**

(*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. Nevada has black and white crappie. Black crappie have irregular black splotches; white crappie have vertical bars.

Broad rounded head



Sides silvery gray with no spots

Moderately forked tail fin

19-23 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 the Humboldt River with channel catfish.

Sides often spotted, especially in juveniles

Deeply forked tail fin



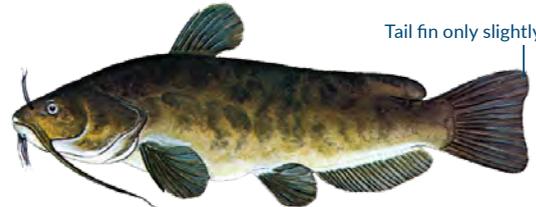
24-29 rays

**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.

Tail fin only slightly forked



**Bullhead**

(*Ameiurus*)

No scales. 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. Rarely exceeds 12 inches

Large, sharp teeth



Large eye pearlescent or silvery eye

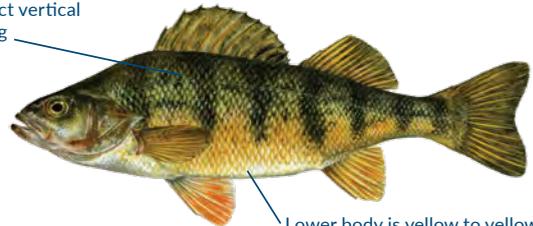
White tips

**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. Found only in northern Nevada reservoirs.

Distinct vertical barring



Lower body is yellow to yellow-orange

**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. Found only in northern Nevada waters.

# CENTRAL NEVADA'S HIDDEN FISHING TREASURES

By Doug Nielsen

The Silver State is well known for its popular interstate waters and the fishing opportunities they provide. Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, and Lake Tahoe attract anglers from around the world who long to battle with freshwater Striped Bass, Smallmouth Bass, or Lake Trout.

Often overlooked, are the fishing treasures hidden away in some of Nevada's remote and rugged mountain ranges. Three of those are the Toiyabe, Toquima and Monitor ranges which all run in a north/south direction between U.S. Highways 6 and 50 north and east of Tonopah.

If you are an angler looking for a fishing experience resembling something from a Hollywood fly-fishing movie, you won't find it here. However, if you are an angler looking for a solitary experience in a wild country away from the bustle and noise of urban environs, this is the place.

Here anglers will find small, and often tree-lined streams cascading down narrow canyons marked by craggy cliffs and sometimes the remnants of pioneer cabins. Originating from high ridges, many of these streams provide anglers with excellent trout fishing opportunities on public lands. Due to the size of their environment, the fish tend to be on the small side, but that does not mean anglers won't pull out a lunker now and again.

Though some of the streams in these ranges may provide an opportunity to use a back cast, chances are a fisherman won't need to. Due to their small size, and the vegetation that lines them, a "dapping" technique is probably all one needs to fool a hungry trout.

"Dapping" is one of the oldest fishing techniques, but it should not be overlooked. It is a rather simple technique in which an angler simply dances their bait on the water's surface. A grasshopper pattern, or even the real thing, danced lightly on the surface can generate some ferocious hits from the fish in these streams.

Red worms – the small kind – or small spinners like a Panther Martin or a Mepp's can also be productive in skinny water. If you forget to bring worms, do not worry. They can often be found under a dry cow patty.

Neither of these techniques require a special or expensive fishing rod. A basic rod-n-reel combo will work but try to use something on the light side; four-pound test monofilament should serve you



well. Anything heavier is unnecessary and could scare a wary fish, and the fish in these small streams will be wary of anything that comes from above them.

Since predators come from above, any movement or shadow will send them into cover. Use the sun and the vegetation to your advantage. Approach a likely-looking spot as quietly as possible and from a direction that prevents your shadow from crossing the water's surface. Crawling may sometimes be required.

A good pair of polarized sunglasses will help an angler see fish lying on the bottom or in the shadows. They are an essential tool rather than a simple luxury.

Before loading up their gear and pointing their vehicle toward the Toiyabes or any other fishing destination, anglers may want to consult FishNV, NDOW's online webtool that will help in the trip planning process. All one has to do is type FishNV into the search bar in their internet browser and it will come up. The actual website URL is <https://fish.wildlifenv.com>.

Once an angler clicks into the app, they can begin searching for all of Nevada's 533 fishable waters and 32 game fish species. One can search by species, water type, by county, or by NDOW administrative region.

One of the easiest ways to find the fishable streams in the Toiyabes, Toquimas, or the Monitors is to put the cursor in central Nevada and roll your mouse. The streams will be designated in blue. Just click on the blue line and you will find the name and location of that water. Not to mention the trout species that can be found there.

The upper Reese River, for instance, begins in the Arc Dome Wilderness at the Southern end of the Toiyabe Range and holds Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Brown Trout. A little digital scouting ahead of time can save travel time at the fishing end.



Please reference QR code on page 16 for fishNV



# REGIONAL FISH STOCKING SCHEDULE

## Species Abbreviations

- BC..... Rainbow Trout/Cutthroat Trout Hybrid  
 BN..... Brown Trout  
 CC..... Channel Catfish  
 LCT ..... Lahontan Cutthroat Trout  
 RB..... Rainbow Trout  
 TT..... Tiger Trout  
 TRB..... Triplod 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
<b>ELKO COUNTY</b>		
Angel Lake	RB	June, July, September
	TT	June, July
Carlin Pond	RB	April, May, October
Cow Creek Reservoir	RB	May
Doresy Reservoir	RB	April, May, June
Dry Creek Reservoir	RB	April, May, June
Jakes Creek Reservoir	RB	March, April, October
Jiggs Reservoir	RB	March, April, October
Lamolle Creek	LCT	June, July
	LCT	August
Ruby High Lakes	TT	August
	BN	May
Ruby Lake NWR - Collection Ditch	RB	March, October
	TT	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
	TT	March

## CLARK COUNTY (CONTINUED)

Lorenzi Park Pond	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	Late spring
Mesquite Park Pond	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	Late spring
Sunset Park Pond	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	Late spring

## 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, October
	TT	May
Echo Canyon Reservoir	RB	February, March, October

## NYE COUNTY

Adams- McGill Reservoir	RB	March
Barley Creek	RB	June
Beatty Urban Pond	RB	November, December, January, February
Cold Springs Reservoir	RB	March, October

## HUMBOLDT COUNTY (CONTINUED)

James Kinney Pond	BN	May, June
	TRB	March, April, May, June, July, September, October
	TT	June
	CC	May or June
Knott Creek Resv.	BC	September
	BN	September
	TRB	June
	TT	September
Onion Valley Resv.	BC	June
	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
	RB	April, May, June
Derby Canal	BN	May
	RB	May, June, October
Desert Creek	TT	June
	RB	February, March
	CC	May or June
E. Walker River	BN	May
	RB	April, May, June, October
W. Walker River	BN	May
	RB	April, May, June, September, October
Hinkson Slough	BC	October, November
	RB	February, September, October
	TRB	June
Mountain View Park Pond	RB	March, April, May
	RB	February
North Pond	CC	May or June

## MINERAL COUNTY

Rose Creek Reservoir	TT	June
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## PERSHING COUNTY

Buena Vista Creek	TRB	April, May, June
	BN	April, May, June
Coyote Creek	TRB	April, May, June
	RB	March, October
Rye Patch Reservoir	CC	May or June
	WI	May or June
	TRB	April, May, June
Streams and Ponds	TRB	April, May, June

STOREY COUNTY		
American Flat Creek	RB	April

WASHOE COUNTY		
Battle Born Pond	RB	March, April, September, October
Boulder Reservoir	RB	April, May, October
Catnip Reservoir	LCT	June
Davis Creek Park	RB	March, April, May, September
Hobart Reservoir	RB	June
	TT	June
Lake Tahoe	LCT	June, July, August
Marilyn's Pond	RB	April, May, June, July, August, September
Marlette Lake	RB	June, October
Paradise Pond	RB	March, April, May, September
	CC	May or June
Rancho San Rafael	RB	April
	BN	March, April
Sparks Marina	RB	March, April, May, September, October
	CC	May or June
	BC	September
	BN	June
Squaw Valley Reservoir	RB	March, April, October
	CC	May or June
	LCT	May, June, July
Truckee River	TRB	June, July, August, September
	BC	October
	RB	October
	CC	May or June
	BC	September
	TRB	April, May
	CC	May or June
Wilson Commons	RB	March, April, May, June, September
Streams and Ponds	RB	May, June



Dacey Reservoir	RB	October
Haymeadow Reservoir	RB	March, October
Pine Creek	RB	June
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, September, October

CHURCHILL COUNTY		
Lahontan Reservoir	WI	May or June
Liberty Pond	RB	March, April, May, October
	CC	May or June

DOUGLAS COUNTY		
East Carson River	BN	April, June
	RB	March, June, July
	RB	July, August
Lake Tahoe	TRB	May, June, July, August
	LCT	May, June, July, August
Lampe Park	RB	May
Martin Slough Ponds	RB	April, May, October
Mitch Pond	RB	March, April, May, June, September, October
	CC	May or June
Mountain View Pond	RB	April, May, June, September, October
	RB	March, April, May, September, October
	CC	May or June
	BC	September
	TT	June
	BC	October
	TRB	October
	TT	June
Topaz Canal	BN	June
Upper East Carson River	RB	April, May, June, June, September

HUMBOLDT COUNTY		
Blue Lakes	BC	August, September
	TRB	August, September
	TT	August, September
	CC	May or June
	WI	May or June

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

WHITE PINE COUNTY		
Cave Lake	RB	April, May, August, September, October
Cleve Creek	RB	May, June
	RB	April
Cold Creek Reservoir	TT	October
	BN	October
Comins Lake	RB	April, May, September, October
	TT	June
Illipan 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	Late spring
Cold Creek Pond	RB	March, April, October
Floyd Lamb Park Ponds (Tule Pond)	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	Late spring

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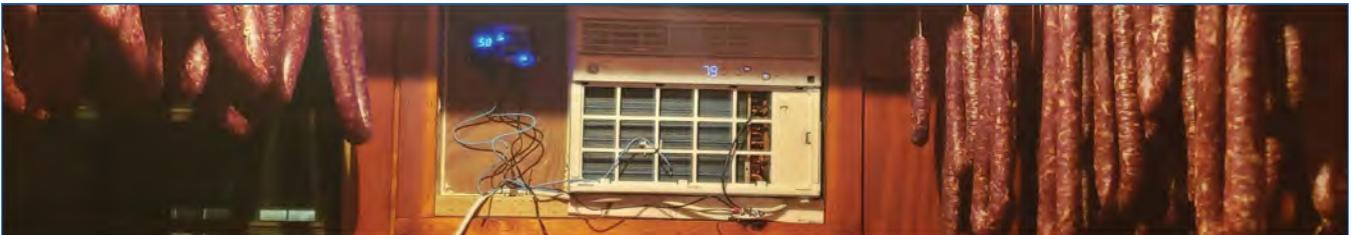
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# GENERAL STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

Fishing regulations are effective Jan. 1, 2024 - Dec. 31, 2024.

All Regulations are applicable to CR 23-15.

## 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)

## DAILY LIMIT

"Daily Limit" means the maximum number of game fish that may be lawfully taken and reduced to possession by a person in one day. The daily limit applies across all water bodies. You cannot take a daily limit of fish from one body of water then move to another body of water to take another limit of the same species there. However, if the daily limit of a specific species is higher in a particular body of water (for example, 1 fish per day in one body of water and 5 fish per day of the same species in another) you can take your 1 fish limit from the body of water where the limit is 1 and move to the body of water with the higher daily limit of 5 and take an additional 4 from there which would give you your daily limit of 5.

As another example, if you go to a local urban pond (daily limit is 3 game fish) and catch your limit of 3 fish in the morning, you cannot take those fish home to your freezer and then visit another urban pond which has the same 3 game fish limit in the afternoon to harvest additional fish.

Fish that are caught and immediately released back to the water alive are not considered to be reduced to possession or part of the daily limit.

## POSSESSION LIMIT

**New in 2024! Nevada has implemented a "Possession Limit" which allows anglers to keep two times the daily limit for the water in which the fish were caught.**

The "Possession Limit" is two times the daily limit for the water in which the fish are caught. Possession limits apply to the specific body of water you're fishing. For example,

- **Day 1** - An angler is fishing Knott Creek Reservoir (daily limit 1) and harvests their 1 trout. They can then move to Onion Reservoir (daily limit 5) later in the day and harvest 4 more trout.
- **Day 2** - The angler again fishes Knott Creek Reservoir and harvests 1 trout, they have now met their Possession Limit for Knott Creek Reservoir and can no longer fish the water until they have eaten at least 1 fish. The angler moves to Onion Reservoir and harvests an additional 4 trout to reach the total allowed daily limit of 5 for a second consecutive day.
- **Day 3** - The angler fishes Onion Reservoir for a third day and harvests 2 more trout and has now harvested 10 total over 3 days to reach their Possession Limit for Onion Reservoir. Their total harvest and take is 12 trout reduced to possession in their cooler (10 from Onion and 2 from Knott). They can no longer fish Knott Creek Reservoir or Onion Reservoir until they have eaten or given away to a licensed angler at least one fish.

A person shall not reduce game fish to possession if he already has the number of that fish in possession which equals or exceeds the possession limit of the water being fished. A daily/possession limit includes fish caught in Nevada which have been processed or preserved and are stored at any location.

General limits are listed by region in the regional regulations beginning on page 26. Exceptions to general limits are included as "special regulations" and are listed by individual water.

## 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)



Total Length

## SEASONS AND HOURS

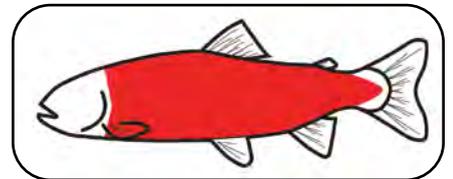
Unless otherwise noted under Region Special Regulations, the season is open year around and fishing hours are any time of the day or night. Where specified, "open season" includes the first and last day designated. (Refer to NRS 501.065)

## "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) as shown below (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 (Except as noted under Spearfishing / Bowfishing" and "Unprotected Fish"). 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. No more than two lines may be used. Refer to pg. 32 for further tackle restrictions for Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River.

## 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.

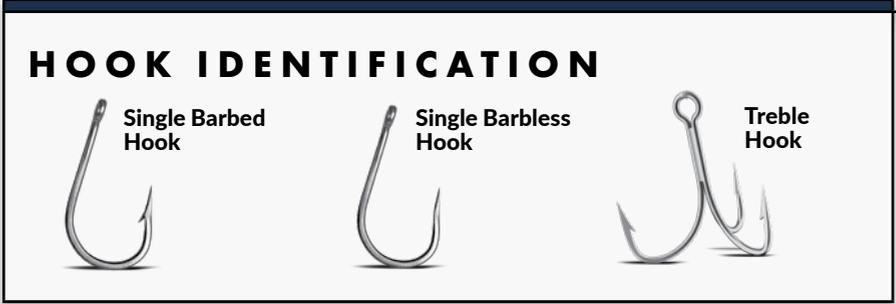
Any bait obtained from a licensed dealer of live bait fish must be accompanied by a current dated receipt by that dealer. See page 24 for regulations for bait fishing by region.

## 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 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.**

\* Please consult the online fishing regulations book at [NDOW.org](http://NDOW.org) regarding tackle restriction changes to this water expected in January 2024.

## 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)

## 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 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

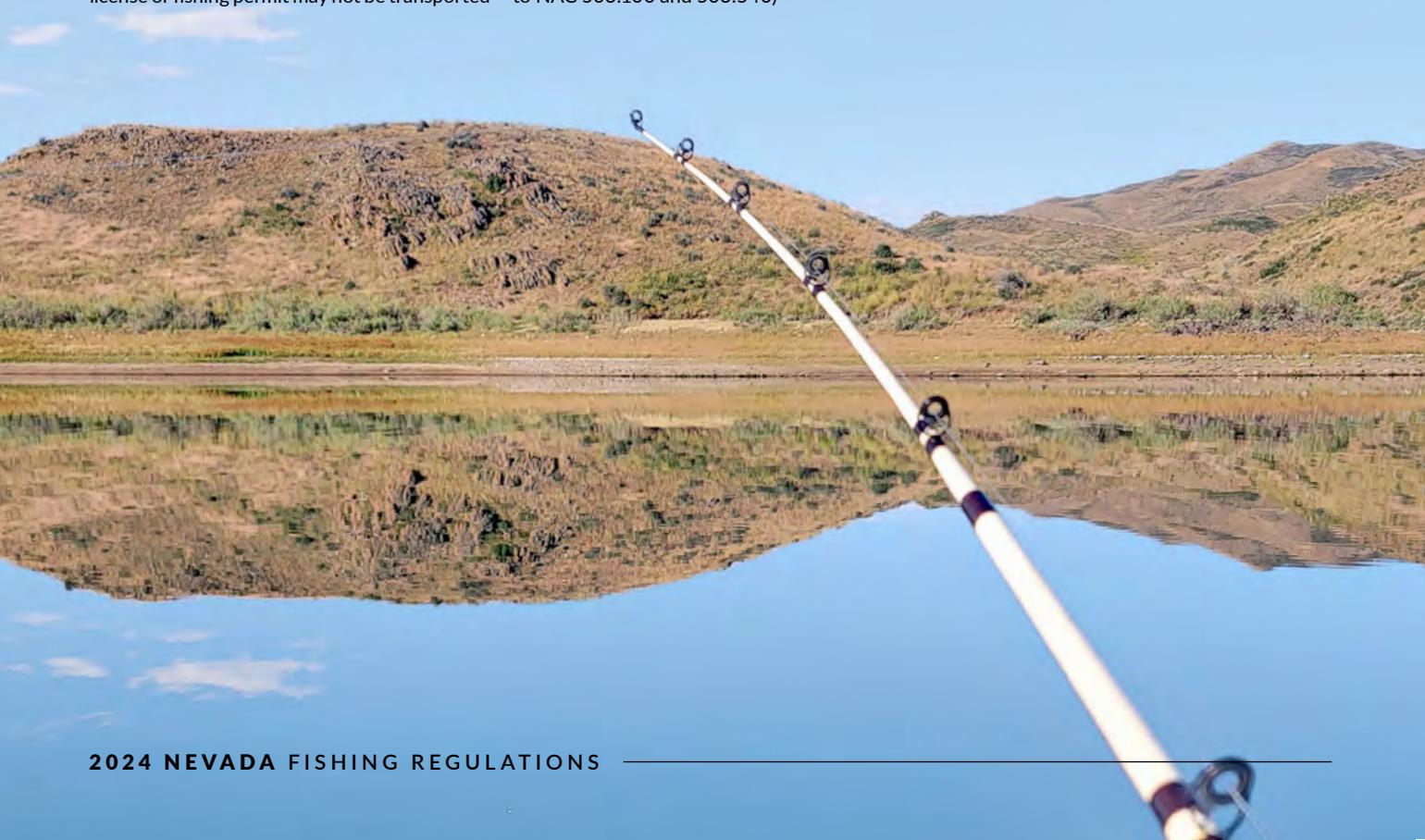
Coldwater game fish are: Bonneville cutthroat trout, Lahontan cutthroat trout, Yellowstone cutthroat trout, Kokanee salmon, brook trout, brown trout, bull trout, lake trout (Mackinaw), rainbow trout, redband trout, mountain whitefish and any hybrid thereof. (Refer to NAC 503.060)

## 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.



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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](http://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 488.536) includes in-state and out-of-state motorized watercraft as well as most non-motorized watercraft including paddle-craft, canoes and kayaks. Watercraft that are capable of retaining water are required to display the decal.



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# 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)

## LÍMITE DIARIO

"Límite diario" significa el número máximo de peces de caza que pueden ser capturados legalmente y reducidos a posesión por una persona en un día. El límite diario se aplica a todos los cuerpos de agua. No se puede tomar un límite diario de peces de un cuerpo de agua y luego trasladarse a otro cuerpo de agua para tomar otro límite de la misma especie allí. Sin embargo, si el límite diario de una especie específica es más alto en un

cuerpo de agua en particular (por ejemplo, 1 pez por día en un cuerpo de agua y 5 peces por día de la misma especie en otro), puede tomar su límite de 1 pez del cuerpo de agua donde el límite es 1 y pasar al cuerpo de agua con el límite diario más alto de 5 y tomar 4 adicionales a partir de ahí, lo que le daría su límite diario de 5.

Como otro ejemplo, si va a un estanque urbano local (el límite diario es de 3 peces de caza) y pesca su límite de 3 peces por la mañana, no se puede llevar esos peces a casa a su congelador y luego visitar otro estanque urbano que tiene el mismo límite de 3 peces de caza en la tarde para pescar peces adicionales.

Los peces que son capturados e inmediatamente liberados vivos al agua no se consideran reducidos a posesión o parte del límite diario.

## LÍMITE DE POSESIÓN

**¡Nuevo en 2024! Nevada ha implementado un "Límite de Posesión" que permite a los pescadores mantener dos veces el límite diario para el agua en la que se capturaron los peces.**

El "Límite de Posesión" es dos veces el límite diario para el agua en la que se capturan los peces. **Los límites de posesión se aplican al cuerpo de agua específico que está pescando.** Por ejemplo,

**Día 1** - Un pescador está pescando Knott Creek Reservoir (límite diario 1) y pesca su 1 trucha. Luego pueden trasladarse al Onion Reservoir (límite diario 5) más tarde en el día y pescar 4 truchas más.

**Día 2** - El pescador vuelve a pescar en el Knott Creek Reservoir y pesca 1 trucha, ahora ha cumplido con su límite de posesión para el embalse de Knott Creek Reservoir y ya no puede pescar en el agua hasta que haya comido al menos 1 pez. El pescador se traslada a Onion Reservoir y pesca 4 truchas adicionales para alcanzar el límite diario total permitido de 5 por segundo día consecutivo.

**Día 3** - El pescador pesca el Onion Reservoir por tercer día y cosecha 2 truchas más y ahora ha cosechado 10 en total durante 3 días para alcanzar su límite de posesión para el Onion Reservoir. Su pesca total y toma es de 12 truchas reducidas a posesión en su refrigerador (10 de Onion y 2 de Knott). Ya no pueden pescar Knott Creek Reservoir o Onion Reservoir hasta que hayan comido o regalado a un pescador con licencia al menos un pez.

Una persona no reducirá el pescado de caza a posesión si ya tiene el número de ese pescado en posesión que sea igual o superior al límite de posesión del agua que se pesca. Un límite diario/de posesión incluye el pescado capturado en Nevada que ha sido procesado o conservado y se almacena en cualquier lugar.

Los límites generales se enumeran por región en las regulaciones regionales que comienzan en la página 26. Las excepciones a los límites generales se incluyen como "regulaciones especiales" y se enumeran por agua individual.

## 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)

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# 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.

## EASTERN 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. (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 headline, 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 pre-



served salmon eggs and commercially prepared and preserved baitfish, is prohibited. Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken. (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 of the southern region	Capture, possession or use of baitfish whether alive or dead is prohibited. Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish and salmon eggs may be used as bait.	

## WESTERN REGION

In the waters described in the table below, 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 pre-

served salmon eggs and commercially prepared and preserved baitfish, is prohibited. Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken. (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.	
All other waters of the western region	Capture, possession or use of baitfish whether alive or dead is prohibited. Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish and salmon eggs may be used as bait.

# 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

**Comins Lake** – ADA parking and fishing pier.

## 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 dikes at Hinkson Slough, Bass Pond and North Pond provide accessible fishing areas. 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.

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# 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 DAILY LIMITS

Except as noted under “Special Regulations,” the daily limits are as follows:

**Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine Counties:**  
*The daily limit is 5 trout, 5 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.*

## POSSESSION LIMITS

The possession limit is two times the daily limit for the water in which the fish are caught. Possession limits apply to both general and special regulation waters.

## 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.

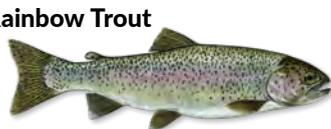
Bull trout have light colored spots scattered over a dark (olive-green color) background. The fins have no black spotting. Rainbow trout have a light colored background with a pink to red colored stripe across the side of the body. In addition, there is black spotting over the body, tail fin and dorsal 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/blog/mercury-in-fish/](http://ndow.org/blog/mercury-in-fish/).**

All Regulations are applicable to CR 23-15.

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	DAILY LIMIT
<b>EASTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS</b>		
<b>ELKO COUNTY</b>		
<b>Jarbridge River, West Fork and East Fork and its tributary streams</b>	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout and 5 <i>mountain whitefish</i> , except the possession of bull trout is prohibited.
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> All captured bull trout must be released immediately. Please report the capture of bull trout to NDOW Eastern Region Office.	
<b>Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge</b>	Year round in all areas except as posted. Refuge is open 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.	<b>From Jan 1 - June 14:</b> limit is 5 trout and 5 black bass*. <b>From June 15 - Dec 31:</b> limit is 5 trout and 10 black bass*. *Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> 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. See page 41 for boating regulations and refer to the refuge website. The Gallagher Hatchery rearing, brood and spring ponds, and Cave Creek on the west side of the County Road are closed to fishing.	
<b>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</b>	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.
<b>South Fork of the Humboldt River from the Lucky Nugget Subdivision causeway upstream to Lee</b>	Year round; any hour of the day or night	1 trout
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	
<b>Wildhorse Reservoir and all inlet and outlet streams including Penrod Creek up to the bridge below the Gold Creek Ranger Station</b>	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).

**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.

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



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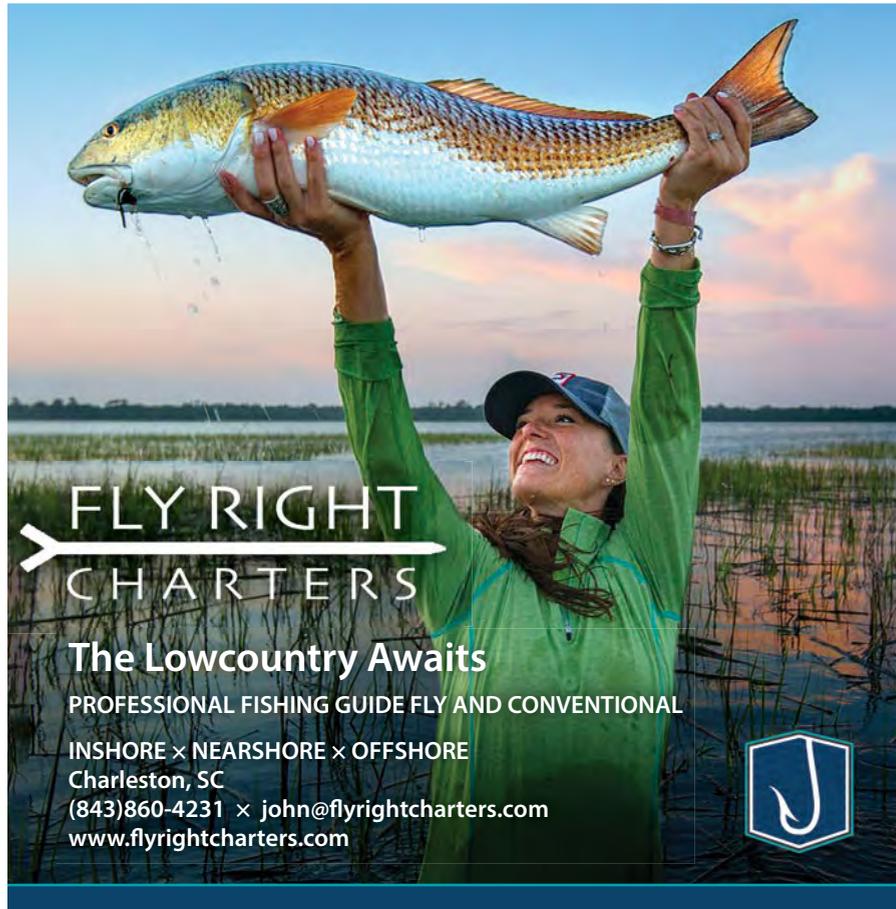
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**EASTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS (CONTINUED)**

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	DAILY LIMIT
<b>EUREKA COUNTY</b>		
Tonkin Springs Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> Artificial lures only. Stream above reservoir is closed to fishing.	
<b>EUREKA COUNTY CLOSED WATERS:</b> Tonkin Springs Creek (Denay Creek) from origin to its confluence with Tonkin Springs Reservoir.		
<b>LANDER COUNTY</b>		
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).
<b>WHITE PINE COUNTY</b>		
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).
	<b>Health Advisory:</b> 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. <b>Note:</b> If caught, please release tagged northern pike. Tags are located near the dorsal fin.	
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: <b>5 trout</b> and 5 black bass*. From June 15 through Dec. 31: <b>5 trout</b> and 10 black bass*. *Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> 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. See page 41 for boating regulations and refer to the refuge website. The Gallagher Hatchery rearing, brood and spring ponds, and Cave Creek on the west side of the County Road are closed to fishing.	
Snake Range High Lakes	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	Catch and Release Only
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	

**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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# PUT THE BUCKET DOWN!

On the list of terrible ideas, you know, the ever-growing list of really bad ideas that includes things like New Coke, the pet rock and parachute pants, bucket biology has got to be right near the top of all-time bonehead ideas. A bucket biologist, for those of you who don't know, is a member of the public who decides to introduce a new fish species to a body of water because they think it would be fun to fish that species in the lake or reservoir closest to their house. They'll go to a lake that has their favorite species of fish, catch a few and put them in a cooler or bucket, and then transport them back to their lake of choice and release them. They have no training or education in fisheries management, they just think it would be fun to fish for their favorite fish close to home, and in doing so often damage or destroy a thriving fishery that costs millions of dollars of damage.

"Bucket biology is a swear word among fisheries biologists," said Kevin Netcher, Aquatic Invasive Species biologist for the Nevada Department of Wildlife. "An average person has no idea the amount of damage introducing a new species can do to a healthy fish population in a lake or reservoir. These new species can outcompete the existing fish population, which causes those populations to crash. What had taken decades to create a healthy thriving fishery, can be decimated in a matter of a few years."

Netcher points to Comins Lake as a perfect example of what can go wrong when a species is introduced with no thought to the possible effects. Situated about seven miles south of Ely, Comins was a trophy water that brought anglers from all over the country in the early 2000's. However, an illegal introduction of Northern Pike destroyed the once thriving fishery almost overnight. In 2004 Comins Lake averaged about 35,000 angler use days for the year. More than 70 percent of the fishermen came from out of town, bringing more than \$2 million in revenue with them. By 2013, that had dropped to under 1,300 angler use days for the year and spent around \$73,000. In 2015, NDOW spent more than \$250,000 to remove illegally stocked northern pike that had decimated the trout fishery at Comins Lake. Fisheries biologists worked to rebuild the fishery with the introduction of trout and largemouth bass. As the lake began to recover, someone again introduced Northern Pike into the lake with similar results as before. NDOW was forced to start over once again.

"All the wasted resources in money and time, and all because someone wanted to create a fishery that they may have experienced in the Upper Midwest, that simply isn't ecologically sustainable in Nevada". It's beyond frustrating," said Netcher. "And that's just one body of water."



We've got people that don't want their pet turtle or tropical fish just dumping them into the local ponds or lakes as well, and that can be just as damaging."

Netcher states that releasing an unwanted pet (turtles, goldfish, etc.) is just as bad as introducing a new species of fish on purpose. Because these pets were raised in aquariums, most will not survive and wind up being eaten or unable to compete for resources. If the conditions are right, pets like goldfish, some reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates like

snails or crayfish can become invasive species and wind up destroying a thriving pond or lake. In some cases, it might even threaten native species that are already struggling to survive. Netcher states that there are resources available for finding a home for unwanted pets and points to [dontletitloose.com](http://dontletitloose.com) as a great starting point.

"The bottom line is releasing fish and other aquatic life is never a good idea," said Netcher. "Doing so can cause significant ecological harm and can be extremely difficult and costly to undo."

# ATTENTION ANGLERS!

## Know your catch in the Colorado River

When fishing in Lakes Mead and Mohave, and the Colorado River below Davis Dam, it is essential to be able to identify two protected species of fish you may incidentally catch.

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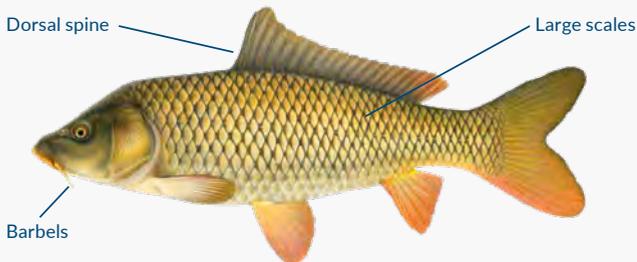
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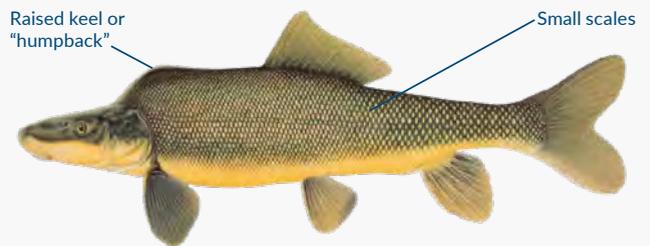
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**Common Carp**  
Unprotected Species



Occurs in all waters of the Colorado River System

**Razorback Sucker**  
Endangered Species



Occurs in all waters of the Colorado River System

# 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.

All Regulations are applicable to CR 23-15

## SOUTHERN REGION DAILY LIMITS

Except as noted under “Southern Region Special Regulations” the daily 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.

## POSSESSION LIMITS

The possession limit is two times the daily limit for the water in which the fish are caught. Possession limits apply to both general and special regulation waters.

## 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 (Refer to NAC 503.590). See below and on page 19 in General Regulations for further information.

## 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.

## SOUTHERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	DAILY LIMIT
<b>CLARK COUNTY</b>		
<b>Carpenter Canyon Creek</b>	Year round; any hour of the day or night	2 trout
<b>Clark County Urban Ponds:</b> (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
<b>Cold Creek Pond and Cold Creek</b>	Year round; any hour of the day or night	3 game fish

## SOUTHERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS (CONTINUED)

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	DAILY LIMIT
<b>CLARK COUNTY (CONTINUED)</b>		
<b>Colorado River below Davis Dam</b>	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.
<b>Special Regulations:</b> For bait restrictions see page 24.		
<b>Lake Mead</b>	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 daily limit on striped bass 20 inches total length or longer is 20 fish. *No limit on other game fish.
<b>Special Regulations:</b> For bait restrictions see page 24.		
<b>Lake Mohave</b>	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 daily limit on striped bass 20 inches total length or longer is 20 fish. No limit on other game fish.
<b>Special Regulations:</b> For bait restrictions see page 24.		
<b>Virgin River and Muddy (Moapa) River systems</b>	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

<b>Eagle Valley Reservoir and Meadow Valley Wash above the reservoir</b>	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.
<b>Echo Canyon Reservoir</b>	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.
<b>Nesbitt Lake</b> (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.	15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <b>No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession)</b>
<b>Special Regulations:</b> See boat restrictions on page 40.		
<b>Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge</b>	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

<b>Beatty Urban Pond</b>	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	3 game fish
<b>Kirch Wildlife Management Area</b>	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 and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <b>No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession).</b> You may only possess 5 black bass from April 1 - June 30.
<b>Special Regulations:</b> See boat restrictions on page 40.		
<b>Kirch Wildlife Management Area Tule Reservoir</b>	Open Aug. 16 - Feb. 14, any hour of the day or night.	5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <b>No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession).</b>
<b>Kirch Wildlife Management Area Dacey Reservoir</b>	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 and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <b>No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession).</b> Zero black bass (catch and release only) from April 1 through June 30.
<b>Special Regulation:</b> Artificial lures only, see page 19.		
<b>Upper Reese River and tributaries from the Arc Dome wilderness boundary south of the Yomba Shoshone Tribe Reservation to its headwaters</b>	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	No limit on trout
<b>Sportsman's Park Pond</b>	Year round; hours are when the park is open to public use.	3 game fish
<b>Stewart Creek from its confluence with the Reese River to its headwaters</b>	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 DAILY LIMITS

Except as noted under “Special Regulations” the daily limits are as follows:

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

## POSSESSION LIMITS

The possession limit is two times the daily limit for the water in which the fish are caught. Possession limits apply to both general and special regulation waters.

## ARTIFICIAL LURE WATERS

See page 19.

## BAIT REGULATIONS

See page 24 for regulations on the use of baitfish in the western region.

All Regulations are applicable to CR 23-15

## WESTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	DAILY LIMIT
<b>CARSON CITY</b>		
<b>Daily Fishing Pond</b>	Year round; hours are when the park is open to public use.	3 game fish.
<b>Lake Tahoe</b>	<b>Special Regulations:</b> 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	DAILY LIMIT
<b>CARSON CITY (CONTINUED)</b>		
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.

<b>CHURCHILL COUNTY</b>		
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.  <b>Health Advisory:</b> 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.  <b>Health Advisory:</b> 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.

<b>DOUGLAS COUNTY</b>		
Lake Tahoe and Tributaries	See Carson City.	
Mitch Park Pond, Lampe Parke Pond, Martin Slough Pond, Seeman Pond, Mountain View Park 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.
<b>Special Regulations:</b> 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.

<b>HUMBOLDT COUNTY</b>		
Bilk Creek Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 game fish.
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.  <b>Health Advisory:</b> 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	<i>Season is open year round;</i> any hour of the day or night.	1 trout
<b>Special Regulations:</b> Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used. Boats must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake.		

**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	DAILY LIMIT
<b>LYON COUNTY</b>		
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.
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> 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.
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> 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.
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> 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.
	<b>Note:</b> 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.
	<b>Note:</b> 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.
	<b>Health Advisory:</b> 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.
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> 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	DAILY LIMIT
<b>WASHOE COUNTY</b>		
Catnip Reservoir, tributaries and outlet stream	<i>Season open year round</i> , any hour of the day or night.	1 trout
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> 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 <b>October 31</b> ; 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset.	5 trout, <i>of which not more than 2 may be tiger trout.</i>
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> 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.
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> 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.
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> 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.	
<i>Twelvemile Creek</i>	<i>Open year round, any hour of the day or night.</i>	<b>2 trout</b>
Washoe County Urban Ponds: <i>Battle Born Pond</i> , Davis Creek Park Pond, Idlewild Ponds, Marilyn's Pond, Paradise Ponds, Rancho San Rafael Pond, Sparks Marina, Verdi Pond, Virginia Lake, and Wilson Common	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.
	<b>Special Regulations:</b> Scripps Wildlife Management Area is closed to trespass February 15 through August 15.	
	<b>Health Advisory:</b> 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.

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. For more information, go to [www.ndow.org/blog/mercury-in-fish/](http://www.ndow.org/blog/mercury-in-fish/).

**HEALTH ADVISORY**

AREA	SPECIES	ADVISORY
<b>WESTERN REGION</b>		
Carson River from Dayton to Lahontan Dam and all waters in Lahontan Valley	All fish	No consumption
Little and Big Washoe Lakes	White Bass	No consumption
Rye Patch Reservoir	Wipers and Walleye	No Consumption
	Any fish	No more than one eight-ounce meal per week
Chimney Dam Reservoir	Walleye	No consumption



# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

AREA	BODIES OF WATER	SEASON RESTRICTIONS	USE OF VESSELS	CAMPING & USE OF CAMPFIRES
<b>Bruneau River WMA</b> (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.
<b>Key Pittman WMA</b> (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.
<b>Kirch WMA</b> (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.
<b>Mason Valley WMA</b> (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.
<b>Mason Valley WMA</b> (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.
<b>Overton WMA</b> (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.
<b>Steptoe Valley WMA</b> (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 USCG approved life jacket is required by law for each person on board. Children under the age of 13-years-old must wear it. (Refer to NRS 488.193 and 488.575)

### THROWABLE FLOTATION AID

Any boat 16 feet or longer must carry a type IV throwable cushion or ring. (Refer to NAC 488.415)

### 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. (Refer to NAC 488.415)

### 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. Now required to be worn on any vessel with one while underway. (Refer to NRS 488.585)

### WATER SKI AND DIVE FLAGS

If you ski or dive you need to display the appropriate signal flag. (Refer to NRS 488.310 and NRS 488.570)

### SOUND PRODUCING DEVICE

All boats must carry a horn, whistle or other sound producing device. (Refer to USCG Rule 33)

### VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS

Though not required, signal flares and flags can attract attention if the need arises. (Refer to USCG Rule 37)

## 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](http://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](http://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 (Please consult the online fishing regulations regarding changes to this water, expected in Jan 2024.)
  - (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 in Clark County
    - (q) Jiggs Reservoir in Elko County
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 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 diving area of 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 Co-operative 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
(d) Truckee River.....	Storey, Washoe from the California-Nevada state line to the point where the river enters the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation
  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

Watercraft may only be used to go to and come from daily hunting location. No shooting from moving watercraft, unless recovering wounded birds. Waterfowl may only be taken from watercraft that are anchored in open water or immobilized in natural growth vegetation. Non-motorized boats or watercraft with electric motors are permitted on Upper Lake from February 1 through September 30. Boats and watercraft must be in compliance with all applicable state and federal rules. The refuge is closed to all watercraft from October 1 to February 1, except for waterfowl hunt purposes in the designated open waterfowl hunting zones, during open days of the waterfowl hunt season. Upper Lake is completely closed to boating from October 1 to February 1. Trailer launching of watercraft is prohibited. North Marsh is closed to all activity, including boats and other watercraft.

### Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Phone: (775) 779-2237

- **January 1 - June 14:** closed to all boating except float tubes.
- **June 15 - July 31 only:** motorless watercraft and boats with battery-powered electric motors are permitted in South Marsh. Gas motors must be removed from all boats.
- **August 1 - December 31:** motorless watercraft and boats propelled with motors 10 hp or less are permitted in the South Marsh. Please be aware that you are responsible for your own safety. Ruby Lake marsh is a maze of channels, islands, and heavy vegetation. Also, many of the channel markers are missing. Do not proceed unless you have a GPS unit and know how to use it or you are very experienced in this particular marsh. Boats on trailers may be launched only at the Main Boat Landing and Narciss Boat Landing. Canoes or cartop boats may be launched **ONLY** at the Main Boat Landing, Narciss Boat Landing, Gravel Pit Pond, and Brown Dike. Boats may be stored at the Main Boat Landing, Narciss Boat Landing, Gravel Pit Pond and Brown Dike from June 1 through December 31. Trailers may not be stored on the refuge.

### Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge

Phone: (775) 941-0199

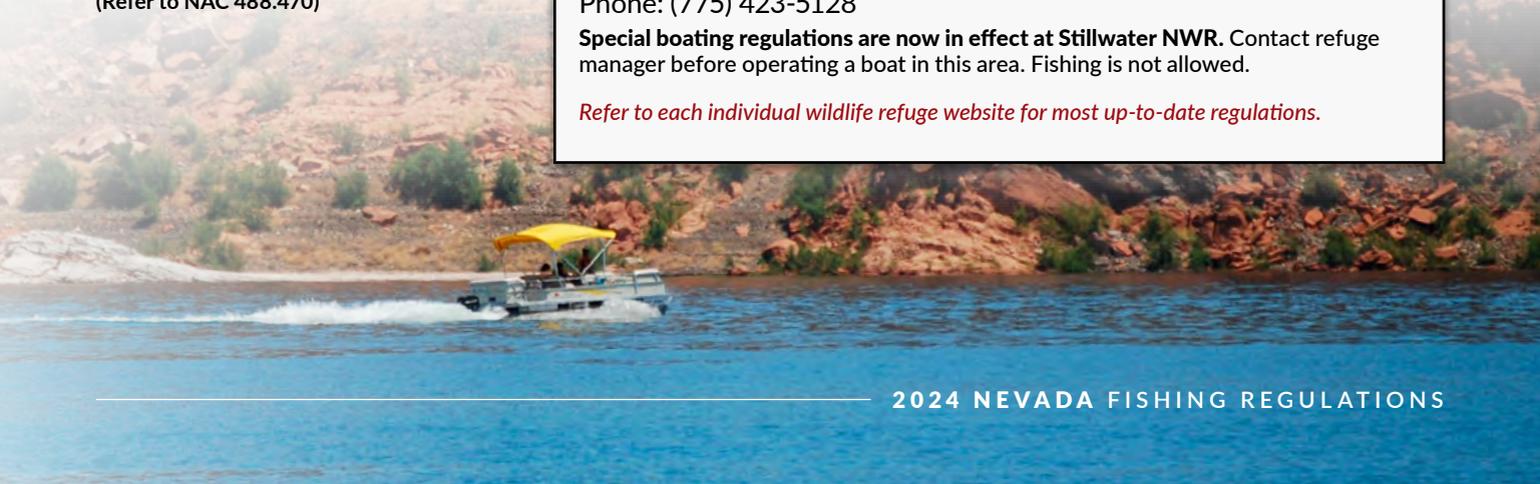
Big Springs Reservoir, Dufurrena Ponds and Catnip Reservoir: Anglers may bank fish, fish by wading, or use nonmotorized boats, boats with electric motors, float tubes and similar flotation devices only.

### 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.

*Refer to each individual wildlife refuge website for most up-to-date regulations.*



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 (Oncorhynchus clarki utah)

Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_
County where caught \_\_\_\_\_
Date caught \_\_\_\_\_



Bull Trout (Salvelinus confluentus)

Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_
County where caught \_\_\_\_\_
Date caught \_\_\_\_\_



Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi)

Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_
County where caught \_\_\_\_\_
Date caught \_\_\_\_\_



Mountain Whitefish (Prosopium williamsoni)

Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_
County where caught \_\_\_\_\_
Date caught \_\_\_\_\_



Redband Trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss gairdneri)

Water where caught \_\_\_\_\_
County where caught \_\_\_\_\_
Date caught \_\_\_\_\_



Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout (Oncorhynchus clarki bouvieri)

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 and on the agency's website and social media platforms.)
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

EMAIL ENTRIES AND PHOTOS TO:
NDOWFisheries@NDOW.org

# 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 and social media platforms.

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

**Email entries and photos to:**  
 NDOWFisheries@NDOW.org

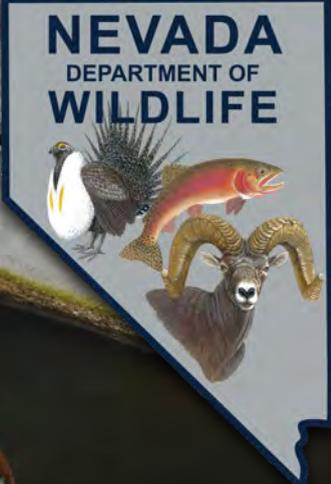
# STATE RECORD FISH OF NEVADA

SPECIES	WEIGHT		LENGTH	NAME OF WATER	NEVADA RECORD HOLDER	DATE CAUGHT	WORLD RECORD
	LBS	OZS					
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	35	3	38	Virginia Lake	Brenden Burnham	3/8/2020	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	15	9	28	Ruby Lake NWR	Joe Elegante	3/20/2011	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 2023. 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 2023 edition.

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



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# WORK AT A FISH HATCHERY

## DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR FISH AND FISHING?

**Looking for a career with opportunity to work outdoors and in a hands-on capacity in fisheries management?**

**The Nevada Department of Wildlife's Hatchery Program wants you to join our team!**

**NDOW operates two sport fish hatcheries and a rearing station in some of the most beautiful areas of the State:**

- Mason Valley Fish Hatchery near Yerington, NV
- Gallagher Fish Hatchery in Ruby Valley (Elko County)
- Spring Creek Rearing Station near Great Basin National Park (Baker, White Pine County)

Forget the commute... *Live and recreate where you work!*

**In addition to a rewarding career, the State of Nevada also offers an excellent benefits package that includes health insurance, dental insurance, a pension plan, and paid leave program.**

Additional Benefits:

- Job training and opportunities for career advancement
- CDL Training and Certification
- On-site housing accommodations

Basic Requirements for entry level job:

- Graduation from high school or equivalent education and three years of experience in maintenance or construction work; OR an equivalent combination of education and experience
- Valid driver's license

Check out the State of Nevada jobs website for current openings at <https://careers.nv.gov/> (Select "Department of Wildlife" in the "NV Department" drop down list to view current openings). Job openings are announced periodically as needed so check back regularly for new openings.



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