

The 2009 Northern Pikeminnow Season

The 2009 season for the sport reward fishery will start at all stations on May 1, 2009. The season will end Sept. 27, 2009.

For every qualifying northern pikeminnow 9 inches or longer returned to a registration station, anglers will receive \$4-\$8. The more fish an angler catches, the more they're worth: the first 100 in one season are worth \$4 each; after 100, they're worth \$5 each; and after 400 they're worth \$8 each. Special tagged northern pikeminnow will be worth \$500 this year.

Check the Pikeminnow Hotline by calling **(800) 858-9015** this spring for the latest information on registration stations, how and where to catch NPM, program updates, angler clinics, or special events.

Or visit us on the web at:
www.pikeminnow.org

Northern Pikeminnow Sport Reward Fishery Rules and Regulations

Anglers participating in the Northern Pikeminnow Sport Reward Fishery must adhere to each of the following rules:

- 1) Present a valid fishing license and picture identification upon request by any authorized program representative.
- 2) Adhere to all applicable state fishing regulations for the area in which you fish. Contact your local state fishery agency for license requirements and current fishing regulations.
- 3) Register in person at one of the designated registration stations each day prior to fishing. Anglers may register during times when stations are unstaffed, by using the station's self-registration box. Anglers may not register at multiple stations on the same day.
- 4) Provide true and accurate information to authorized program representatives regarding the taking, possession, delivery, transportation, sale, transfer, or any other use of fish caught while participating in the Northern Pikeminnow Sport Reward Fishery Program.
- 5) Comply with the directions of authorized program personnel related to the collection of sampling data and angler participation in the Sport Reward Fishery.
- 6) Mail in all reward vouchers within 30 days from the end of the each year's fishery. To obtain payment vouchers must be received no later than Nov. 15 for each year's fishery. Any issues preventing payment (missing information, voiding of voucher for program violations, etc.) must be resolved by Nov. 15 for each year's fishery or the voucher becomes null and void.
- 7) Fish must have been caught in the mainstem Columbia River from the mouth up to the restricted zone below Priest Rapids Dam, or in the Snake River from the mouth up to the restricted zone below Hell's Canyon Dam. The "mainstem" includes backwaters, sloughs, and up tributaries 400 feet from the tributary mouths. "Tributary mouth" is as defined by state fishing regulations.
- 8) Fish must be returned to the same registration station where the angler registered. They must be returned on the same calendar day stamped on the angler's registration form, before that station closes for that day, and they must have been caught subsequent to that day's registration time.
- 9) Fish must have a total length greater than or equal to 9 inches. Fish less than 9 inches total length are not eligible for reward payment.
- 10) All fish to be redeemed for reward payment must have been personally caught solely by the angler submitting them for reward payment.
- 11) Fish must be alive or in fresh condition. Fish that are or were frozen, or that are in otherwise poor condition will not be accepted for payment. Technicians have the authority to determine whether northern pikeminnow submitted meet these standards.
- 12) Violation of any of the above rules may result in disqualification from the Northern Pikeminnow Sport Reward Fishery Program.

For More Information:

To help rebuild the region's salmon and steelhead runs, call the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Sport Reward Hot Line:

PIKEMINNOW HOTLINE

(800) 858-9015 (Toll Free)
(360) 906-6707 (In Vancouver, WA)

Visit our website:
www.pikeminnow.org

The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission is administering the overall Northern Pikeminnow Management Program. For information on reward vouchers you have submitted, call:

REWARD VOUCHER INFORMATION

(800) 769-9362 (Toll Free)
(503) 595-3297 (In Portland, OR)

To learn more about BPA fish projects, contact BPA's Fish and Wildlife Department:

Bonneville Power Administration
KEWR-4, PO Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208
(503) 230-4981.

You may also call BPA's Public Information Center at:
(800) 622-4520.

For additional pikeminnow brochures, call:

(800) 858-9015 (Toll Free)
(360) 906-6707 (In Vancouver, WA)

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How to Save a Salmon (and make money doing it)

How can YOU save a salmon? Go fishing! Thousands of anglers are saving salmon by catching northern pikeminnow, and they are getting paid for their catch. YOU can help by taking part in the BPA-funded Northern Pikeminnow Sport Reward Program, part of the Northern Pikeminnow Management Program.

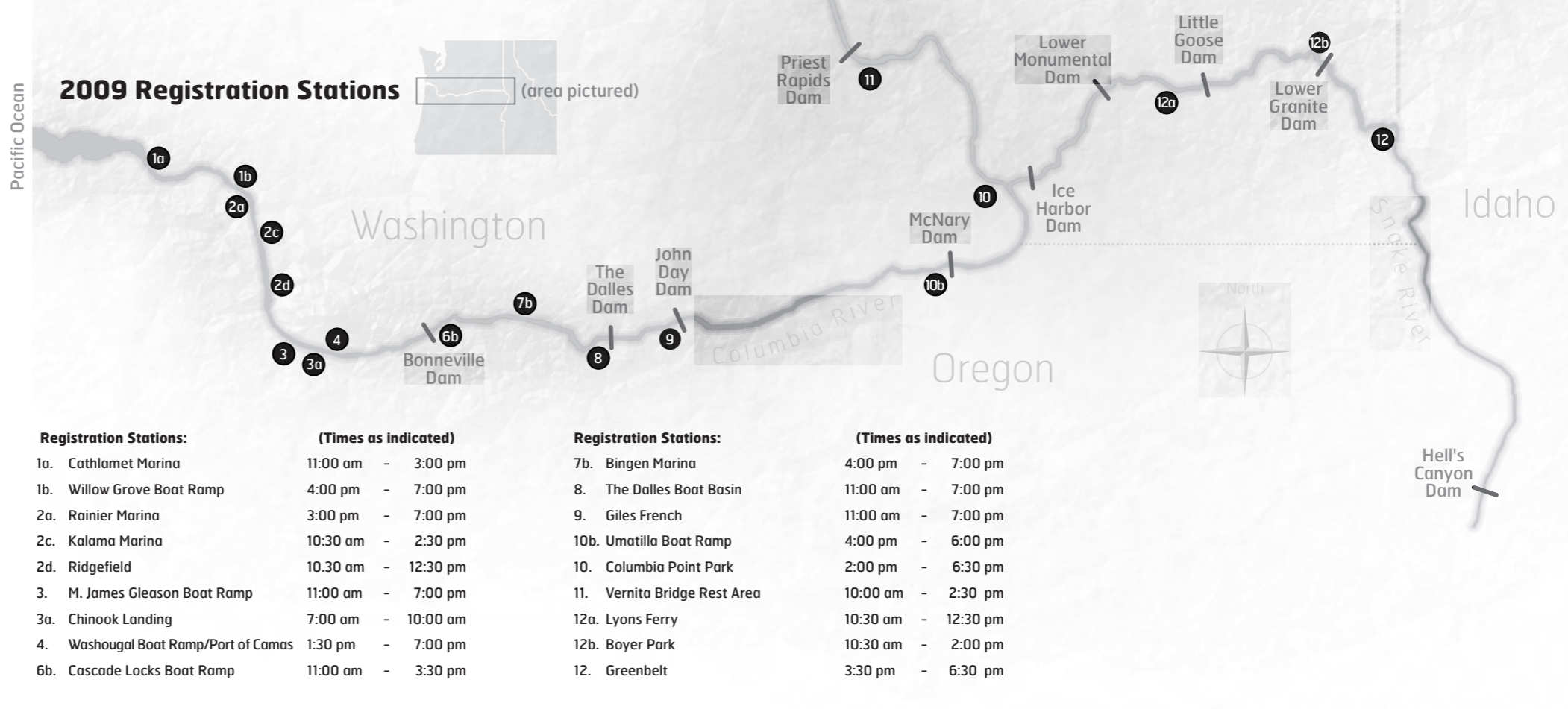
Northern pikeminnow eat millions of young salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake rivers each year. Researchers believe reducing the number of these predators can greatly help the salmon and steelhead.

We are paying anglers for fish 9 inches and larger. The reward this year is \$4-\$8 for each northern pikeminnow caught in the lower Columbia (mouth to Priest Rapids Dam) and Snake (mouth to Hells Canyon Dam) rivers. This year's qualified tagged fish will be worth \$500.

We're not trying to eliminate northern pikeminnow. What we're trying to do is reduce the average size. Smaller fish eat fewer smolts. This will in turn reduce their predation on young salmon. Evaluation of the reward fishery is an important component of the overall program. It will tell us how effective we are and where we need to make improvements.

Results indicate that the program is successful. Since 1990 over 3.3 million northern pikeminnow have been removed from the Snake and Columbia rivers as a result of the sport reward program. Millions of young salmon survived that would otherwise been eaten. We estimate predation on juvenile salmonids has been cut by 37 percent. In the 2008 season, nearly 160,000 northern pikeminnow were caught in the sport reward fishery.

The northern pikeminnow caught are not going to waste. They are used in liquid organic fertilizer for agriculture and fish meal for poultry and dairy cattle feed.



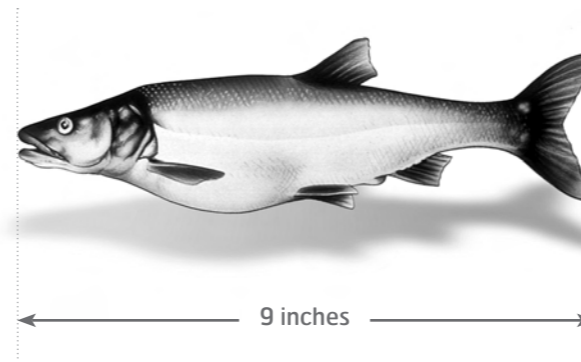
Why is My Electric Bill Paying for Anglers to Catch Northern Pikeminnow?

The 1980 Pacific Northwest Power Act directs the Bonneville Power Administration to fund work to improve salmon runs harmed by federal hydro-electric dams.

Development of the hydrosystem has made young salmon more vulnerable to predators, including northern pikeminnow, by slowing the flow of the river and concentrating young salmon at dams. In addition, young salmon pass dams through conduits around dam turbines, over spillways or through the turbines. This disorients and injures them, making them easy prey for northern pikeminnow.

What is a Northern Pikeminnow?

The common name of the northern squawfish has been changed to northern pikeminnow by the American Fisheries Society.



The northern pikeminnow is a large member of the minnow family native to the Pacific slope of Western North America. Formerly known as "northern squawfish", the name was changed to northern pikeminnow by the American Fisheries Society in 1998. It has a long snout with a large mouth extending back to the eye. The body is dark green or dusky green above and silvery or creamy white below, with clear fins. Northern pikeminnow are similar in shape to the non-native walleye, but lacks the walleye's obvious teeth and spiny fin rays.

The northern pikeminnow of the Columbia River is not the same as the threatened Colorado pikeminnow. They are two distinct species.