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Program Pays Anglers for Catching Northern Pike in Lake Roosevelt

(Nespelem, Wash. January 25, 2023) – If you are an angler that enjoys catching those feisty northern pike in Lake Roosevelt, you can participate in the Northern Pike Reward Program and turn in your pike heads at a designated location and get paid!

“We want to remind anglers to kill all northern pike captured and to turn in their heads for a reward,” said Holly McLellan, fish biologist for Colville Tribes Fish and Wildlife (CTFW). “It doesn’t matter what size they are even the small pike count towards the reward.”

In 2022, anglers turned in 125 heads and were paid \$1,250 but co-managers still need your help to reduce the number of pike in Lake Roosevelt.

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And to make it even easier, CTFW offers a map that shows the pike hot spots and freezer locations.

Anglers can drop off their pike heads at Noisy Waters Gas Station, Kettle Falls boat launch, Hunters boat launch, Fort Spokane boat launch, or at the Inchelium Fish and Wildlife office.

“We appreciate the anglers help with protecting the Lake Roosevelt fishery,” said McLellan.

Northern pike can exceed 50 inches and weigh as much as 45 pounds. A female adult can produce up to 250,000 eggs. And with their duck-bill mouth and large teeth, they can easily eat frogs, birds, trout, salmon and steelhead.

Lake Roosevelt co-managers (Colville Tribes, Spokane Tribe of Indians and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife) have been working diligently to remove northern pike from the reservoir and have removed 19,110 since 2015.

“The co-managers are particularly concerned with the negative impacts northern pike pose to tribal and state resources,” said McLellan. “The co-managers of Lake Roosevelt invest \$9 million annually into protecting and enhancing the fisheries of Lake Roosevelt through hatchery programs, native fish conservation programs for redband trout, white sturgeon, and burbot, as well as habitat restoration projects. Northern pike compromise the conservation and restoration of the current fisheries on Lake Roosevelt.”

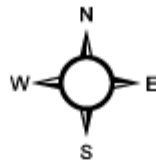
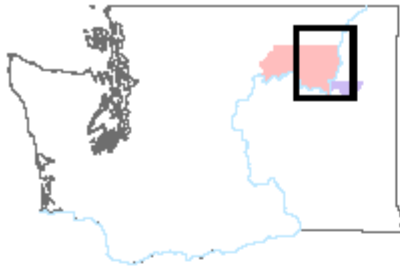
Important information about the Northern Pike Reward Program:

- All anglers must be 17 years of age or older to participate in the program.
- Anglers must completely fill out the tag information at the designated drop off area. Fish heads must be placed in a freezer bag with the label and dropped into the freezer or brought to the Inchelium Fish and Wildlife office.
- Fish heads must be in good condition and clearly identifiable. Unidentifiable heads will not be accepted or awarded.
- Fish must be caught in the main stem Columbia River from Wells Dam upstream to the Canadian border, the Spokane River upstream to Little Falls, the Kettle River, or the Okanogan River.
- There are no size restrictions on northern pike.
- Anglers must adhere to all applicable state/tribal fishing regulations for the area in which you fish. Contact your local state or tribal agency for license requirements and current fishing regulations.
- Please allow 2 to 3 weeks to receive your reward.



For more information on the Northern Pike Rewards Program, go to <https://www.cct-fnw.com/northern-pike>

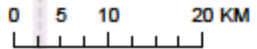
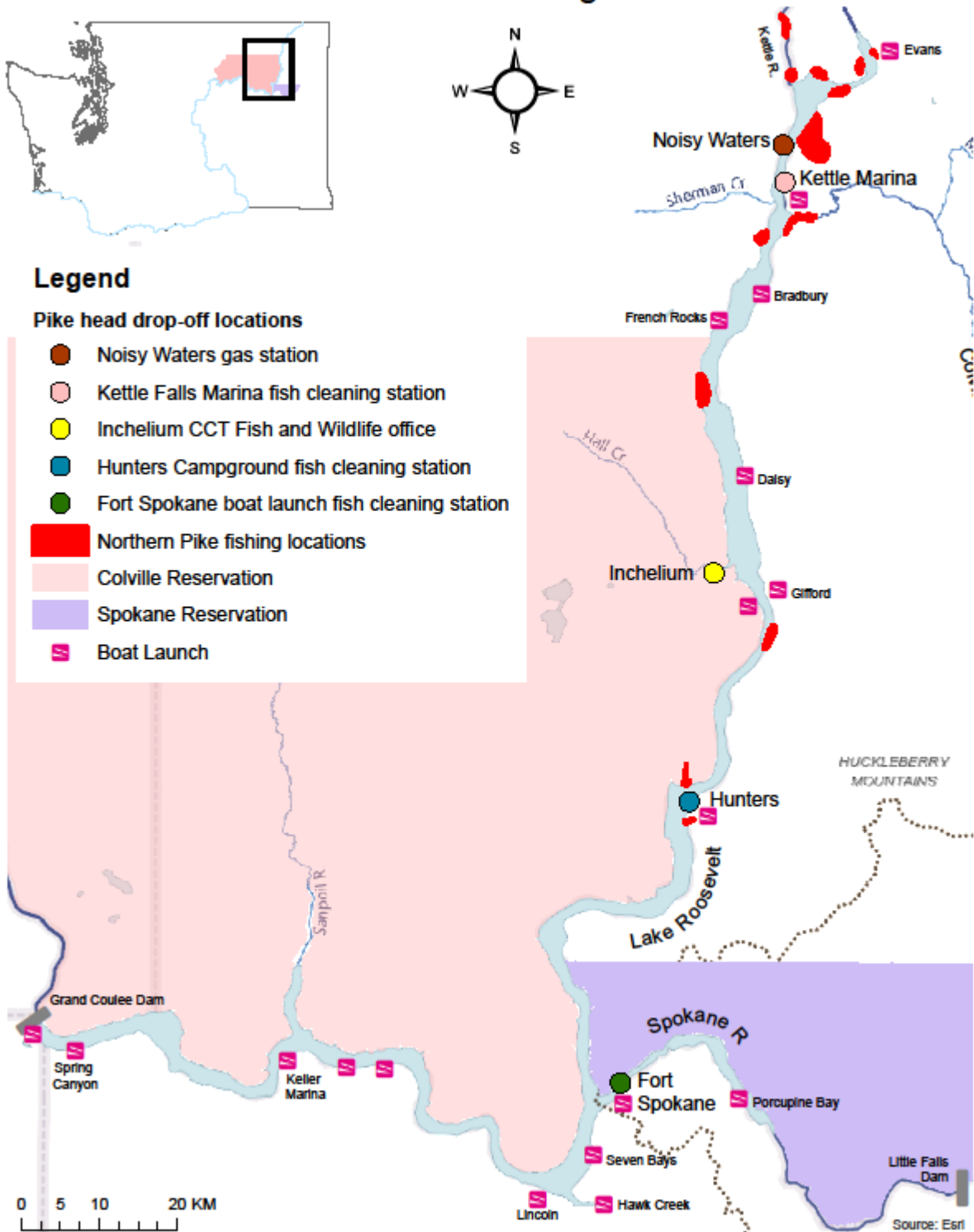
Northern Pike Fishing Locations



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Pike head drop-off locations

- Noisy Waters gas station
- Kettle Falls Marina fish cleaning station
- Inchelium CCT Fish and Wildlife office
- Hunters Campground fish cleaning station
- Fort Spokane boat launch fish cleaning station
- Northern Pike fishing locations
- Colville Reservation
- Spokane Reservation
- Boat Launch



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