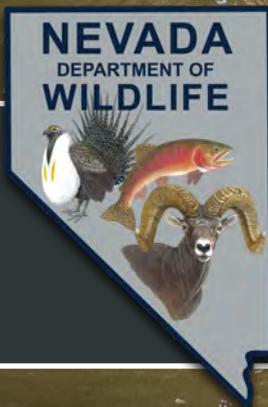


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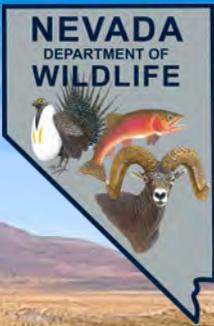
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My 3-year-old boy fishing in Elko County

Welcome to another year of fishing in Nevada! With over 800 fishable waters and 32 different game fish species, there's always an adventure waiting for you. If you're feeling especially ambitious, consider taking on the Native Fish Slam. Six native species occur throughout central and northern Nevada, Lahontan, Bonneville, and Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout, Redband Trout, Bull Trout, and Mountain Whitefish. Catching all six species would put you in rare company! Check out the article on Nevada's Native Fish Slam on page 6 to learn how some of these hardy species have survived the loss of their ancient lakes and river connections and yet continue to thrive today.

Last year, I talked about how consecutive wet years have benefited our fisheries. Well, I'm happy to report that a third year of above-average precipitation across much of the state has had another incredible impact. As I write this, results from our fall fish population surveys are coming in, and they're very promising, showing increases in both numbers and size. These wet years have benefited many popular waters, but our stream fisheries are also thriving. There may be no better time to pursue Nevada's Native Fish Slam.

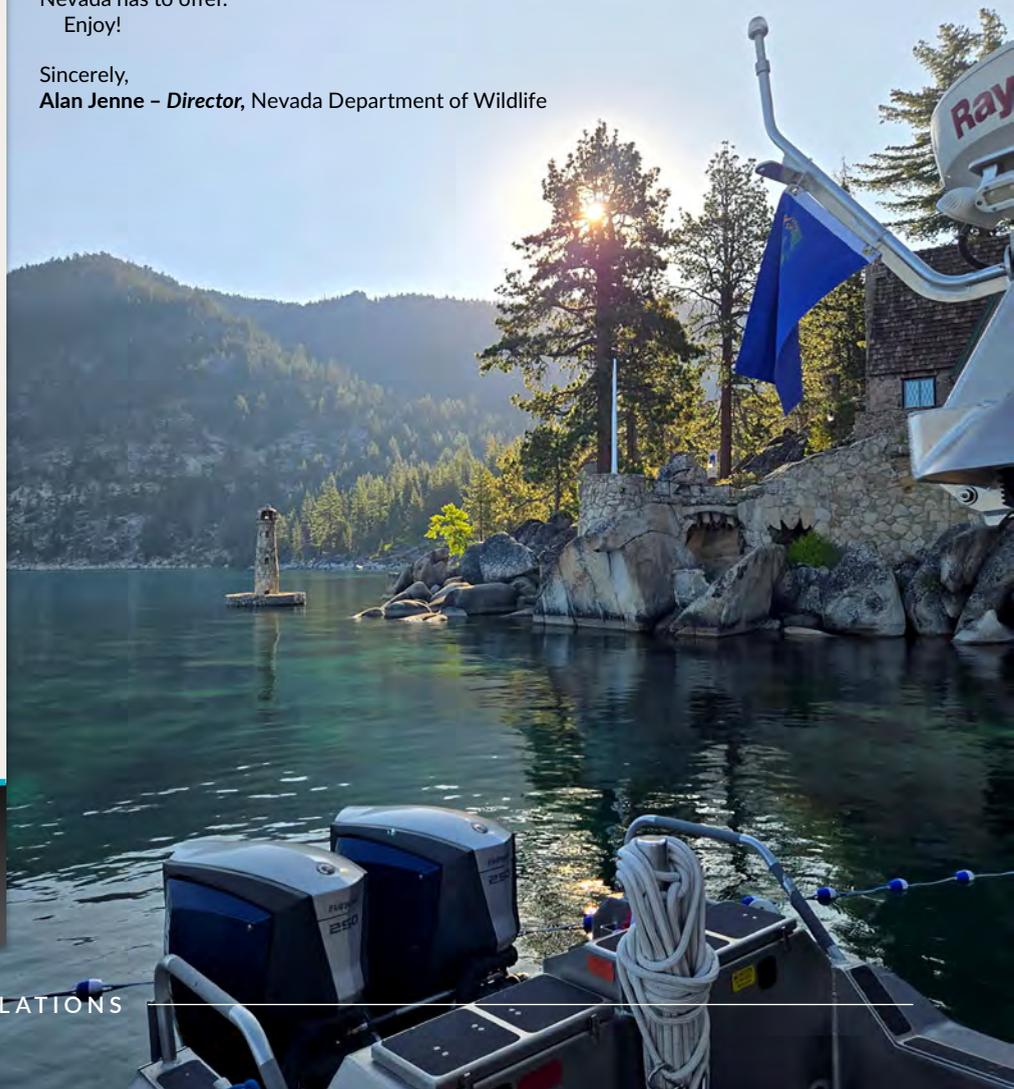
This year, we also want to highlight the Nevada Youth License Fund—a donation-driven program that helps kids ages 12–17 enjoy the outdoors by providing free youth combination hunting and fishing licenses. If you or someone you know fits that age range and wants to get outside in Nevada, please spread the word! Visit ndow.org to learn more.

I won't keep you any longer—I'd much rather you grab your gear and experience all that Nevada has to offer.

Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Alan Jenne – Director, Nevada Department of Wildlife



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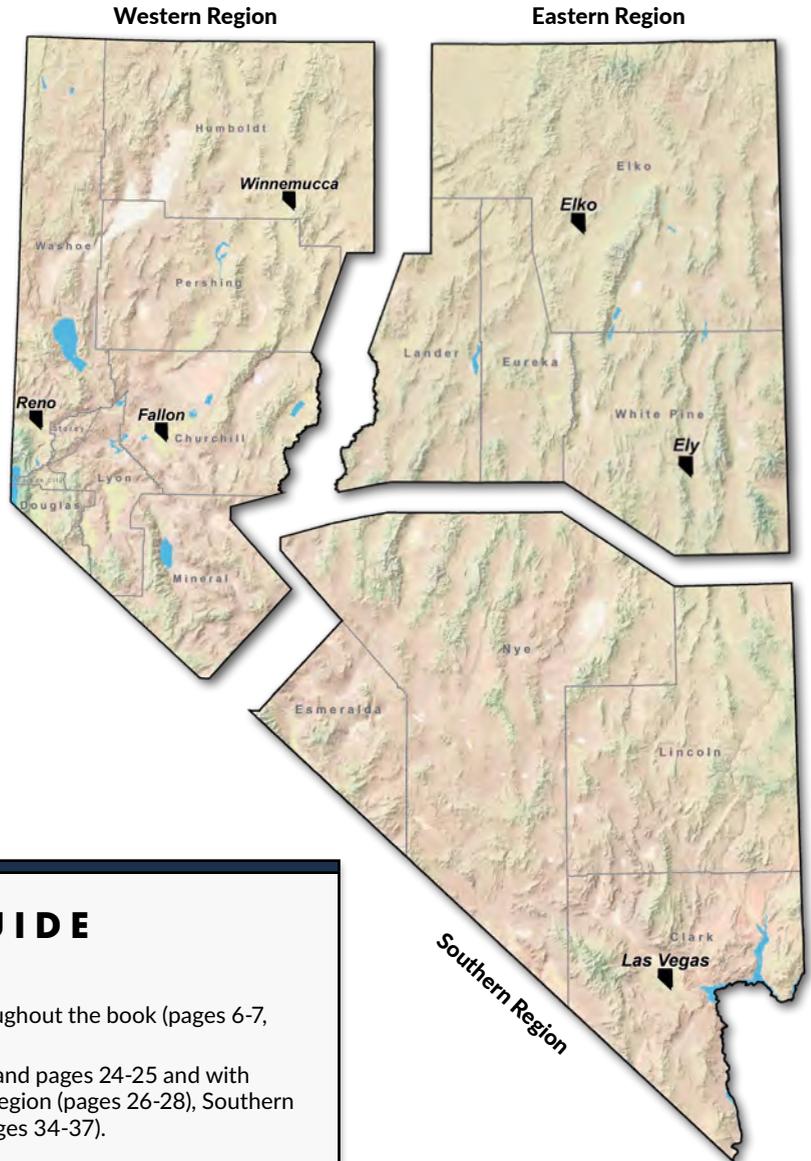
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1. License, permits, and fee information is on page 4.
2. There are several fun and informative stories throughout the book (pages 6-7, page 12, and 30).
3. General regulations can be found on pages 18-20 and pages 24-25 and with regulations by region 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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* - Require first-time applicants to apply through NDOW offices only. Once their application is on file, these license holders will then be able to apply for future year's licenses online at ndowlicensing.com.

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Fishing License	Valid for 1 year beginning the date of purchase. For persons 18 years of age or older at the time of purchase. <i>Youth Fishing License is offered only as the Youth Combination License. See above.</i>	\$40
1-Day Fishing Permit	Valid until midnight of the date specified.	\$9
	Each Consecutive Day Added to a 1-Day Permit	\$3

Youth Fishing License is offered only as the Youth Combination License. See Resident Combination License Fees above.

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Combination Hunt/Fish License	Valid for 1 year beginning the date of purchase. For persons 18 years of age and older at the time of purchase.	\$155
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1-Day Permit to Fish and hunt upland game birds and migratory game birds	Valid until midnight of the date specified.	\$23
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NONRESIDENT FISHING LICENSE FEES

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Fishing License	Valid for 1 year beginning the date of purchase. For persons 18 years of age and older at the time of purchase. <i>Youth Fishing License is offered only as the Youth Combination License. See above.</i>	\$80
Interstate Boundary Water License	Valid for 1 year beginning the date of purchase. (To fish solely in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake)	\$30
1-Day Fishing Permit	Valid until midnight of the date specified.	\$18
	Each Consecutive Day Added to a 1-Day Permit	\$7

NEVADA SPECIAL FISHING PERMIT

LICENSE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE
Nevada Special Fishing Permit	Eligible non-profits include: clubs, foundations, programs, educational institutions or other social groups operated for the benefit of children or that will use the permit for the benefit of adults with disabilities; for mental health facilities, facilities for juveniles, rehabilitation, older persons, and foster care facilities. Permits for entire non-profit organization when supervised by the non-profit officer or employee with a valid fishing license. New applicants submit descriptive letter of services provided by their institution or organization, and documented proof of non-profit status. Issued through NDOW Headquarters Office only.	\$25

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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)

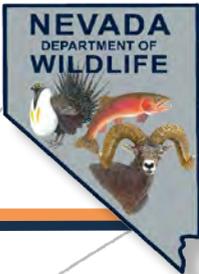
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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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CHASING NEVADA'S NATIVE FISH SLAM

Exploring Nevada's Wild Backcountry One Catch at a Time

Anglers looking for a reason to explore some of the most scenic and remote areas of Nevada while searching for a few of the west's most iconic trout species needn't look any further than Nevada's Native Fish Slam. To complete the slam, anglers must catch one of each native sport fish species and document the waterbody, date of capture, and a photo of each fish. All documentation must be submitted within 60 days of the catch. However, there is no time-limit for finishing the slam, some opt to make it a whirlwind trek across the backroads and trails of northern Nevada within a year, while others take their time exploring and fishing many waters over several years. Once all species are entered, anglers will receive a certificate and custom hat.



Bull Trout in the West Fork Jarbidge River.

Anglers participating in the challenge can find all the native species across central and northern Nevada. Many choose to fish waters ranging from the far western edge of the state to the eastern border to catch every species on the list. Those visiting eastern Nevada, however, have the unique advantage of completing the entire Native Fish Slam within Elko and White Pine counties.

BULL TROUT

Chasing Bull Trout in Nevada offers one of the most unique angling experiences as this is the southernmost extent of the species' range. Anglers fishing for Bull Trout will hike into the West Fork or East Fork of the Jarbidge River and associated tributary streams near the town of Jarbidge, Nevada.

REDBAND RAINBOW TROUT

Some anglers may not realize there are streams which originate in northern Nevada and flow out to the Columbia River Basin, and it is within these streams and rivers anglers will find Redband Rainbow Trout. The Redband Rainbow Trout is the only Rainbow Trout native to Nevada. Popular waters include the Bruneau River, West Fork Jarbidge River, and for a seldom visited fishery, Twelvemile Creek in northwest Nevada.

MOUNTAIN WHITEFISH

Mountain Whitefish, a distinctive member of the Salmon family, thrive in cold, clean waters. Resembling trout in both form and behavior, they are commonly caught in the East Walker, Truckee, and Bruneau Rivers.

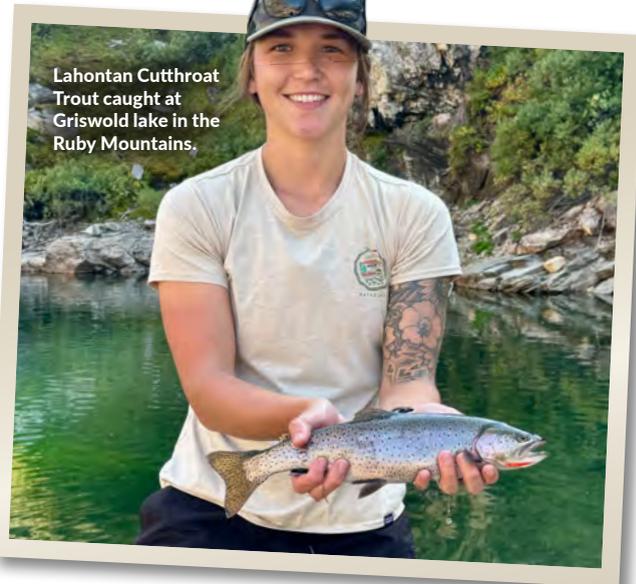
This species is often among the most challenging for anglers to catch. Those hoping to add it to their list are encouraged to contact regional biologists for current guidance on effective techniques and productive locations, as the river systems Whitefish inhabit tend to be large and complex.

BONNEVILLE CUTTHROAT TROUT

Nevada hosts the westernmost extent of Bonneville Cutthroat Trout in eastern White Pine County. Anglers typically find great fishing for these colorful cutthroat in the streams on the east slope of the Snake Range including the streams within Great Basin National Park. Timing your fishing expedition for September to catch Bonneville Cutthroat Trout, see the fall colors of Great Basin National Park, and listening to bugling elk will be an unforgettable portion of your Native Fish Slam journey.

LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT

The iconic Lahontan Cutthroat Trout are Nevada's state fish and historically occupied much of northern Nevada. To truly appreciate these native trout, anglers are encouraged to visit one of the over 60 streams supporting Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. Streams that offer adequate space for fishing and robust populations include North Fork Battle Creek, Gance Creek, and North Fork Humboldt River. Anglers can also focus on the Truckee River or some of our mountain lake fisheries including Marlette Lake and several small lakes in the Ruby Mountains including Lamoille, Hidden and Griswold lakes.



Lahontan Cutthroat Trout caught at Griswold lake in the Ruby Mountains.



Mountain Whitefish caught in the Truckee River.

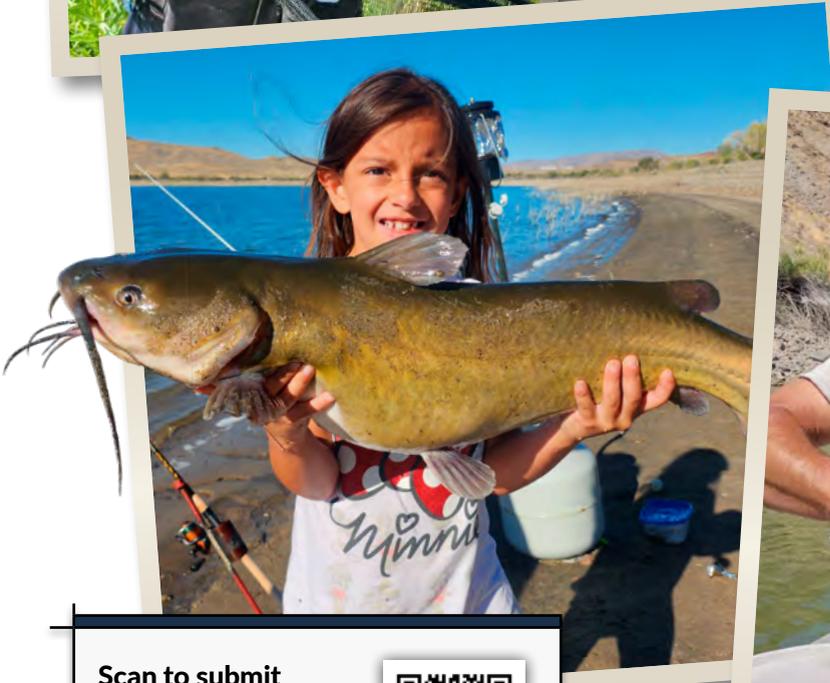
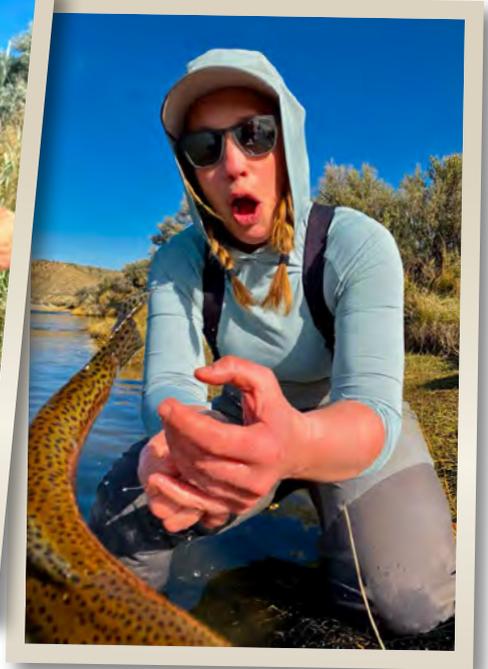
YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT

Although Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout are widespread across the western United States, Nevada hosts only a small, historic population within the Goose Creek watershed in northeastern Elko County. Public access in this area is limited, and anglers are reminded to respect private property and seek permission before entering privately owned lands.

Anglers are also encouraged to contact local Fisheries Biologists for recent stream conditions and recommendations on other fisheries to explore. All these Fisheries Biologists are anglers themselves, and several are pursuing their own Native Fish Slams! Additional information and the Native Fish Slam entry form can be found at www.ndow.org/get-outside/fishing/angler-recognition-program.

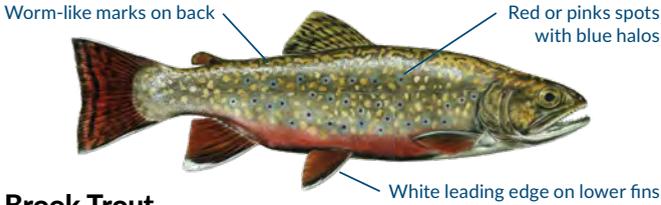
Stay tuned for exciting updates to the Nevada Native Fish Slam in 2026, including the introduction of a new native trout medallion that will be awarded to participants who complete the challenge.

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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.

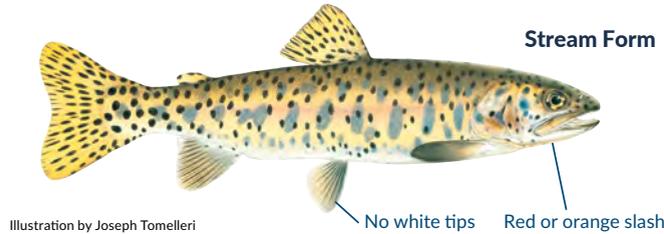


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Cutthroat Trout (Stream and Lake)

(Oncorhynchus species)

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.

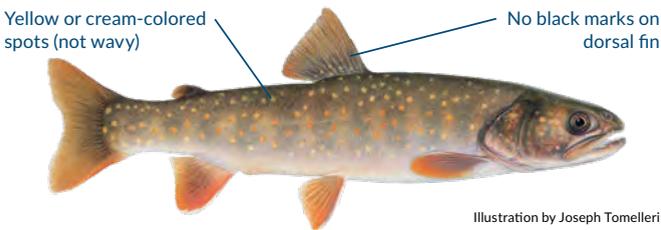
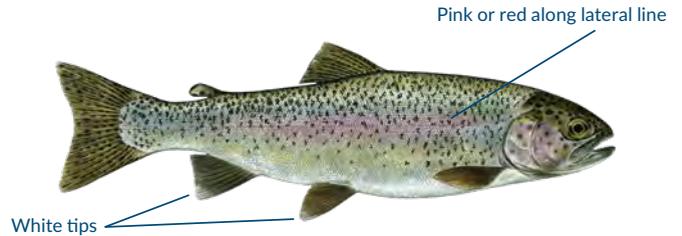


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Bull Trout

(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.

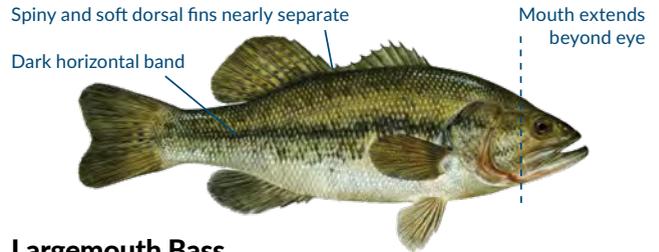
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Mountain Whitefish

(*Prosopium williamsoni*)

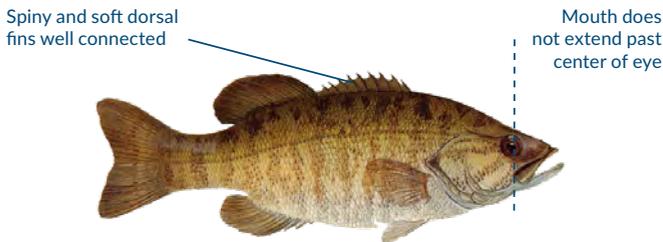
Back and fins are light brown or gold and the sides and belly are silver and white. There are no spots. Tail deeply forked and body is deep and round. Mouth small with no teeth. Large fleshy adipose fin.



Largemouth Bass

(*Micropterus nigricans*)

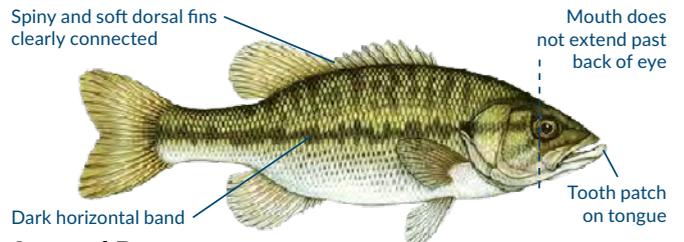
Dark green on back and sides, silvery below. Belly is greenish-white. A broad dark band on the sides a broad, dark horizontal band extends along the lateral line on each side. The spiny and soft-rayed parts of the dorsal fin are nearly separated from the soft rays by a deep notch. Upper jaw when closed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



Smallmouth Bass

(*Micropterus dolomieu*)

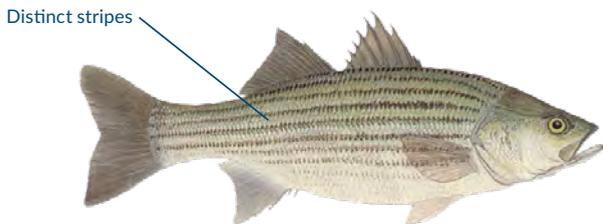
Dark olive to brown on back, sides bronze, belly white. Dark vertical bands on sides and dark brown horizontal bars on the head. Eyes reddish. The spiny and soft-rayed parts of the dorsal fin are continuous, not separate. Upper jaw when closed does not extend beyond the rear edge of the eye.



Spotted Bass

(*Micropterus punctulatus*)

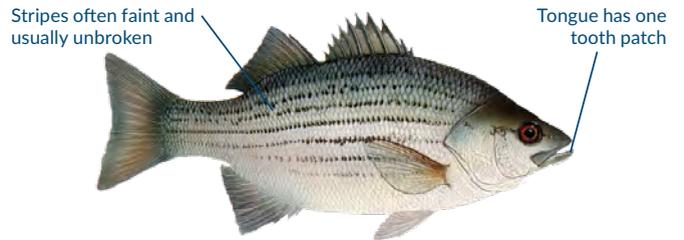
Green to dark green on back and sides with a white belly. Rows of spots along the lower sides below the dark lateral stripe. Dorsal fins are connected and not separated into two distinct fins. Upper jaw extends to the back of the eye, but not beyond the eye as in the largemouth bass.



Striped Bass

(*Morone saxatilis*)

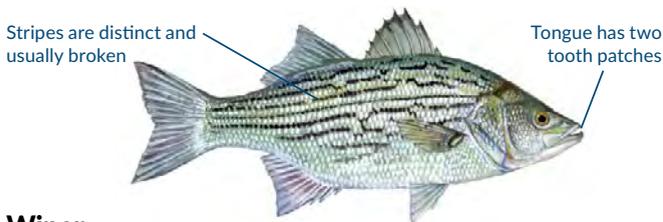
Body olive-green above, shading from silvery on sides to white on belly with brassy reflection. There are 7 to 8 longitudinal dark stripes following the scale rows. The tail is forked and the body is cylindrical in shape. Occasionally exceeds 50 pounds. Found in Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and Colorado River.



White Bass

(*Morone chrysops*)

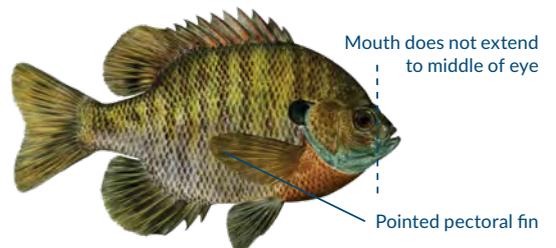
Dark gray to black on the back, with bright silvery sides and white belly. The sides have dark stripes or lines (about 5 are above the lateral line). Body strongly compressed from side to side, forehead is dished and snout is slightly turned up. Seldom exceeds 3 pounds. Found only in the Northern NV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

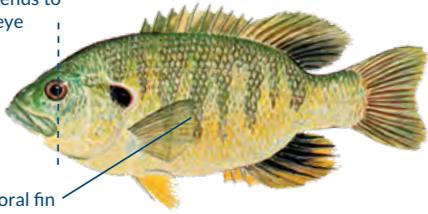


Bluegill

(*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



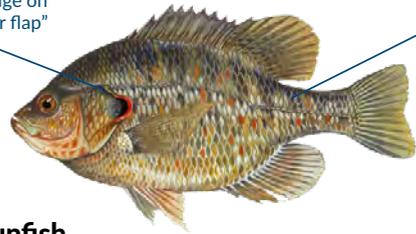
Rounded pectoral fin

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

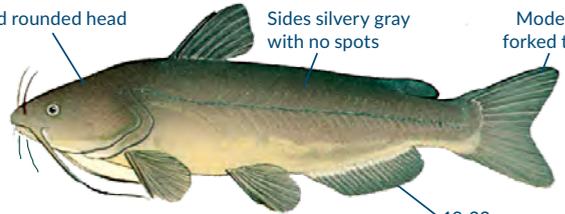


Crappie

(*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.

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



Tail fin only slightly forked

Large, sharp teeth



Large eye pearlescent or silvery eye

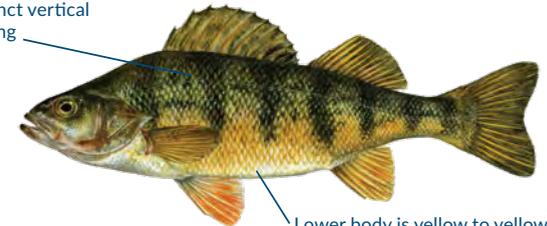
White tips

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.

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REGIONAL FISH STOCKING SCHEDULE

Species Abbreviations

- BC..... Rainbow Trout/Cutthroat Trout Hybrid
- BG..... Bluegill
- BN..... Brown Trout
- CC..... Channel Catfish
- LCT..... Lahontan Cutthroat Trout
- LMB..... Largemouth Bass
- RB..... Rainbow Trout
- SMB..... Smallmouth Bass
- TT..... Tiger Trout
- TRB..... Triploid Rainbow
- WI..... Wiper

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

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

EASTERN REGION

BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	MONTH TO BE STOCKED
ELKO COUNTY		
Angel Lake	RB	June, July, September
	TT	June, July
Carlin Pond	LCT	July, August, September
	RB	April, May, October
Cow Creek Reservoir	RB	May
	RB	April, May, June
Doresy Reservoir	RB	September, October
	RB	March, April, October
Jakes Creek Reservoir	CC	June
	RB	March, April, October
Jiggs Reservoir	BG	May, June, July
	LMB	June
Lamoille Creek	LCT	June, July, August
	LCT	August
Ruby High Lakes	TT	August
	BN	September, October
Ruby Lake NWR - Collection Ditch	RB	March, October
	TT	October
Ruby Lake NWR - S. Lakes	RB	April, October
	RB	April, October
Ruby Lake NWR - South Springs	TT	April
	RB	March, October
Ruby Lake NWR - Unit 21	TT	March

CLARK COUNTY (CONTINUED)		
Lorenzi Park Pond	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	Spring through early Fall
Mesquite Park Pond	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	Spring through early Fall
Sunset Park Pond	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	Spring through early Fall

ESMERALDA COUNTY		
Silver Peak Pond	RB	April, May, June
Trail Canyon Reservoir	RB	April, May, June

LINCOLN COUNTY		
Beaver Dam Wash	RB	April, May
	RB	February, March, October
Eagle Valley Reservoir	TT	May
	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
Dacey Reservoir	RB	October

HUMBOLDT COUNTY (CONTINUED)		
James Kinney Pond	TRB	March, April, May, June, July, September, October
	TT	June
	CC	May or June
Knott Creek Resv.	BC	September
	BN	June, September
	TRB	June, September
	TT	September
Onion Valley Resv.	BC	June
	RB	June, October
	TT	October
Streams and Ponds	BN	May, June
	TRB	June
	TT	June

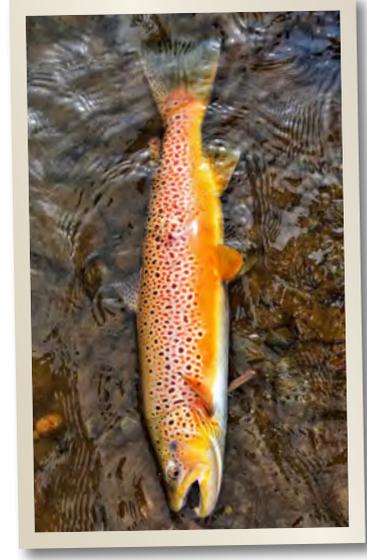
LYON COUNTY		
Carson River	BN	March, June
	RB	March, June, September
	BN	May
Desert Creek	RB	May, June, October
	TT	June
Ft. Churchill Cooling Ponds	RB	February, March
	CC	May or June
	BN	May
Walker River, East Fork	RB	April, May, June, October
Walker River, West Fork	BN	May
	RB	April, May, June, September, October
Hinkson Slough	BC	October, November
	RB	February, September, October
Mountain View Park Pond	RB	March, April, May
	RB	February
North Pond	CC	May or June

MINERAL COUNTY		
Rose Creek Reservoir	TT	June

PERSHING COUNTY		
Buena Vista Creek	TRB	April, May, June
	TRB	April, May, June
	RB	March, October
Rye Patch Reservoir	CC	May or June
	WI	May or June
Starr Creek	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
	CC	May or June
Boulder Reservoir	RB	April, May, October
	LCT	June
Catinp Reservoir	RB	June
	TT	May, June
Hobart Reservoir	LCT	May, June, July, August
	RB	April, May, June, July, August, September
Marilyn's Pond	RB	March, April, May, September
	CC	May or June
Paradise Pond	RB	April
	BN	March, April
Rancho San Rafael	RB	March, April, May, September, October
	CC	May or June
Squaw Valley Reservoir	BC	September
	BN	June
Truckee River	RB	March, April, October
	CC	May or June
Virginia Lake	LCT	May, June, July
	BC	October
Wall Canyon Reservoir	RB	October
	CC	May or June
Wilson Commons	BC	September
	TRB	April, May
Streams and Ponds	CC	May or June
	RB	March, April, May, June, September



Haymeadow Reservoir	RB	March, October
Peavine Creek	RB	June
Pine Creek	RB	June
Sportsman's Park Pond	RB	April, May, June, July

WESTERN REGION		
BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	MONTH TO BE STOCKED
CARSON CITY		
Bally Fishing Pond	RB	March, April, May, June, September, October
Carson River	BN	March, June
	RB	April, September, October

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

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

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

South Fork Reservoir	BC	October
	BN	October
	RB	April, October
	LCT	September, October
	CC	June
Wildhorse Reservoir	WI	June
	BC	October
	BN	October
	RB	May, October
	TT	May, June
Wilson Sink Reservoir	CC	June
	WI	June
	RB	September, October

EUREKA COUNTY		
Roberts Creek	RB	May
Tonkin Springs Reservoir	RB	May

LANDER COUNTY		
Groves Lake	RB	May, June
Kingston Creek	RB	May, June
Willow Creek Pond	RB	May, June, October

WHITE PINE COUNTY		
Cave Lake	RB	April, May, September, October
Cleve Creek	RB	May, June
Cold Creek Reservoir	RB	April
	TT	October
Comins Lake	BN	October
	RB	April, May, October
	TT	June
Illipah Reservoir	RB	April, May, October
	SMB	June
Sacramento Pass Pond	RB	April, May, June, September, October
	TT	May, June
Silver Creek Reservoir	RB	May, June
Stephotee Creek	RB	May, June
White River	RB	May, June

SOUTHERN REGION		
BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	MONTH TO BE STOCKED
CLARK COUNTY		
Boulder City Pond (Veterans Memorial Park)	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	Spring through early Fall
	RB	March, April, November
Floyd Lamb Park Ponds (Tule Pond)	RB	January, February, March, November, December
	CC	Spring through early Fall

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GENERAL STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

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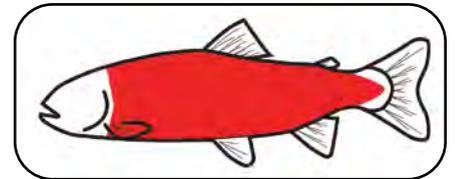
Unless otherwise noted under Region Special Regulations, the season is open year around and fishing hours are any time of the day or night. Where specified, "open season" includes the first and last day designated. (Refer to NRS 501.065)

"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 page 32 for further tackle restrictions for Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River. (Refer to NRS 503.290)

SPEARFISHING/ BOWFISHING

Persons may spearfish for **unprotected** fish in all Nevada waters except Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake. Persons may spearfish for striped bass in Lake Mead and Lake Mohave from Cottonwood

Fishing regulations are effective Jan. 1, 2026 - Dec. 31, 2026.

All Regulations are applicable to CR 25-16.

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

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 your possession limit has been reduced 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)



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 bait fish, aquatic bait, or commercially prepared and preserved bait fish for fishing or personal consumption where specified by Region.

Live bait fish 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 or 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. (Refer to NAC 503.502)

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)

HOOK IDENTIFICATION



Single Barbed Hook



Single Barbless Hook



Treble Hook

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.
5. **Hobart Reservoir** (Washoe County), its tributaries and Franktown Creek downstream to Red House.

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

- **Catnip Reservoir** in Washoe County.
- **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.
- **Knott Creek Reservoir including inlet and outlet streams** in Humboldt County.
- **Marlette Lake including tributaries and outlet stream** in Washoe County.
- **Snake Range High Lakes** in White Pine County.
- **South Fork of the Humboldt River** (Elko County) from the access causeway for the Lucky Nugget subdivision upstream to Lee.
- **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.

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 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 and 503.075. There is no open season on fish or amphibians classified as protected.





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Check for advisories

Visit the Nevada HAB Dashboard at habs.ndep.nv.gov to find out if there are any advisories near you.



Keep pets away from HABs

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Report a bloom

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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

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.

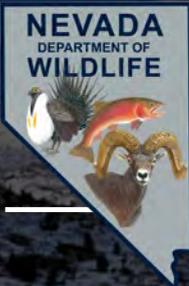
Día 3 - El pescador pesca el Onion Reservoir por tercer día y cosecha 2 truchas más y ahora ha cosechado 10 en total durante 3 días para alcanzar su límite de posesión para el Onion Reservoir. Su pesca total y toma es de 12 truchas reducidas a posesión en su refrigerador (10 de Onion y 2 de Knott). Ya 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 bait fish 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 bait fish 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 bait fish, whether dead or alive or the parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs and commercially prepared and preserved bait fish, 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

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 bait fish 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 bait fish, whether dead or alive or the parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs and commercially prepared and preserved bait fish, 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 bait fish whether alive or dead is prohibited. Commercially prepared and preserved bait fish and salmon eggs may be used as bait.	

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 bait fish 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.	Capture, possession or use of bait fish whether alive or dead is prohibited. Commercially prepared and preserved bait fish and salmon eggs may be used as bait.
All other waters of the western region	

ACCESSIBLE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

FISHING IN NEVADA

This section contains information on accessible fishing sites in wildlife management areas, lakes, ponds, streams, etc. that have ADA ramps or entrances for people to fish and clean fish from.

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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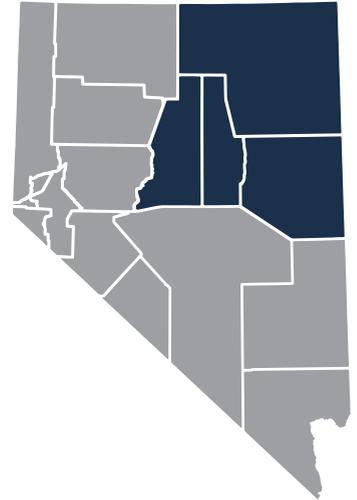
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EASTERN REGION REGULATIONS



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, 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. See page 18 for more information.

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 bait fish 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

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/.

HEALTH ADVISORY

AREA	SPECIES	ADVISORY
EASTERN REGION		
Comins Lake	Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike	No consumption

All Regulations are applicable to CR 25-16.

EASTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	DAILY LIMIT
ELKO COUNTY		
Jarbidge River, West Fork and East Fork and its tributary streams	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout and 5 mountain whitefish, except the possession of bull trout is prohibited.
	Special Regulations: All captured bull trout must be released immediately. Please report the capture of bull trout to NDOW Eastern Region Office.	
Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Year round in all areas except as posted. Refuge is open 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.	From Jan. 1 - June 14: limit is 5 trout and 5 black bass*. From June 15 - Dec. 31: limit is 5 trout and 10 black bass*. *Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.
	Special Regulations: The areas of the Collection Ditch that are open to fishing may be fished with artificial lures only. Chumming is prohibited. It is unlawful to clean or fillet fish within the boundaries of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The possession or use of live or dead bait fish (including crayfish and amphibians) is prohibited anywhere on the refuge. 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.	
South Fork Reservoir and the South Fork of the Humboldt River from the Lucky Nugget Subdivision causeway downstream to its confluence with the Humboldt River	Year round; any hour of the day or night. Exception: March 1 - June 30, catch and release fishing only for black bass.	5 trout, 1 black bass, 1 white bass hybrid (wiper) and 5 channel catfish. Minimum size for black bass and white bass hybrids is 15 inches total length.
South Fork of the Humboldt River from the Lucky Nugget Subdivision causeway upstream to Lee	Year round; any hour of the day or night	1 trout
	Special Regulations: Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	
Wildhorse Reservoir and all inlet and outlet streams including Penrod Creek up to the bridge below the Gold Creek Ranger Station	Year round; any hour of the day or night. Exception: March 1 - June 30, catch and release fishing only for black bass.	5 trout, 1 black bass, 1 white bass hybrid (wiper) and 5 channel catfish. Minimum size for black bass and white bass hybrids is 15 inches total length. No limit on yellow perch (unlimited possession).

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.

EUREKA COUNTY

Tonkin Springs Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night	5 trout
	Special Regulations: Artificial lures only. Stream above reservoir is closed to fishing. Only boats without motors or boats with electric motors are permitted.	

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

LANDER COUNTY

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).
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LANDER COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Smith Creek Reservoir.

WHITE PINE COUNTY

Cold Creek Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout and 5 black bass; Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.
Comins Lake	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout and 5 black bass. No limit on northern pike (unlimited possession).
	Health Advisory: The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued a health advisory recommending no consumption of largemouth bass or northern pike from Comins Lake due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh.	
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: 5 trout and 5 black bass*. From June 15 through Dec. 31: 5 trout and 10 black bass*. *Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.
	Special Regulations: Those areas of the Collection Ditch that are open to fishing may be fished with artificial lures only. Chumming is prohibited. It is unlawful to clean or fillet fish within the boundaries of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The possession or use of live or dead bait fish (including crayfish and amphibians) is prohibited anywhere on the refuge. 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
	Special Regulations: 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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Here are some methods to minimize your chances of accidentally transporting invasive species. By following these steps you can help protect your valuable fishing and boating resources for the future:



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



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



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

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

- **NEVER** release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.
- **AIS DECAL** requirement (NRS 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.



**KNOWN INVADER:
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NEW STRIPER LIMIT ON LAKES MEAD AND MOHAVE

Imagine there was no limit on striped bass at Lake Mead or Lake Mohave. Would you be more likely to keep your catch rather than practice catch-and-release?

Fisheries biologists with the Nevada Department of Wildlife hope you will keep your catch because as of 2026 you no longer have to imagine there is no limit on striped bass.

For nearly two decades, the striped bass regulations on Lakes Mead and Mohave allowed anglers to keep an unlimited number of stripers less than 20 inches in length, but limited anglers to no more than 20 fish measuring 20 inches or longer. That regulation has now been revised and the size restriction removed, allowing anglers to harvest unlimited numbers of striped bass of any size at the two reservoirs.

The change does not apply to the Colorado River below Davis Dam.

Such a change may have some anglers questioning the thoughts behind it. The answer is found in Nevada's striped bass history.

Since their introduction in Lake Mead in 1969, striped bass have been one of Nevada's most sought-after game fish. By the early 1980s they were also found in Lake Mohave and the sister reservoirs were soon acknowledged as two of the state's most popular fisheries.

Striped bass populations in both reservoirs flourished due to the abundant threadfin shad population. So too did the number of anglers who pursue the popular sport fish.

Overtime, however, conditions in Lake Mead and Lake Mohave began to change. The rapid expansion of the striped bass population, coupled with competition from the introduced gizzard shad and quagga mussels, resulted in a reduction in the threadfin shad population in both reservoirs.

While gizzard shad also provide forage for striped bass, they quickly outgrow the gape (open mouth) size of most stripers. Moreover, they are not a pelagic species and spend their time in proximity to the shoreline, making them less suitable as a forage base than threadfin shad.

Results from two studies looking at growth rates of Lake Mead stripers highlight these changes. In the 1970s, researchers found that striped bass reached 20 inches in length by age three. In contrast, a similar study from 2015-2018 showed that striped bass did not reach 20 inches in length until age seven. Furthermore, measurements of striped bass harvested by anglers during 2010-2019 creel surveys showed that most striped bass being harvested from Lake Mead are under 20 inches. During those years, the nearly 4,000 stripers checked during creel surveys averaged just 16.5 inches long.

The previous striped bass regulation was intended to address these changes by reducing the number of small striped bass in the two reservoirs and at the same time limit the number of larger striped bass harvested by anglers. This, biologists hoped, would free up additional forage and increase the number of larger striped bass available to anglers.

That, however, was not the case. Over the years, creel surveys have shown that anglers are not often harvesting fish over 20 inches. Therefore, the previous size and limit restrictions are not having the intended effect and change was needed. In recent years, the Department's Fisheries Division has made a concerted effort to simplify regulations when possible, and this most recent regulation change is a good example of that effort. This change will simplify regulations for anglers and allow them to put more fish in their freezer while not negatively impacting the fishery.

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.

The possession of Razorback Sucker and Bonytail is prohibited!

These species are native to the Colorado River system and are endangered species. These fish can be mistaken for common carp or other unprotected species. Please help conserve native wildlife by immediately releasing these fish unharmed.

Common Carp
Unprotected Species



Occurs in all waters of the Colorado River System

Bonytail
Endangered Species



Occurs in Lake Mohave and Colorado River below Davis Dam

Razorback Sucker
Endangered Species



Occurs in all waters of the Colorado River System

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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.

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 25-16.

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. See page 18 for more information.

BAIT REGULATIONS

See page 24 for more regulations on the use of bait fish.

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

SOUTHERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS (CONTINUED)

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

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

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park Pond. Veteran's Memorial Park, Boulder City, all waters except the Boulder City Pond as posted in Clark County.

Las Vegas Wash, all waters within the Clark County Wetlands Park. Cornerstone Park, all waters within Cornerstone Park as posted by Henderson Municipality.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Eagle Valley Reservoir and Meadow Valley Wash above the reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass.
Echo Canyon Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass.
Nesbitt Lake (Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area)	Year round; any hour of the day or night except the portion above the old fence line as posted closed to entry from Feb. 15 - August 15 and closed to fishing during waterfowl season.	15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession)
	Special Regulations: See boat restrictions on page 40.	
Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge	Year round; any hour of the day or night except North Marsh which is closed to fishing during the waterfowl hunting season.	3 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass.

LINCOLN COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Ash Springs outflow through the River Ranch to beginning of the concrete ditch, in Lincoln County.

Crystal Springs and outflow for one half mile to beginning of the concrete ditch, in Lincoln County.

NYE COUNTY

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

NYE COUNTY CLOSED WATERS: Kirch Wildlife Management Area - Hot Creek to its confluence with Adams-McGill Reservoir; Sunnyside Creek above Sunnyside / Adaven 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. See page 18 for more information.

ARTIFICIAL LURE WATERS

See page 19.

BAIT REGULATIONS

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

All Regulations are applicable to CR 25-16.

WESTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS

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

WESTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS (CONTINUED)

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	DAILY LIMIT
CARSON CITY (CONTINUED)		
Lake Tahoe and Tributaries	Year round; 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. 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.
	<i>Special Regulations: New in 2026: The 2025 Legislature passed a new law requiring that vessels on Lake Tahoe must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake when within 600 feet of the shoreline. (Refer to NRS 488.600(3))</i>	

CHURCHILL COUNTY		
Lahontan Reservoir	Year round; any hour of the day or night except for the Lahontan Dam spilling pool (bowl) which is closed to fishing.	15 game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass, 5 may be walleye, and 2 may be white bass or white bass hybrids (wiper) 15 inches total length or longer. White bass or white bass hybrids (wiper) under 15 inches may be included in the 15 game fish limit.
	Health Advisory: The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued a health advisory recommending no consumption of any fish from the Carson River from Dayton to Lahontan Dam and all waters in Lahontan Valley due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh.	
Carson River below Lahontan Reservoir and all waters in Lahontan Valley	Year round; any hour of the day or night.	25 game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass and 5 may be walleye.
	Health Advisory: The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued a health advisory recommending no consumption of any fish from the Carson River from Dayton to Lahontan Dam and all waters in Lahontan Valley due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh.	
Liberty Pond	Year round; hours are when the park is open to public use.	3 game fish.

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

DOUGLAS COUNTY		
Lake Tahoe and Tributaries	See Carson City.	
Douglas County Community Fishing Ponds: Mitch Park Pond, Lampe Park, 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.
	Special Regulations: There is no chumming at Topaz Lake (see page 19).	

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

HUMBOLDT COUNTY		
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.
	Health Advisory: The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued a health advisory recommending no consumption of walleye from Chimney Reservoir due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh.	
James Kinney Pond	Year round; during the hours the park is open to the public.	3 game fish.
Knott Creek Reservoir including inlet and outlet streams	Season is open year round; any hour of the day or night.	1 trout
	Special Regulations: Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used. Only boats without motors or boats with electric motors are permitted.	

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

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

MINERAL COUNTY

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

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

PERSHING COUNTY

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

STOREY COUNTY

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

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

WESTERN REGION SPECIAL REGULATIONS (CONTINUED)

AREA	SEASON AND HOURS	DAILY LIMIT
WASHOE COUNTY		
Catnip Reservoir, tributaries and outlet stream	Season open year round, any hour of the day or night.	1 trout
	Special Regulations: Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	
Hobart Reservoir and tributaries and Franktown Creek downstream from Hobart Reservoir to Red House	Season open May 1 through October 31; 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset.	5 trout, of which not more than 2 may be tiger trout.
	Special Regulations: Artificial lures only. (see page 19).	
	Note: Hobart Reservoir is expected to be closed for the 2026 & 2027 seasons due to dam restoration work. Contact Spooner Lake and Backcountry State Park at 775-749-5980 or https://parks.nv.gov/parks/spooner-lake for updated info.	
Lake Tahoe and Tributaries	See Carson City.	
Marlette Lake, tributaries and outlet stream	Season is July 15 through Sept. 30; 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset.	Zero (0) fish, catch and release only.
	Special Regulations: Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	
	Note: Marlette Lake is expected to be closed for a portion of 2026 due to dam restoration work. Contact Spooner Lake and Backcountry State Park at 775-749-5980 or https://parks.nv.gov/parks/spooner-lake for updated info.	
Truckee River	Year round; any hour of the day or night, except in that portion from Derby Dam downstream 1,000 feet, which is closed to fishing.	3 game fish except in that section from E Mustang Road bridge (I-80 Exit 23) downstream to Derby Dam and from 1,000 feet downstream from Derby Dam to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary where the limit is 3 gamefish of which 1 may be trout.
	Special Regulations: In that portion from E Mustang Road bridge (I-80 Exit 23) to Derby Dam and from 1,000 feet downstream of Derby Dam to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary, only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used.	
Twelvemile Creek	Open year round, any hour of the day or night.	2 trout
Washoe County Community Fishing Ponds: Battle Born Pond, 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.
	Note: Davis Creek Park is anticipated to be closed for a portion of 2026 due to the Davis Fire. Contact Davis Creek Regional Park at 775-849-0684 for updated info.	
Washoe Lake	Season open year around, any hour of the day or night.	10 game fish of which not more than 5 may be catfish.
	Special Regulations: Scripps Wildlife Management Area is closed to trespass February 15 through August 15.	
	Health Advisory: The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has issued a health advisory recommending no consumption of white bass from Little and Big Washoe Lakes due to elevated mercury levels in their flesh.	

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



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/.

HEALTH ADVISORY

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

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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

VEHICULAR TRAVEL

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. (Refer to NAC 504.115)

REMOVAL

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. (Refer to NAC 504.110)

LITTERING

The Department may deny further use of a WMA to any person who abuses or litters the area. (Refer to NAC 504.155)

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 to learn more)
3. Carry all your required safety gear
4. Know your boat and its limitations
5. Follow the boating "rules of the road"
6. Be aware of weather and water conditions
7. Boat sober and be considerate of other boaters

SAFETY

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NEVADA BOATING REGULATIONS

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

REDUCED SPEED AREAS

1. On the following waters, a vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour:
 - (a) Bassett Lake in White Pine County
 - (b) Cave Lake in White Pine County
 - (c) Jakes Creek Reservoir in Elko County
 - (d) Onion Valley Reservoir in Humboldt County
 - (e) Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area in Nye County
 - (f) 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
 - (g) Likes Lake in Churchill County
 - (h) The Pitt-Taylor Arm of Rye Patch Reservoir in Pershing County
 - (i) Illipah Reservoir in White Pine County
 - (j) Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area in Lyon County
 - (k) Upper Wall Canyon Reservoir in Washoe County
 - (l) Echo Canyon Reservoir in Lincoln County
 - (m) Silver Creek Reservoir in White Pine County; and
 - (n) Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area in Lincoln County
 - (o) 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
 - (p) 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
- (k) Big Bend of the Colorado River State Recreation Area in the lagoon used for launching boats in Clark County

(Refer to NAC 488.455)

BOATING PROHIBITED AREAS

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

1. Within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area;
2. On the Colorado River:
 - (a) Below Davis Dam; and
 - (b) The swimming area of Harrah's Casino in Laughlin;
3. On Lake Tahoe at:
 - (a) The main beaches at Sand Harbor and Divers' Cove within Lake Tahoe State Park;
 - (b) The swimming area of the Incline Village General Improvement District and Burnt Cedar Beach;
 - (c) The swimming area of Galilee at the Episcopal Camp and Conference Center;
 - (d) The swimming area of the Lakeridge General Improvement District;
 - (e) The swimming area of the Glenbrook Homeowner's Association;
 - (f) The swimming area of the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe;
 - (g) The swimming area of the Zephyr Cove Marina;
 - (h) The swimming area of Crystal Shores West; and
 - (i) The swimming and beach area adjacent to Nevada Beach described in 33CFR 162.215.

4. At the dam and swim beach at the state recreation area in Rye Patch Reservoir;
5. At Lahontan Reservoir Dam;
6. At South Fork Reservoir Dam;
7. At Wildhorse Reservoir Dam;
8. At Eagle Valley Dam at Spring Valley State Park;
9. At Chimney Reservoir Dam in Humboldt County;
10. At the county swim beach at Topaz Lake; and
11. At the swimming area and 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 Cooperative Wildlife Management Area, all vessels and floating devices, except for vessels used by employees of NV

- Energy in the performance of their official duties, are prohibited on the pond.
- (e) In the Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area, only vessels without motors may be used on Dacey Reservoir from February 15 through August 15 of each year.
2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to vessels owned, operated and used for official purposes by the Department.
 3. For the purposes of this section, a vessel is being used if the vessel: (a) is upon the waters of this state, including, without limitation, if it is tied or fastened to a dock, mooring or shore; and (b) is not aground on the shore. (Refer to NAC 488.467)

AREAS LIMITED TO BOATS WITHOUT MOTORS AND BOATS WITH ELECTRIC MOTORS

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

Waters	County
(a) Angel Lake.....	Elko
(b) Blue Lakes.....	Humboldt
(c) Marlette Lake.....	Washoe
(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
 - (e) Knott Creek Reservoir
 - (f) Tonkin Springs Reservoir
- (Refer to NAC 488.470)

ATTENTION LAKE TAHOE BOATERS:

A new law passed by the 2025 Nevada Legislature requires that all vessels operating within 600 feet of Lake Tahoe's shoreline must maintain a flat wake of a speed not exceeding 5 nautical miles per hour. (Refer to NRS 488.600(3))

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 virginalis 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 henshawi 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 virginalis 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. 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 5 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					
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	12 lbs 8 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	4 lbs 9 oz
Perch, Yellow	1	9	14.13	Wildhorse Reservoir	Jason Flaten	12/13/23	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 2025. 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 2025 edition.

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



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