

STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE NORTHERN PIKE



Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*) are a Prohibited Species in Washington State. Anglers are encouraged to kill **ALL** Northern Pike caught. Harvested Northern Pike must be dead before anglers leave the water where they are caught.

No minimum size or possession limit.

Northern Pike are now present in Lake Roosevelt. This fish species is known to have negative impacts on native fish populations and popular sport fisheries. In addition, further spread of Northern Pike into downstream portions of the Columbia River poses a severe threat to Salmon and Steelhead recovery efforts.

It is illegal to transport or release live fish without a WDFW permit.

Penalty includes up to \$5,000 in Fines and A Year in Prison (RCW 77.15.250) and a person found guilty can also be ordered to pay all costs of capturing, controlling or killing those fish or their progeny (in excess of \$100,000).

If you see someone transporting or releasing live fish, please call the Washington State Patrol. They will contact the nearest WDFW officer.

Spokane County WSP Dispatch: 509-456-4101

Stevens County WSP Dispatch: 509-684-7431



Spokane Tribe of Indians



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WANTED

Northern Pike Heads- \$10 Reward



Attention Anglers:

Help protect the Columbia River from Invasive Northern Pike!

Northern Pike pose significant threats to the Columbia River fisheries including predation on native and important game fish species, introductions of parasites and disease, and competition with other species for food resources.

Drop off locations: Noisy Waters Gas Station, Kettle Falls and Hunters Campground fish cleaning stations, Inchelium CCT Fish and Wildlife Office

Fill out the label with: drivers license, birthday, name, address, phone number, email, date of capture, and general location of capture
(Pike from Lake Roosevelt, Kettle River, Rufus Woods, Wells Pool are acceptable)

Place the head and the label in the bag and deposit into the freezer

¹A \$10 Reward will be mailed to you

Questions:
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¹Allow 4-5 weeks for processing
\$590 limit per person/year

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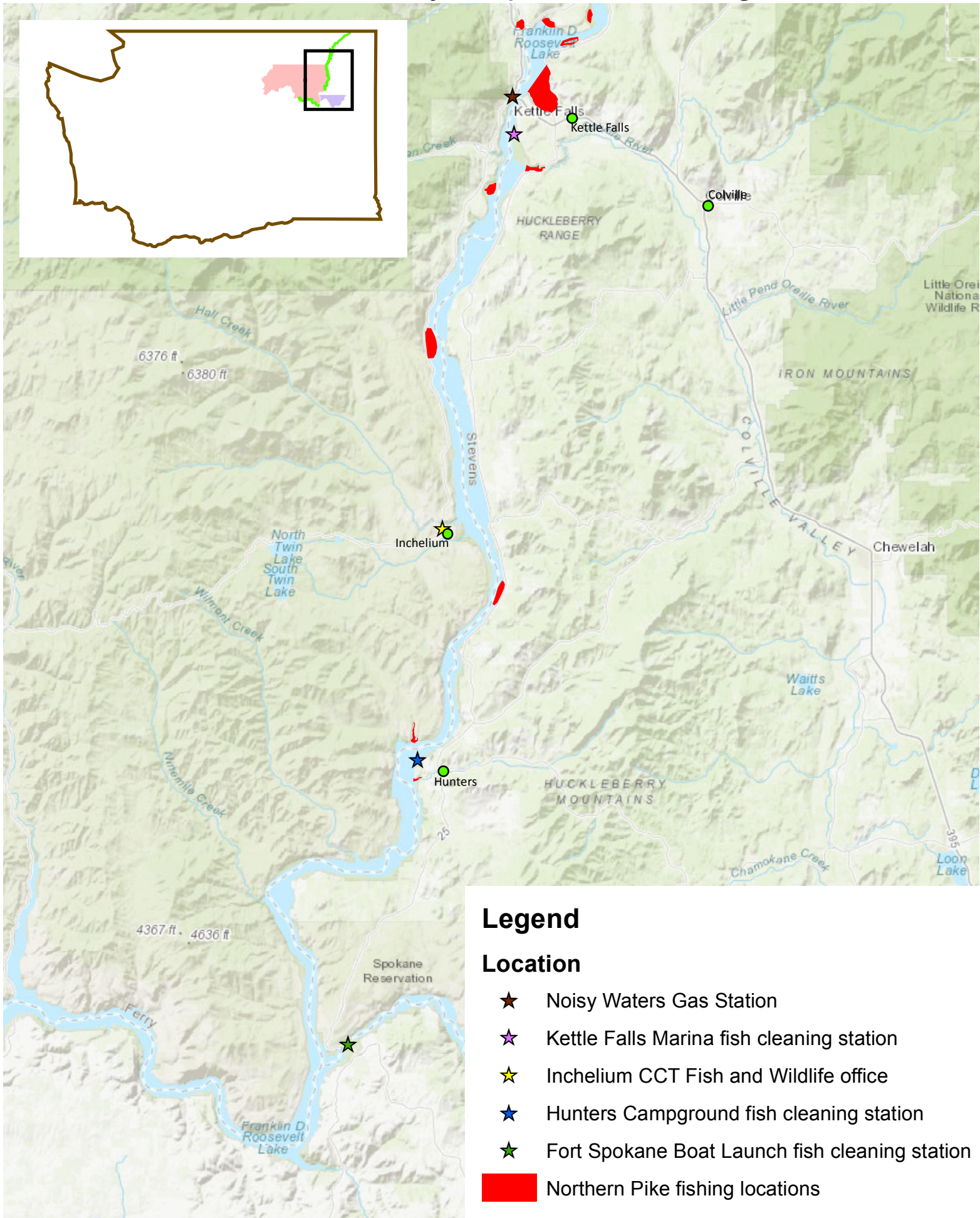
Northern Pike Reward Program Rules

Anglers participating in the Northern Pike Reward Program must adhere to the following rules:

1. Adhere to all applicable state/tribal fishing regulations for the area in which you fish. Contact your local state or tribal fishery agency for license requirements and current fishing regulations.
2. 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.
3. Comply with the directions of authorized program personnel related to the collection of sampling data and angler participation in the Northern Pike Reward Program.
4. Anglers must completely fill out the Pike Head tag information at the designated drop off area. Fish heads must be placed in a freezer bag, with the head label and dropped into the freezer. **Or brought to a CCT Fish and Wildlife Office.**
5. Fish must have been 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**. A random number of heads will be selected for microchemistry analysis to confirm the fish's origin.
6. There are no size restrictions on Northern Pike that are eligible for the reward.
7. Participants may receive \$10 for every Northern Pike head deposited into the designated **location**, up to an individual maximum of \$590 per calendar year.
8. All participants must be 17 years or older to receive the reward.
9. All fish to be redeemed for the reward must have been personally caught solely by the angler submitting them for the reward.
10. Fish head must be in good condition and clearly identifiable. Unidentifiable heads will not be accepted or awarded.
11. Violations of any of the above rules may result in participant disqualification from the Northern Pike Reward Program.
12. The Northern Pike Reward Program can be suspended or terminated at any time at the discretion of the Colville Tribes Fish and Wildlife program.



Northern Pike bounty drop off and fishing locations



Directions to properly process Northern Pike to qualify for the reward program

1. Heads must be cut off at the location indicated by the red line in the picture below (behind the gills).



2. Place the head in a provided Ziploc bag. More than one head can be placed in the same bag as long as each fish was caught by the same angler.
3. Fill out all the information on the provided form and place it in the Ziploc bag. Fill out all of the information on the form to insure your reward will be sent to the right location in a timely manner.

Thank you for participating in the Northern Pike Reward Program

Today's Date:
Name:
Address:
Phone Number:
Email:
Fish Information
Date of Capture:
General Location:
of Pike heads in the bag:
Other Information:

Please fill out the above information and place IN the plastic bag with your fish heads. Seal the bag and drop into the freezer.

4. Drop the bag with the head(s) into the freezer. A Colville Tribe employee will collect heads weekly. Please allow 2 to 3 weeks to receive your reward.