

Reward Program Rules

ANGLERS PARTICIPATING IN THE NORTHERN PIKE REWARD PROGRAM MUST ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING RULES:

Adhere to all applicable state/tribal fishing regulations for the area in which you fish. Contact your local state/tribal fishery agency for license requirements and current fishing regulations.

Provide true and accurate information to authorized program representatives regarding the taking, possession, delivery, transportation, or any other use of fish caught while participating in the Northern Pike Reward Program.

Comply with the directions of authorized program personnel related to the collection of sampling data and angler participation in the Reward Program.

Anglers must completely fill out the Pike Head tag information at the designation drop off area. Fish heads should be placed in a freezer bag, with the head label and dropped into the freezer.

Fish much have been caught in the mainstem Columbia River from Grand Coulee Dam upstream to the Canadian border, the Spokane River upstream to Little Falls, or the Kettle River. A random number of heads will be selected for microchemistry analysis to confirm the fishes origin.

There is no size restrictions on Northern Pike that are eligible for the reward.

Participants will receive \$10 for every Northern Pike head deposited into the designated freezers.

A maximum of \$590 will be awarded to any one individual during one calendar year.

All participant must be 17 years or older to receive the cash reward.

A maximum of \$10,000 will be awarded per year.

All fish to be redeemed for the reward must have been personally caught solely by the angler submitting them for the reward.

Violations of any of the above rules may result in disqualification from the Northern Pike Reward Program. The Program can be suspended or terminated at any time at the discretion of the Colville Tribes Fish and Wildlife program.

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Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

Northern Pike Reward Program \$10 a head



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Northern Pike Invasion

Invasive Northern Pike *Esox lucius* are suspected to have migrated from the Clark Fork River system in Montana, downstream to the Pend Oreille River and now into the upper reaches the Columbia River in Washington and Canada.

Northern Pike are also present in Lake Coeur d' Alene, and its surrounding lakes, and may be contributing to the population in Lake Roosevelt.

Northern Pike were first captured in Lake Roosevelt in 2007. They are now routinely captured in fisheries surveys throughout the northern section of Lake Roosevelt and the lower section of the Kettle River.

Northern Pike in Lake Roosevelt

Northern Pike are a highly invasive fish species that can significantly reduce fish densities and cause large-scale changes in fish communities.

Northern Pike pose significant threats to the Columbia River ecosystem including predation, introductions of parasites and diseases, and competition with other species for food resources.

The spread of Northern Pike to the mid and lower Columbia River could be disastrous for salmon and steelhead fisheries.



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Co-managers Plans to Protect Lake Roosevelt

The increasing observations of Northern Pike in Lake Roosevelt prompted the Lake Roosevelt co-managers (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Colville Confederated Tribes, and Spokane Tribe of Indians) to implement surveys to investigate abundance, diet, growth, origin, spawning locations, and movement patterns.

Aggressive removal plans have been designed and will be implemented in 2017.

The co-managers hope to involve anglers in our fight against the spread of Northern Pike. We want to offer \$10 for every Northern Pike killed in our watershed.

Help us stop the spread of Northern Pike and protect the Lake Roosevelt ecosystem. Support the reward program!

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\$10 a head