

HUMBOLDT RIVER

(PERSHING COUNTY)

History - The Humboldt River is the longest river in the continental United States that begins and ends within the boundaries of one state. It was historically a cutthroat trout water that produced, especially in the upper areas, excellent fishing in the 1840s. However, the portion of the river occurring in Pershing County was never considered "good" for trout fishing. With poor water quality, aggressive irrigation, and deteriorating watersheds, only warmwater fish species are found.

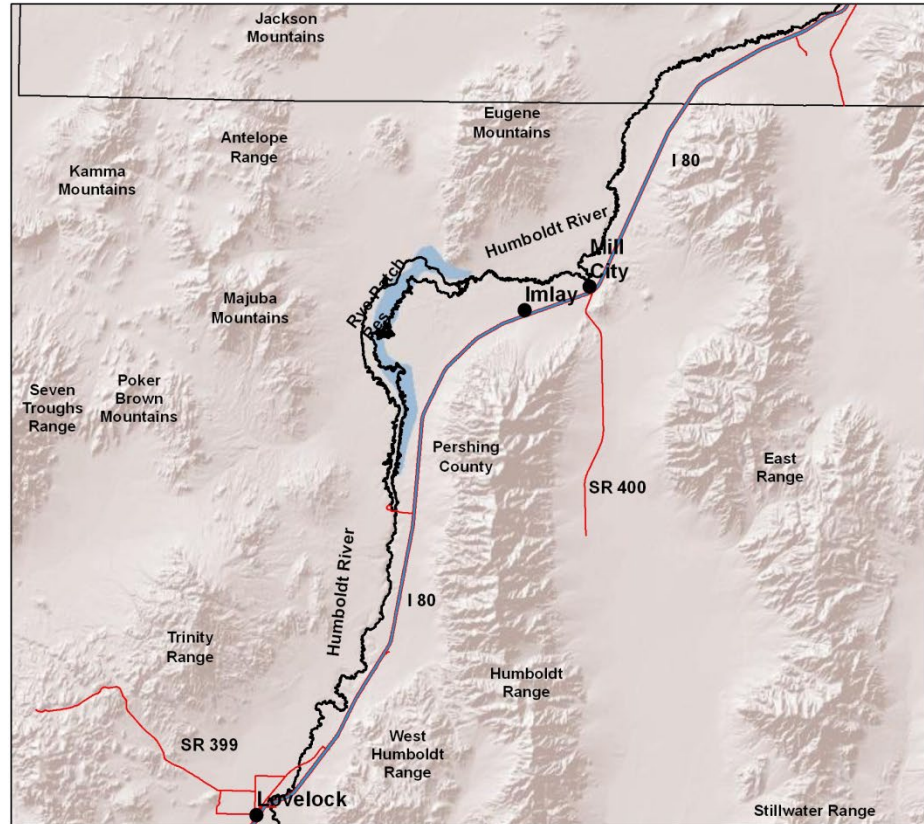
Pertinent Information - Flows generally range between 10 and 700 cubic feet per second and the primary fishes include white crappie, wipers (striped bass x white bass hybrid), channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, brown bullhead, bluegill, green sunfish, carp, and yellow perch. The best time of year to fish is from late spring to early fall. Productive methods include fishing with nightcrawlers, live bait, and small crappie jigs. All camping on the lower Humboldt River is primitive and much of the lower river runs through private property. Anglers are urged to contact landowners for permission to access or to camp.

Stocking - Fish in the Humboldt River are self-sustaining and stocking is not necessary.

Regulations - Limit is 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. White bass or wipers under 15 inches total length may be included in the 25 game fish limit. For the Humboldt River from Stahl Diversion Dam (near Golconda) to the downstream border of Humboldt County, live baitfish and aquatic bait from the Humboldt River Basin may be used. Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish or their parts may be used as bait.

Biologist Forecast for 2023 – Populations of White and Black Crappie, Channel Catfish, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, and wiper are present in the river below the Rye Patch. In 2023, fishing should be best below Rye Patch Reservoir this summer and fall when water is released for irrigation. Fishing is expected to be fair 2023.

Access - U.S. Interstate 80 follows the Humboldt River. Access is limited to public roads servicing the downstream irrigation system and much of the land surrounding the lower river will require landowner permission to access.



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DO YOUR PART – Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

Clean – Remove all mud, plants, and animals from every part of your boat, trailer, and equipment (waders, boots, landing nets, gloves, etc.).

Drain – Before you leave the recreation area, eliminate all water from your equipment and boat including live-wells, ballast, hull, and engine-cooling water.

Dry – Allow time for your equipment (waders, boots, landing nets, gloves, etc.) and boat to dry completely before you enter or launch in any other waters.