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## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

**From:** Chris Crookshanks, Administrator, Fisheries Division

**Title:** **Commission Regulation 23-15, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for the Two-Year Period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025 – Fisheries Division Administrator Chris Crookshanks – For Possible Action**

**Description:** The Commission will consider adopting Commission Regulation 23-15 to establish Fishing Seasons and Regulations for the two-year period January 01, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

**Presenter:** Fisheries Division Staff Specialist Kim Tisdale

**Summary:**

The Commission will consider adopting Commission Regulation 23-15, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for the two-year Period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. This memorandum presents a synopsis of Department recommendations for CR 23-15 including county specific recommendations for fishing seasons and regulations, including descriptions and rationale for those changes.

The Department is proposing the following changes:

- Allow possession limits to be implemented for all waters statewide including general regulation waters and special regulation waters. The possession limit would be 2 times the daily limit of the water being fished.
- More simplified regional general fishing regulations. Each Region (Eastern, Southern, Western) will have *one* general regulation for *all* counties within their respective Regions.
- Eliminate the seasonal closure on Big Springs Reservoir, Onion Valley Reservoir, Blue Lakes (Humboldt County) and Catnip Reservoir (Washoe County) making them all open year around.
- Eliminate the seasonal closure and size restriction for trout on Knott Creek Reservoir (Humboldt County).

- Propose limits on our newest urban ponds, Mountain View Park Pond (Douglas County) and Battle Born Pond (Washoe County), to be consistent with all other urban ponds (3 game fish).
- Propose changes to Hobart Reservoir (Washoe County) to extend the season until October 31, eliminate the size restriction, and limit the number of tiger trout anglers can reduce to possession.
- Reduce the limit of trout on Twelvemile Creek (Washoe County) to be consistent with Oregon fishing regulations.
- Eliminate the seasonal closure on black bass at Eagle Valley Reservoir (Lincoln County).
- Allow for unlimited possession of bullheads at Nesbitt Lake (Lincoln County) and all waters on the Kirch WMA, including Tule and Dacey reservoirs (Nye County).
- Several daily limit and size restrictions changes that are a result of simplification of the general regulations and efforts to reduce the number of special regulation waters throughout the State.

**Background:**

In an ongoing effort to simplify regulations and reduce the barriers to participation in fishing, the Fisheries Division is proposing broad changes to our fishing regulations including a simplification of general regulations across the State, and the implementation of possession limits for all waters throughout the State which would allow anglers to keep twice their daily limit from any water they're fishing.

Due to the proposed changes to the statewide general regulations and the institution of a possession limit, every county in the state has changes proposed this biennial.

**STATEWIDE CHANGES**

Regional General Regulation Changes and Daily/Possession Limits

Eastern Region General Regulations – Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine counties

Proposed Regulation:

All <del>waters lakes and reservoirs</del> (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <b>5 mountain whitefish</b> , 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).  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
<del>All streams and rivers</del> (Except as noted below)	<del>Open year around</del>	<del>10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on northern pike or yellow perch (unlimited possession)</del>	<del>Any hour of the day or night</del>

Southern Region General Regulations – Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye counties

Proposed Regulation:

All waters. (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 10 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass  <b>Possession: 20 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
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Western Region General Regulations – Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey and Washoe counties

Proposed Regulation:

All waters. (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <del>5</del> <b>10</b> mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass <b>and 5 may be walleye</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b>	Any hour of the day or night
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**Description and Rationale:**

Currently, general regulations are listed by county, and can apply to either *all waters*, *all lakes and reservoirs*, or *all streams and rivers*. In the Eastern and Western Regions, we have different general regulations for different counties, and some counties are even different depending on whether they apply to *lakes/reservoirs* or *rivers/streams*. In this proposal, regional general regulations have been consolidated so there is only one general regulation per region. This should reduce confusion for our anglers fishing general regulation waters throughout the state.

Under current Nevada regulations, there is no distinction between a “daily” limit and a “possession” limit. There is simply a “limit.” An angler may not have more than one limit in possession at any time, regardless of days fished. There has been an interest over the years, from anglers, CAB members and Fisheries Division staff, to implement a possession limit which would allow anglers who may be spending multiple days at a fishery to take more than one daily limit of fish. Most Nevada fisheries offer robust populations that are monitored annually and are fully capable of supporting any increased harvest this regulation may generate. Many Nevada sportsmen and women are already familiar with this concept as the Game Division’s small game regulations generally distinguish between daily and possession limits.

The Department is proposing to establish “possession” limits for all waters, including general *and* special regulation waters, that would be two times the daily limit. These proposed possession limits

are included in the attached CR 23-15 and are also included in the proposed changes described throughout this document.

Outside of general regulation and possession limit changes described above, there are several counties where additional changes are proposed for fishing seasons and regulations. These counties include **Douglas, Elko, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Nye, Washoe, and White Pine counties:**

**DOUGLAS COUNTY**

Other than general regulation and possession limit changes, all regulations in Douglas County are proposed to remain the same with the exception of the following (changes are delineated in ~~red~~ strike-out text or **green** bold text):

Mountain View Park Pond

Proposed Regulation:

Mitch Park Pond, Lampe Park Pond, Martin Slough Ponds (on Gilman Avenue), Seeman Pond, <b>Mountain View Park Pond</b>	Open year around	<b>Daily: 3 game fish</b> <b>Possession: 6 game fish</b>	Hours parks are open to public use.
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**Description and Rationale:**

The Department is proposing to add Mountain View Park Pond to the Douglas County special regulation for urban ponds where the season and harvest limits for this water would be “*Season is open year around, during hours the park is open to public use. Daily limit is 3 game fish.*” This is a new fishery in Douglas County which should be managed consistent with the regulations established for other waters statewide that are managed under the Urban Fishing Concept. Without adoption of this regulation, Mountain View Park Pond would fall under the Douglas County general regulation of 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. Urban ponds tend to experience high use, especially after stocking events, so harvest of these fish is rapid, requiring frequent stocking throughout the fishing season to maintain recreational fishing. Reducing harvest limits at Mountain View Park Pond would allow stocked fish to persist in the pond for a longer period allowing those fish to be distributed among a larger user group.

**ELKO COUNTY**

Other than general regulation and possession limit changes, all regulations in Elko County are proposed to remain the same with the exception of the following (changes are delineated in ~~red strike-out~~ text or **green bold** text):

**Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge**

**Proposed Regulation:**

<p>OPEN WATERS:  Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge</p>	<p>Open year round</p>	<p><b>Daily:</b> From Jan. 1 – June 14: <b>5</b> <del>3</del>-trout and 5 black bass.*. <b>Possession: 10 trout and 10 black bass</b></p> <p><b>Daily:</b> From June 15 – Dec. 31: <b>5</b> <del>3</del> trout and 10 black bass.*. <b>Possession: 10 trout and 20 black bass</b></p> <p>*Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.</p>	<p>1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset</p>
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**Description and Rationale:**

As a result of efforts by the Department to simplify trout and mountain whitefish limits across Eastern Region waters, the trout limit at Ruby Lake NWR is proposed to increase from 3 to 5 daily. While the harvest of trout could increase at Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge with this proposed daily limit increase, the proposed change provides an important benefit of having more consistent and simplified trout angling regulations for anglers, game wardens, and fisheries biologists. If changes are implemented, angler use and success would be monitored to ensure continued satisfactory angler success rates at Ruby Lake NWR.

**Jarbidge River, East Fork and West Fork and tributary streams**

**Proposed Regulation:**

<p>Jarbidge River, East Fork and West Fork and tributary streams</p>	<p>Open year around</p>	<p><b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <del>5</del>10 mountain whitefish, except possession of bull trout is prohibited. All captured bull trout must be released immediately. <b>Possession: 10 trout and 10 mountain whitefish</b></p>	<p>Any hour of the day or night</p>
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**Description and Rationale:**

As a result of efforts by the Department to simplify trout and mountain whitefish limits across Eastern Region waters, the mountain whitefish limit at the Jarbidge River, East Fork and West Fork and tributary streams is proposed to decrease from 10 to 5 daily. While this may limit the number of mountain whitefish anglers can harvest (for those who choose to do so), this change would allow mountain whitefish limits to mirror trout limits for the waters where both species are present which simplifies regulations for anglers, game wardens and biologists.

## Willow Creek Reservoir

### Proposed Regulation:

Willow Creek Reservoir <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations</b>	Open year around	<del>5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass and 5 may be channel catfish. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.</del> <b>Daily: 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)</b>	Any hour of the day or night
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### **Description and Rationale:**

The Department is proposing to remove the special regulations from Willow Creek Reservoir and manage it as a general regulation water. This change would remove the minimum size restriction for black bass and increase the number of catfish anglers are permitted to take. The current size restriction on bass has been in place for many years and has not realized a change in the fishery, likely due to the limited use the reservoir receives. There is no sufficient management or biological basis to maintain the size restriction. All other limits remain the same.

## Wilson Sink Reservoir, its outlet and inlet stream up to State Route 11

### Proposed Regulation:

Wilson Sink Reservoir, its outlet and inlet stream up to State Route 11 <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations</b>	Open year around	<del>5 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 10 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.</del> <b>Daily: 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)</b>	Any hour of the day or night
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### **Description and Rationale:**

The Department is proposing to remove the special regulations from Wilson Sink Reservoir and manage it as a general regulation water. This change would remove the minimum size restriction for black bass. The current size restriction on bass has been in place for many years and has not realized a change in the fishery, likely due to the limited use the reservoir receives. There is no sufficient management or biological basis to maintain the size restriction. All other limits would remain the same.

## Bruneau River and tributary streams

### Proposed Regulation:

Bruneau River and tributary streams <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations</b>	Open year around	<del>10 trout and 10 mountain whitefish</del> <b>Daily: 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)</b>	Any hour of the day or night
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### **Description and Rationale:**

As a result of efforts by the Department to simplify trout and mountain whitefish limits across Eastern Region waters, the mountain whitefish and trout limits on the Bruneau River and tributary streams is proposed to decrease from 10 to 5 daily. While this may limit the number of mountain whitefish anglers can harvest (for those who choose to do so), this change would allow mountain

whitefish limits to mirror trout limits for the waters where both species are present which simplifies regulations for anglers, game wardens and biologists. We believe the change will be of minimal impact to anglers utilizing these streams since the new “possession” limit, if approved, would allow anglers to keep 10 of each over the course of two days.

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY**

Other than general regulation and possession limit changes, all regulations in Humboldt County are proposed to remain the same with the exception of the following (changes are delineated in ~~red strike-out~~ text or **green bold** text):

Blue Lakes and Onion Valley Reservoir

Proposed Regulation:

Blue Lakes and Onion Valley Reservoir <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Western Region General Regulations</b>	<b>Open year around</b> <del>Second Saturday in June through November 15</del>	<del>5 trout</del> <b>Daily: 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</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b>	Any hour of the day or night
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**Description and Rationale:**

The Department is proposing to remove the seasonal closure for Blue Lakes and Onion Valley Reservoir in the Pine Forest Range and include it within the Western Region general regulation. There is no biological reason to have these reservoirs closed for a portion of the year. The population of trout in these reservoirs are supported by hatchery stocking with little or no recruitment from inlet streams. The current regulation prohibits fishing for 7 months of the year. Spring and late fall angling in high desert reservoirs can be the best time to fish as opposed to the summer months. This change will provide quality fishing opportunity during the seasons when fishing can be the most productive and allow outdoor recreationalists to fish the reservoir when in the area for other activities (hunting, 4 wheeling, exploring).

Knott Creek Reservoir

Proposed Regulation:

Knott Creek Reservoir including inlet and outlet streams	<b>Open year around</b> <del>Second Saturday in June through November 15</del>	<b>Daily: 1 trout. <del>Minimum size for trout is 18 inches total length</del></b>  <b>Possession: 2 trout</b>	Any hour of the day or night
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**Description and Rationale:**

The Department is proposing to remove the seasonal closure for Knott Creek Reservoir and allow year-round angling. There is no biological reason to have the reservoir closed for a portion of the year. The population of trout in this reservoir is supported by hatchery stocking with little or no recruitment from inlet streams. The current regulation prohibits fishing for 7 months of the year. Spring and late fall angling in high desert reservoirs can be the best time to fish as opposed to the summer months, this change will provide quality fishing opportunity during the seasons when fishing can be the most productive and allow outdoor recreationalists to fish the reservoir when in the area for other activities (hunting, 4 wheeling, exploring).



Additionally, this proposal would eliminate the 18” size restriction. The size restriction has no biological or management-based justification for Knott Creek Reservoir. According to annual creel survey data, the five-year average harvest rate of trout at Knott Creek is 2% (2018-2022). With this low harvest rate there will be no measurable impact on the size structure or population at Knott Creek Reservoir fishery and will allow anglers and NDOW law enforcement an easier regulation to abide by and enforce. An increase in harvest of smaller fish (<18 inches) may result in faster growth rates of other individuals and in turn a larger proportion of trophy class fish.

Big Springs Reservoir

Proposed Regulation:

Big Springs Reservoir <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Western Region General Regulations</b>	<b>Open year around</b> <del>Second Saturday in May through the last day of February</del>	<del>5 trout</del> <b>Daily: 5 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass and 5 may be walleye</b>	Any hour of the day or night
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**Description and Rationale:**

The Department is proposing to remove the seasonal closure for Big Springs Reservoir and include it within the Western Region general regulation. Big Spring Reservoir, which was once an incredibly productive rainbow trout fishery, has been mostly dry since the main springs that supply water the reservoir stopped flowing in the early 2000s. The regulations were kept in place in the hope that the springs would once again flow and the fishery could be restored, but over 20 years later, that has not happened. Historically, NDOW spawned Rainbows out of Big Springs Reservoir with LCT out of nearby Catnip Reservoir to produce Bowcutt/Cuttbow trout for the hatcheries. During those years, having a spring closure made sense to protect LCT that would stage at the main springs; however, the Bowcutt/Cuttbow program is no longer conducted at Big Springs Reservoir and has been moved to Marlette Lake. Removing Big Springs Reservoir from the special regulations will simplify the regulations for anglers and not give the perception that the reservoir has water and is fishable when anglers see it listed special regulation section of the Fishing Guide.

**LANDER COUNTY**

Other than general regulation and possession limit changes, all regulations in Lander County are proposed to remain the same with the exception of the following (changes are delineated in ~~red strike-out~~ text or **green bold** text):

Smith Creek Reservoir

Proposed Regulation:

Smith Creek Reservoir <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations</b>	<del>April 1 through November 15</del> <b>Open year around</b>	<del>1 trout</del> <b>Daily: 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)</b>	Any hour of the day or night
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**Description and Rationale:**

The Department is proposing to remove the special regulations in place for Smith Creek Ranch and manage it under Eastern Region general regulations. The majority of Smith Creek Reservoir is privately owned, although most of the southern shoreline is BLM land which is accessible to the



public. In 2009, the landowner, who regularly stocked trout into the reservoir, requested a meeting with NDOW staff to request more restrictive regulations on the reservoir to limit the number of fish taken by the public. In 2009, the NBWC approved the proposal to adopt a season that runs from April 1 through November 15, any hour of the day or night, and artificial lures only with single barbless hooks. Since that time, the ranch has changed hands and the fishery is no longer actively managed by the Smith Creek Ranch. The current fishery does not warrant special regulations and should be managed under general regulations.

**LINCOLN COUNTY**

Other than general regulation and possession limit changes, all regulations in Lincoln County are proposed to remain the same with the exception of the following (changes are delineated in ~~red strike-out~~ text or **green bold** text):

**Nesbitt Lake (Key Pittman WMA)**

**Proposed Regulation:**

Nesbitt Lake (Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area)	Open year around except the portion above the old fence line as posted is closed to trespass February 15 through August 15 and closed to fishing during the waterfowl season	<b>Daily:</b> <del>50 bullhead and 15 other</del> warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <b>No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession)</b>  <b>Possession:</b> <b>30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
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**Description and Rationale:**

This proposed change will allow unlimited harvest of bullheads at Nesbitt Lake within Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area. Nesbitt Lake supports a self-sustaining warmwater fishery, with largemouth bass and bluegill being the primary species targeted by anglers. Bullheads are highly prolific and are opportunistic omnivores, consuming a wide variety of food items including aquatic vegetation, aquatic invertebrates, fish eggs, and small-bodied fish (i.e., juvenile largemouth bass, bluegill, and crappie). Due to a low predation rate and extremely low harvest by anglers, the population of bullheads at Nesbitt Lake have expanded greatly and are now overabundant. A reduction in bullhead numbers will reduce competition for food resources and habitat for more desirable game species present in the reservoirs.

This proposed regulation change will increase harvest opportunities for the few anglers that target bullheads, increase available habitat and forage for more popular game fishes, and decrease predation on eggs and juvenile life stages of more popular game fish species.

**Eagle Valley Reservoir and Meadow Valley Wash above the reservoir**

**Proposed Regulation:**

Eagle Valley Reservoir and Meadow Valley Wash above the reservoir-	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <del>Zero black bass (catch and release only) from April 1 through June 30</del>  <b>Possession:</b> <b>10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
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**Description and Rationale:**

This proposed change will remove the seasonal catch and release regulation which went into effect in 2015 and was intended to protect large black bass that spawn in the shallow waters. Creel surveys conducted after that regulation went into effect have shown a trend of low numbers of anglers targeting black bass in Eagle Valley Reservoir. Therefore, few spawning black bass are susceptible to angling pressure and the seasonal regulation is no longer needed. Removing this seasonal catch and release regulation will increase harvest opportunities for the low number of anglers that do target black bass, and aid towards preventing overpopulation and potential stunting of the black bass fishery.

**NYE COUNTY**

Other than general regulation and possession limit changes, all regulations in Nye County are proposed to remain the same with the exception of the following (changes are delineated in ~~red strike-out~~ text or **green bold** text):

**Kirch Wildlife Management Area**

**Proposed Regulation:**

Kirch Wildlife Management Area:			
All other waters within the Kirch Wildlife Management Area	Open year around except the upper portions of Adams-McGill, Cold Springs and Haymeadow reservoirs closed to trespass February 15 through August 15 as posted. A 100-yard area as posted around the inflow from Hot Creek to Adams-McGill Reservoir is closed to fishing January 1 through April 1.	<p><b>Daily:</b> 5 trout <del>50-bullhead</del> and 15 <del>other</del> warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <b>No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession).</b> <b>Limit is 5 black bass</b> from April 1 through June 30.</p> <p><b>Possession: 10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which 20 may be black bass</b></p>	Any hour of the day or night
Tule Reservoir	Open August 16 through February 14	<p><b>Daily:</b> 5 trout <del>50-bullhead,</del> and 15 <del>other</del> warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <b>No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession).</b></p> <p><b>Possession: 10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b></p>	Any hour of the day or night
Dacey Reservoir	Open year around except the upper portions of Dacey Reservoir closed to trespass February 15 through August 15 as posted. A 100-yard area as posted around the inflow from Hot Creek to Dacey Reservoir is closed to fishing January 1 through April 1.	<p><b>Daily:</b> 1 trout <del>50-bullhead,</del> and 15 <del>other</del> warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <b>No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession)</b> <b>Limit is zero black bass</b> (catch and release only) from April 1 through June 30.</p> <p><b>Possession: 2 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b></p>	Any hour of the day or night

**Description and Rationale:**

This proposed change will allow unlimited harvest of bullheads in waters within Kirch Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Bullheads are highly prolific and are opportunistic omnivores, consuming a wide variety of food items including aquatic vegetation, aquatic invertebrates, fish eggs, and small-bodied fish (i.e., juvenile largemouth bass, bluegill, and crappie). Due to a low predation rate and

extremely low harvest by anglers, the populations of bullheads at Kirch WMA reservoirs have expanded greatly and are now overabundant. A reduction in bullhead numbers will reduce competition for food resources and habitat for more desirable game species present in the reservoirs.

This proposed regulation change will increase harvest opportunities for the few anglers that target bullheads, increase available habitat and forage for more popular game fishes, and decrease predation on eggs and juvenile life stages of more popular game fish species.

## WASHOE COUNTY

Other than general regulation and possession limit changes, all regulations in Washoe County are proposed to remain the same with the exception of the following (changes are delineated in ~~red strike-out~~ text or **green** bold text):

### Catnip Reservoir, tributaries and outlet stream

#### Proposed Regulation:

Catnip Reservoir, tributaries and outlet stream	<b>Open year around</b> <del>Second-Saturday-in-June-through-November-15</del>	<b>Daily:</b> 1 trout <b>Possession:</b> <b>2 trout</b>	Any hour of the day or night
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#### Description and Rationale:

The Department is proposing to remove the seasonal closure for Catnip Reservoir and allow year-round angling. There is no biological reason to have this reservoir closed for a portion of the year. The population of LCT in Catnip is supported by a stocking with little or no recruitment from the inlet stream. Historically, NDOW spawned LCT out of Catnip Reservoir with Rainbows out of nearby Big Springs Reservoir to produce Bowcutt/Cuttbow trout for the hatcheries. During those years, having a spring closure made sense to protect LCT that would stage at the stream inlet; however, the Bowcutt/Cuttbow program is no longer conducted at Catnip Reservoir and has been moved to Marlette Lake. The current regulation prohibits fishing for 7 months of the year. Spring and late fall angling in high desert reservoirs can be the best time to fish as opposed to the summer months, this change will provide quality fishing opportunity during the seasons when fishing can be the most productive and allow outdoor recreationalists to fish the reservoir when in the area for other activities (hunting, 4 wheeling, exploring).

### Hobart Reservoir and tributaries and Franktown Creek downstream from Hobart Reservoir to Red House

#### Proposed Regulation:

Hobart Reservoir and tributaries and Franktown Creek downstream from Hobart Reservoir to Red House	May 1 through <b>October 31</b> <del>September-30</del>	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout <b>of which not more than 2 may be tiger trout</b> , <del>only one of which is longer than 14 inches total length</del> <b>Possession:</b> <b>10 trout of which not more than 4 may be tiger trout</b>	1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset
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#### Description and Rationale:

The Department is proposing to extend the season at Hobart Reservoir through October 31, remove the size restriction on trout and reduce the total number of tiger trout and angler can take in one day to two (2) total.

**Season Extension:** Angling is currently permitted at Hobart Reservoir until the end of September. Over the years, many anglers have request extending the season further into the fall to enjoy the great fall fishing experience the reservoir could potentially provide. Extending the season by one month will allow for more use by the public with little to no negative impact to the fishery. Discussions with Carson City officials indicate they are supportive of the fishing season extension and willing to maintain the access into October for an extended season. Carson City officials manage the Ash Canyon access road and occasionally *may* be required to close the road to vehicular traffic due to weather conditions prior to the October 31 season closure, but anglers who are willing to hike in would still have the ability to utilize this fishery.

**Removal of size restriction/limit on tiger trout:** Brook Trout are the dominate species in Hobart Reservoir and have resulted in an overpopulated fishery with poor quality fish. Twenty years of the current regulation has resulted in no change to species composition or quality of fish as intended. Tiger trout have been stocked as a biological control for brook trout in the reservoir but need to persist for multiple years to reach sizes suitable for them to consistently prey upon wild brook trout. This regulation should help reduce brook trout numbers by increasing angling pressure and allowing tiger trout to grow and persist for multiple years to attain a size that more effectively controls the brook trout population. Ideally this regulation will help to balance the number, size and quality of trout in the lake. Concurrent to this CR change, the Department is proposing a CGR to amend the tackle restriction in place at Hobart Reservoir from “artificial lures with single barbless hook” to “artificial lures” which is intended to reduce the barriers to entry for those trying to fish Hobart Reservoir and increase success rate for catching and keeping fish.

Battle Born Pond

Proposed Regulation:

<p>Washoe County Urban Ponds:  <b>Battle Born Pond</b>, Davis Creek Pond, Idlewild Ponds, Marilyn's Pond, Paradise Ponds, Rancho San Rafael Pond, Sparks Marina Pond, <del>Crystal Peak Park</del> <b>Verdi</b> Pond, Virginia Lake and Wilson Common</p>	Open year around	<p><b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish   <b>Possession:</b> 6 game fish</p>	Hours parks are open to public use
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Description and Rationale:

The Department is proposing to add Battle Born Pond to the Washoe County special regulation for urban ponds where the season and harvest limits for this water would be “*Season is open year around, during hours the park is open to public use. Daily Limit is 3 game fish.*” This is a new fishery in Washoe County which should be managed consistent with the regulations established for other waters statewide that are managed under the Urban Fishing Concept. Without adoption of this regulation, Battle Born Pond would fall under the Washoe County general regulation of 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. Urban ponds tend to experience high use, especially after stocking events, so harvest of these fish is rapid, requiring frequent stocking throughout the fishing season to maintain recreational fishing. Reducing harvest limits at Battle Born Pond would allow stocked fish to persist in the pond for a longer period allowing those fish to be distributed among a larger user group.

This proposed change also includes some clean up to correct the name of Verdi Pond which was incorrectly called “Crystal Peak Park Pond” when it was initially included in the Urban Pond regulation. Verdi Pond is located within Crystal Peak Park in Verdi, NV.

Twelvemile Creek

Proposed Regulation:

Twelvemile Creek	Open year around	Daily: 2 trout Possession: 4 trout	Any hour of the day or night
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**Description and Rationale:**

Currently Twelvemile Creek falls under the Western Region General Regulation and is inconsistent with the regulation immediately across the Oregon/Nevada border on the same creek. The vast majority of Twelvemile Creek lies within the state of Oregon and therefore mimicking their regulation makes the most sense. The fishery consists of native redband rainbow trout so reducing the daily limit from 5 to 2 (to match Oregon) not only provides consistency and eliminates confusion for the angler, it also provides additional limited protection for a native trout species.

**WHITE PINE COUNTY**

Other than general regulation and possession limit changes, all regulations in White Pine County are proposed to remain the same with the exception of the following (changes are delineated in ~~red strike-out~~ text or **green bold** text):

Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Proposed Regulation:

OPEN WATERS:  Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Open year round	From Jan. 1 – June 14: <b>Daily: 5</b> <del>3</del> trout and 5 black bass.*. <b>Possession: 10 trout and 10 black bass</b>  From June 15 – Dec. 31: <b>Daily: 5</b> <del>3</del> trout and 10 black bass.*. <b>Possession: 10 trout and 20 black bass</b>  *Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.	<del>2</del> 1 hours before sunrise to <del>2</del> 1 hours after sunset
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**Description and Rationale:**

As a result of efforts by the Department to simplify trout and mountain whitefish limits across Eastern Region waters, the trout limit at Ruby Lake NWR is proposed to increase from 3 to 5 daily. While the harvest of trout could increase at Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge with this proposed daily limit increase, the proposed change provides an important benefit of having more consistent and simplified trout angling regulations for anglers, game wardens, and fisheries biologists. If changes are implemented, angler use and success would be monitored to ensure continued satisfactory angler success rates at Ruby Lake NWR.

In addition, changes to the hours are being proposed to clean up an oversight that occurred when CR21-15 Amendment #1 was approved by the NBWC in September 2022. At that time, the

Department proposed to modify the fishing hours at the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge to be open 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset to ensure fishing hours were consistent with Refuge hours of operation. The change was only proposed for Elko County and should also have been included in White Pine County since the refuge boundary spans both counties. Approval of this change will make regulations for the Ruby Lake NWR consistent for both counties.

Snake Range High Lakes

Proposed Regulation:

Snake <del>Range Mountain</del> High Lakes	Open year around	0 trout, catch and release only	Any hour of the day or night
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**Description and Rationale:**

This change corrects the name of the Snake Range High Lakes.

**Recommendation:**

The Department recommends Commission approval of the proposed changes to Commission Regulation 23-15 after consideration of public and Commission input.

**STATE OF NEVADA  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

**FISHING SEASONS  
CR 23-15**

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners, under the authority of 501.181 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulation for the management of the fisheries resource:

2024/2025 FISHING SEASONS  
JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

LIMITS

“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 “Possession Limit” is two times the daily limit for the water in which the fish were caught. A daily/possession limit includes fish caught in Nevada which have been processed or preserved and are stored at any location. Fish that are caught and immediately released back to the water alive are not considered to be reduced to possession or part of the limit.

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.

General limits are listed by region. Exceptions to general limits are included as “special regulations” and are listed by individual water.





COUNTY	WATERS	SEASON	LIMITS	HOURS
<b>CARSON CITY</b>				
CLOSED WATERS:	None			
OPEN WATERS:	All waters. (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <b>5</b> <del>10</del> mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass <b>and 5 may be walleye</b>  <b>Possession:</b> <b>10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Lake Tahoe and tributaries	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 game fish  <b>Possession:</b> <b>10 game fish</b>	1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset
	Baily Fishing Pond	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish  <b>Possession:</b> <b>6 game fish</b>	Hours park is open to public use
<b>CHURCHILL COUNTY</b>				
CLOSED WATERS:	Lahontan Dam spilling pool (bowl) on the Carson River below Lahontan Dam. All waters within the boundaries of the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge.			
OPEN WATERS:	All waters. (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <b>5</b> <del>10</del> mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass <b>and 5 may be walleye</b>  <b>Possession:</b> <b>10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Lahontan Reservoir	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 15 game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass, 5 may be walleye, and 2 may be white bass or white bass hybrids (wiper) 15 inches total length or longer. White bass or white bass hybrids (wiper) under 15 inches may be included in the 15 game fish limit.  <b>Possession:</b> <b>30 game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass, 10 may be walleye, and 4 may be white bass or white bass hybrids (wiper) 15 inches total length or longer</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Carson River, and all waters in Lahontan Valley	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 25 game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass and 5 may be walleye  <b>Possession:</b> <b>50 game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Liberty Pond	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish  <b>Possession:</b> <b>6 game fish</b>	Hours park is open to public use
<b>CLARK COUNTY</b>				
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, those waters within the flat wake buoys at the following marinas and harbors: Overton Beach, Echo Bay Resort, Callville Bay Marina, Las Vegas Wash, Cottonwood Cove, Hemenway Harbor and Las Vegas Boat Harbor. Veterans Memorial Park, Boulder City, all waters except the Boulder City Urban Fishing Pond as posted. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park Pond. Las Vegas Wash, all waters within the Clark County Wetlands Park.			

COUNTY	WATERS	SEASON	LIMITS	HOURS
OPEN WATERS:	All waters. (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 10 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass  <b>Possession: 20 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Lake Mead	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, 6 black bass, 25 catfish, 15 crappie. No limit on striped bass less than 20 inches total length (unlimited possession). The <b>daily</b> limit on striped bass 20 inches total length or longer is 20 fish. No limit on other game fish  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 12 black bass, 50 catfish, and 30 crappie. The possession limit on striped bass 20 inches in total length or longer is 40 fish</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Lake Mohave	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, 6 black bass, 25 catfish, 15 crappie. No limit on striped bass less than 20 inches total length (unlimited possession). The <b>daily</b> limit on striped bass 20 inches total length or longer is 20 fish. No limit on other game fish  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 12 black bass, 50 catfish, and 30 crappie. The possession limit on striped bass 20 inches in total length or longer is 40 fish</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Colorado River below Davis Dam	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, 6 black bass, 10 striped bass, and 25 catfish. Minimum size for black bass is 13 inches total length. No limit on other game fish  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 12 black bass, 20 striped bass, and 50 catfish</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Virgin River and Muddy (Moapa) River systems	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, 6 black bass, 25 catfish, 15 crappie, and 20 striped bass. No limit on other game fish  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 12 black bass, 50 catfish, 30 crappie, and 40 striped bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Boulder City Pond, Sunset Park Pond, Floyd Lamb Park Ponds, Lorenzi Park Pond and Mesquite Urban Pond – Hafen Lane Pond	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish  <b>Possession: 6 game fish</b>	Hours parks are open to public use
	Cold Creek Pond and Cold Creek	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish  <b>Possession: 6 game fish</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Carpenter Creek	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 2 trout  <b>Possession: 4 trout</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	<b>DOUGLAS COUNTY</b>			
CLOSED WATERS:	Topaz Lake within the jetties of Topaz Marina. Lake Tahoe within the boat launch area, inside the jetty at the Cave Rock boat ramp, north end. Glenbrook Creek from Lake Tahoe to Highway 50.			

COUNTY	WATERS	SEASON	LIMITS	HOURS
OPEN WATERS:	All waters. (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <del>5</del> 10 mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass <b>and 5 may be walleye</b>  <b>Possession:</b> 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye	Any hour of the day or night
	Lake Tahoe and tributaries	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 game fish  <b>Possession:</b> 10 game fish	1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset
	Spooner Lake	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout  <b>Possession:</b> 10 trout	1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset
	Topaz Lake	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, 5 mountain whitefish, and 25 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass  <b>Possession:</b> 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 50 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass	1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset
	Mitch Park Pond, Lampe Park Pond, Martin Slough Ponds (on Gilman Avenue), Seeman Pond, <b>Mountain View Park Pond</b>	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish  <b>Possession:</b> 6 game fish	Hours parks are open to public use.
<b>ELKO COUNTY</b>				
CLOSED WATERS:	In Ruby Valley fishing is prohibited in hatchery, rearing, brood and spring ponds of Gallagher Hatchery; in Cave Creek west of the county road; and on Franklin Lake Wildlife Management Area.			
OPEN WATERS:	All <del>waters lakes and reservoirs</del> (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <b>5 mountain whitefish</b> , 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).  <b>Possession:</b> 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass	Any hour of the day or night
	<del>All streams and rivers</del> (Except as noted below)	<del>Open year around</del>	<del>10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on northern pike or yellow perch (unlimited possession)</del>	<del>Any hour of the day or night</del>
	Wildhorse Reservoir and all inlet and outlet streams including Penrod Creek up to the bridge below the Gold Creek Ranger Station	Open year around. Exception: March 1 through June 30, catch and release fishing only for black bass	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, 1 black bass, 1 white bass hybrid (wiper) and 5 channel catfish. No limit on yellow perch (unlimited possession). Minimum size for black bass and white bass hybrids (wiper) is 15 inches total length  <b>Possession:</b> 10 trout, 2 black bass, 2 white bass hybrid (wiper) and 10 channel catfish	Any hour of the day or night

COUNTY	WATERS	SEASON	LIMITS	HOURS
	Angel Lake and inlet and outlet streams <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations</b>	Open year around	<del>5 trout</del> <b>Daily: 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)</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	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	Open year around. Exception: March 1 through June 30, catch and release fishing only for black bass	<b>Daily: 5 trout, 1 black bass, 1 white bass hybrid (wiper) and 5 channel catfish. Minimum size for black bass and white bass hybrids (wiper) is 15 inches total length</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 2 black bass, 2 white bass hybrid (wiper) and 10 channel catfish</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	South Fork of the Humboldt River from the Lucky Nugget Subdivision causeway upstream to Lee	Open year around	<b>Daily: 1 trout</b>  <b>Possession: 2 trout</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Wilson Sink Reservoir, its outlet and inlet stream up to State Route 11 <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations</b>	Open year around	<del>5 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 10 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length</del> <b>Daily: 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)</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Open year around in all areas except as posted  January 1 through June 14  June 15 through December 31	<b>Daily: 5 <del>3</del> trout and 5 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout and 10 black bass</b>  <b>Daily: 5 <del>3</del> trout and 10 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout and 20 black bass</b>	1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset
	Ruby Mountains and East Humboldt Range high lakes except Angel Lake <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations</b>	Open year around	<del>10 trout</del> <b>Daily: 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)</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night

COUNTY	WATERS	SEASON	LIMITS	HOURS
	Dry Creek Reservoir Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations	Open year around	<del>5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass</del> Daily: 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)  Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass	Any hour of the day or night
	Willow Creek Reservoir Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations	Open year around	<del>5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass and 5 may be channel catfish. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length</del> Daily: 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)  Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass	Any hour of the day or night
	Jarbidge River, East Fork and West Fork and tributary streams	Open year around	Daily: 5 trout, <del>5</del> 10 mountain whitefish, except possession of bull trout is prohibited. All captured bull trout must be released immediately.  Possession: 10 trout and 10 mountain whitefish	Any hour of the day or night
	Marys River and tributary streams Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations	Open year around	<del>5 trout</del> Daily: 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)  Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass	Any hour of the day or night
	Bruneau River and tributary streams Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations	Open year around	<del>10 trout and 10 mountain whitefish</del> Daily: 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)  Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass	Any hour of the day or night

**ESMERALDA COUNTY**  
CLOSED WATERS: | None

COUNTY	WATERS	SEASON	LIMITS	HOURS
OPEN WATERS:	All waters	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 10 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass  <b>Possession: 20 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
<b>EUREKA COUNTY</b>				
CLOSED WATERS:	Tonkin Springs Creek (Denay Creek) from origin to its confluence with Tonkin Springs Reservoir			
OPEN WATERS:	All <del>waters lakes and reservoirs</del> (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <b>5 mountain whitefish</b> , 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)  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	<del>All streams and rivers.</del> (Except as noted below)	<del>Open year around</del>	<del>10 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on northern pike or yellow perch (unlimited possession)</del>	<del>Any hour of the day or night</del>
	Tonkin Springs Reservoir	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout  <b>Possession: 10 trout</b>	Any hour of the day or night
<b>HUMBOLDT COUNTY</b>				
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.			
OPEN WATERS:	All waters (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <del>5</del> <b>10</b> mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass <b>and 5 may be walleye</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	James Kinney Pond	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish  <b>Possession: 6 game fish</b>	Hours park is open to public use
	Blue Lakes and Onion Valley Reservoir <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Western Region General Regulations</b>	<del>Open year around</del> <b>Second Saturday in June through November 15</b>	<del>5 trout</del> <b>Daily: 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</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Bilk Creek Reservoir	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 game fish  <b>Possession: 10 game fish</b>	Any hour of the day or night



COUNTY	WATERS	SEASON	LIMITS	HOURS
	Chimney Reservoir	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 15 game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass, 5 may be walleye, 2 may be white bass hybrid (wiper), and zero may be tiger muskie (catch and release only). The minimum length for white bass hybrids is 15 inches total length  <b>Possession: 30 game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass, 10 may be walleye, 4 may be white bass hybrid (wiper)</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Knott Creek Reservoir including inlet and outlet streams	<b>Open year around Second Saturday in June through November 15</b>	<b>Daily:</b> 1 trout. <b>Minimum size for trout is 18 inches total length</b>  <b>Possession: 2 trout</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Big Springs Reservoir <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Western Region General Regulations</b>	<b>Open year around Second Saturday in May through the last day of February</b>	<del>5 trout</del> <b>Daily: 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</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b>	Any hour of the day or night
<b>LANDER COUNTY</b>				
CLOSED WATERS:	None			
OPEN WATERS:	<del>All waters streams and rivers (Except as noted below)</del>	<del>Open year around</del>	<del>10 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on northern pike or yellow perch (unlimited possession)</del>	<del>Any hour of the day or night</del>
	All waters <del>lakes and reservoirs</del> (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <b>5 mountain whitefish</b> , 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)  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Willow Creek Pond and Willow Creek Reservoir including inlet and outlet streams	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout and 5 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches. No limit on yellow perch (unlimited possession)  <b>Possession: 10 trout and 10 black bass</b>	1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset
	Groves Lake, Kingston Creek and Big Creek <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations</b>	Open year around	<del>5 trout</del> <b>Daily: 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)</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night

COUNTY	WATERS	SEASON	LIMITS	HOURS
	Smith Creek Reservoir <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations</b>	<del>April 1 through November 15</del> <b>Open year around</b>	<del>1 trout</del> <b>Daily: 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)</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
<b>LINCOLN COUNTY</b>				
CLOSED WATERS:	Crystal Springs and outflow for one-half mile to beginning of concrete ditch. Ash Springs outflow through the River Ranch to beginning of concrete ditch.			
OPEN WATERS:	All waters (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily: 10 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass</b>  <b>Possession: 20 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Nesbitt Lake (Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area)	Open year around except the portion above the old fence line as posted is closed to trespass February 15 through August 15 and closed to fishing during the waterfowl season	<del>Daily: 50 bullhead and 15 other</del> warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <b>No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession)</b>  <b>Possession: 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Eagle Valley Reservoir and Meadow Valley Wash above the reservoir	Open year around	<b>Daily: 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. Zero black bass (catch and release only) from April 1 through June 30</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Echo Canyon Reservoir	Open year around	<b>Daily: 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge	Open year around except North Marsh which is closed to fishing during the waterfowl season	<b>Daily: 3 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass</b>  <b>Possession: 6 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
<b>LYON COUNTY</b>				
CLOSED WATERS:	All waters within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area except for those listed as open.			
OPEN WATERS:	All waters (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily: 5 trout, 5 <del>10</del> mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass and 5 may be walleye</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b>	Any hour of the day or night

COUNTY	WATERS	SEASON	LIMITS	HOURS
	East Walker River	Open year around	<p><b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <del>5</del>10 mountain whitefish, 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass. Except in that portion of the East Walker River which is from one-quarter mile above the confluence of the East Walker River and Sweetwater Creek downstream to one-half mile below the confluence of the East Walker River and Red Wash Creek which is catch and release fishing only</p> <p><b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass</b></p>	Any hour of the day or night
	Fort Churchill Cooling Pond Cooperative Management Area, fishing prohibited from the center dike and posted areas	Second Saturday in February through September 30	<p><b>Daily:</b> 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</p> <p><b>Possession: 10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 4 may be black bass</b></p>	1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset
	Lahontan Reservoir	Open year around	<p><b>Daily:</b> 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</p> <p><b>Possession: 30 game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass, 10 may be walleye, and 4 may be white bass or white bass hybrids (wiper) 15 inches total length or longer</b></p>	Any hour of the day or night

COUNTY	WATERS	SEASON	LIMITS	HOURS
	Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area:  Bass, Crappie, and North ponds, Beaver Slough and that portion of the Walker River within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area	Second Saturday in February through September 30	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 2 may be black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 14 inches total length  <b>Possession: 10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 4 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Hinkson Slough	Second Saturday in February through September 30	<b>Daily:</b> 2 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 2 may be black bass. Minimum size for trout is 16 inches total length. Minimum size for black bass is 14 inches total length  <b>Possession: 4 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 4 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Eastside Waterfowl Series Ponds	August 16 through September 30	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 2 may be black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 14 inches total length  <b>Possession: 10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 4 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Kuenzli Pond, Hatchery Outpond 1, Hatchery Outpond 2 and Hatchery Outpond 3	First Saturday in May	<b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish of which not more than 1 may be black bass  <b>Possession: 6 game fish of which not more than 2 may be black bass</b>	8 AM to sunset
	Mountain View Park Pond	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish  <b>Possession: 6 game fish</b>	Hours park is open to public use
<b>MINERAL COUNTY</b>				
CLOSED WATERS:	The Rose Creek confluence from the diversion pipe downstream to Walker Lake and Walker Lake within a 100-yard radius of the inflow.			
OPEN WATERS:	All waters (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <del>5</del> 10 mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass <b>and 5 may be walleye</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Rose Creek Reservoir	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish  <b>Possession: 6 game fish</b>	Any hour of the day or night
<b>NYE COUNTY</b>				
CLOSED WATERS:	Kirch Wildlife Management Area: Hot Creek to its confluence with Adams-McGill Reservoir. Sunnyside Creek above Sunnyside/Adavin County Road crossing in sec. 36, T 7 N R 61 E.			
OPEN WATERS:	All waters (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 10 trout, 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass  <b>Possession: 20 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night

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	Beatty Urban Pond	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish <b>Possession: 6 game fish</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Sportsman's Park Pond	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish <b>Possession: 6 game fish</b>	Hours park is open to public use
	Upper Reese River and tributaries from the Arc Dome wilderness boundary south of the Yomba Shoshone Tribe Reservation to its headwaters	Open year around	No limit on trout	Any hour of the day or night
	Stewart Creek from its confluence with the Reese River to its headwaters	Open year around	No limit on trout	Any hour of the day or night
	Kirch Wildlife Management Area:  All other waters within the Kirch Wildlife Management Area	Open year around except the upper portions of Adams-McGill, Cold Springs and Haymeadow reservoirs closed to trespass February 15 through August 15 as posted. A 100-yard area as posted around the inflow from Hot Creek to Adams-McGill Reservoir is closed to fishing January 1 through April 1.	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout <del>50-bullhead</del> and 15 <del>other</del> warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <b>No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession)</b> <b>Limit is 5 black bass</b> from April 1 through June 30.  <b>Possession: 10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Tule Reservoir	Open August 16 through February 14	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout <del>50-bullhead</del> , and 15 <del>other</del> warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <b>No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession)</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Dacey Reservoir	Open year around except the upper portions of Dacey Reservoir closed to trespass February 15 through August 15 as posted. A 100-yard area as posted around the inflow from Hot Creek to Dacey Reservoir is closed to fishing January 1 through April 1.	<b>Daily:</b> 1 trout <del>50-bullhead</del> , and 15 <del>other</del> warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. <b>No limit on bullheads (unlimited possession)</b> <b>Limit is zero black bass</b> (catch and release only) from April 1 through June 30.  <b>Possession: 2 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
<b>PERSHING COUNTY</b>				
CLOSED WATERS:	None			
OPEN WATERS:	All waters (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <del>5</del> <del>10</del> mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass <b>and 5 may be walleye</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b>	Any hour of the day or night

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	Rye Patch Reservoir and Humboldt River	Open year around	<p><b>Daily:</b> 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 which are over 15 inches total length. White bass or white bass hybrids under 15 inches total length may be included in the 25 game fish limit</p> <p><b>Possession: 50 game fish of which not more than 10 may be trout, 10 may be walleye, 10 may be black bass, and 4 may be white bass or white bass hybrids which are over 15 inches total length</b></p>	Any hour of the day or night
<b>STOREY COUNTY</b>				
CLOSED WATERS:	5 Mile Reservoir, Truckee River from Derby Dam downstream 1,000 feet.			
OPEN WATERS:	All waters (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<p><b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <del>5</del> 10 mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass <b>and 5 may be walleye</b></p> <p><b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b></p>	Any hour of the day or night
	Truckee River	Open year around except for closed areas	<p><b>Daily:</b> 3 game fish except in that section from E Mustang Road bridge (I-80 Exit 23) downstream to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary, limit is three game fish of which 1 may be trout.</p> <p><b>Possession: 6 game fish except in that section from E Mustang Road bridge (I-80 Exit 23) downstream to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary, limit is 6 game fish of which 2 may be trout.</b></p>	Any hour of the day or night
<b>WASHOE COUNTY</b>				
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 1,000 feet.			
OPEN WATERS:	All waters (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<p><b>Daily:</b> 5 trout, <del>5</del> 10 mountain whitefish and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass <b>and 5 may be walleye</b></p> <p><b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish and 30 warmwater gamefish of which 10 may be black bass and 10 may be walleye</b></p>	Any hour of the day or night
	Catnip Reservoir, tributaries and outlet stream	<b>Open year around <del>Second Saturday in June through November 15</del></b>	<p><b>Daily:</b> 1 trout</p> <p><b>Possession: 2 trout</b></p>	Any hour of the day or night
	Washoe Lake	Open year around	<p><b>Daily:</b> 10 game fish of which not more than 5 may be catfish</p> <p><b>Possession: 20 game fish of which not more than 10 may be catfish</b></p>	Any hour of the day or night

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	Hobart Reservoir and tributaries and Franktown Creek downstream from Hobart Reservoir to Red House	May 1 through <del>September 30</del> <b>October 31</b>	<b>Daily: 5 trout of which not more than 2 may be tiger trout, only one of which is longer than 14 inches total length</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout of which not more than 4 may be tiger trout</b>	1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset
	Lake Tahoe and tributaries	Open year around except for closed areas	<b>Daily: 5 game fish</b>  <b>Possession: 10 game fish</b>	1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset
	Marlette Lake, tributaries and outlet stream	July 15 through September 30	<b>Daily: 0 trout, catch and release only</b>	1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset
	Truckee River	Open year around except for closed areas	<b>Daily: 3 game fish except in that section from E Mustang Road bridge (I-80 Exit 23) downstream to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary, limit is three game fish of which 1 may be trout.</b>  <b>Possession: 6 game fish except in that section from E Mustang Road bridge (I-80 Exit 23) downstream to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary, limit is 6 game fish of which 2 may be trout.</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	<b>Twelvemile Creek</b>	<b>Open year around</b>	<b>Daily: 2 trout</b>  <b>Possession: 4 trout</b>	<b>Any hour of the day or night</b>
	<u>Washoe County Urban Ponds:</u> <b>Battle Born Pond</b> , Davis Creek Pond, Idlewild Ponds, Marilyn's Pond, Paradise Ponds, Rancho San Rafael Pond, Sparks Marina Pond, <del>Crystal Peak Park</del> <b>Verdi</b> Pond, Virginia Lake and Wilson Common	Open year around	<b>Daily: 3 game fish</b>  <b>Possession: 6 game fish</b>	Hours parks are open to public use
<b>WHITE PINE COUNTY</b>				
CLOSED WATERS:	Cold Creek Springs (Spring Pond) and creek above Cold Creek Reservoir in the Diamond Range			
OPEN WATERS:	All <del>waters lakes and reservoirs</del> (Except as noted below)	Open year around	<b>Daily: 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).</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	<del>All streams and rivers. (Except as noted below)</del>	<del>Open year around</del>	<del>10 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black. No limit on northern pike or yellow perch (unlimited possession)</del>	<del>Any hour of the day or night</del>
	Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Open year around in all areas except as posted.  January 1 through June 14  June 15 through December 31	<b>Daily: 5 <del>3</del> trout and 5 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.</b> <b>Possession: 10 trout and 10 black bass</b>  <b>Daily: 5 <del>3</del> trout and 10 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches total length.</b> <b>Possession: 10 trout and 20 black bass</b>	<del>1 2 hours</del> before sunrise to <del>1 2 hours</del> after sunset



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	Cave Lake, Steptoe Creek, and Cave Creek, <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations</b>	Open year around	<del>5 trout</del> <b>Daily: 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).</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Tailings Creek, Cleve Creek, Silver Creek and White River. <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations</b>	Open year around	<del>5 trout</del> <b>Daily: 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).</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Illipah Reservoir and Illipah Creek <b>Remove from Special Regulations. Will fall under Eastern Region General Regulations</b>	Open year around	<del>5 trout</del> <b>Daily: 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).</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Cold Creek Reservoir	Open year around	<b>Daily: 5 trout and 5 black bass. Minimum size for black bass is 10 inches.</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout and 10 black bass</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Comins Lake	Open year around	<b>Daily: 5 trout and 5 black bass. No limit on northern pike (unlimited possession).</b>  <b>Possession: 10 trout and 10 black bass.</b>	Any hour of the day or night
	Snake <b>Range Mountain</b> High Lakes	Open year around	0 trout, catch and release only	Any hour of the day or night