

IDAPA 13 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Fisheries Bureau

13.01.11 – Rules Governing Fish

Who does these rules apply to?

These rules apply to people who: fish in Idaho, possess, sell or buy fish taken from Idaho waters, release fish into Idaho waters, import and transport fish in Idaho, host fishing contests, and have private ponds. Fishing activities in Idaho generally require a license/permit from the Department.

What is the purpose of these rules?

These rules regulate the take of fish from Idaho waters and other fish-related activities so that Idaho continues to have fish populations to support fishing activities in the future. These rules also manage social aspects of fishing to provide a range of opportunities and balance different angler interests and preferences.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?

This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

Fish and Game Commission:

- [Section 36-103, Idaho Code](#) – Wildlife Property of the State, Preservation
- [Section 36-104, Idaho Code](#) – General powers and duties of Commission

License to Hunt, Fish and Trap:

- [Section 36-401, Idaho Code](#) – Hunting, Trapping, Fishing - License Requirement - Exceptions
- [Section 36-406, Idaho Code](#) – Resident Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Licenses – Fees
- [Section 36-406a, Idaho Code](#) – Two Pole Permit
- [Section 36-407, Idaho Code](#) – Nonresident Combination, Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping Licenses – Fees – Rights Under
- [Section 36-410, Idaho Code](#) – Steelhead Trout – Anadromous Salmon Permits

Captive Wildlife:

- [Section 36-701, Idaho Code](#) – Captive wildlife licenses
- [Section 36-706, Idaho Code](#) – Noncommercial Private Parks and Ponds Permits

Protection of Fish

- [Section 36-901, Idaho Code](#) – Fishing Unlawful Except by Commission Rule or Proclamation
- [Section 36-902, Idaho Code](#) – Unlawful Fishing Methods

State Boundary Waters — Reciprocal Agreements:

- [Section 36-1001, Idaho Code](#) – Idaho, Oregon, Washington Boundary Waters (Snake River) Reciprocity

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13.01.11 – RULES GOVERNING FISH

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

Sections 36-103, 36-104, 36-406A, 36-407, 36-410, 36-701, 36-706, 36-901, 36-902, 36-1001, Idaho Code, authorize the Commission to adopt rules concerning fishing, methods of take, seasons, limits, and fishing contests. (3-31-22)

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

The title of this chapter for citation is IDAPA 13.01.11, “Rules Governing Fish.” These rules establish the methods of take, seasons, and possession limits for all non-commercial fishing and govern fishing contests. (3-31-22)

002. – 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS – FISH.

01. Chinook Salmon. Anadromous (ocean run) salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* in the Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam, the Salmon River drainage, and the Clearwater River drainage, (excluding lakes, reservoirs, and the North Fork of the Clearwater River above Dworshak Dam), and the Boise River drainage. (3-31-22)

02. Coho Salmon. Anadromous (ocean run) salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus kisutch* in the Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam, the Salmon River drainage, and Clearwater River drainage (excluding lakes, reservoirs, and the North Fork of the Clearwater River above Dworshak Dam). (3-31-22)

03. Game Fish. As classified in IDAPA 13.01.06, “Rules Governing Classification and Protection of Wildlife.” (3-31-22)

04. Hybrid Fish. The offspring of two different species or subspecies of fish. (3-31-22)

05. Jack Salmon. Anadromous (ocean run) salmon of a size set by Commission proclamation. (3-31-22)

06. Invasive Fish Species. Bullfrog, fish and crustacea species designated invasive species by state authority (IDAPA 02.06.09 “Rules Governing Invasive Species of the Idaho Department of Agriculture”). (3-31-22)

07. Sockeye Salmon. Anadromous (ocean run) salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus nerka* in the Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam and the Salmon River drainage. (3-31-22)

08. Steelhead. Any rainbow trout longer than twenty (20) inches in the Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam, the Salmon River drainage, and the Clearwater River drainage (excluding that portion above Dworshak Dam); and any rainbow trout longer than twenty (20) inches in length with the adipose fin clipped (as evidenced by a healed scar) in the Snake River drainage from Hells Canyon Dam upstream to Oxbow Dam, and in the Boise River drainage from its mouth upstream to Barber Dam. (3-31-22)

09. Trout. Trout, including brown, cutthroat, golden, grayling, lake (Mackinaw), rainbow (other than steelhead), splake, sunapee, tiger; trout hybrids; and landlocked (not ocean runs) forms of chinook, coho, atlantic and kokanee (blueback) salmon. (3-31-22)

10. Unprotected Fish. Bullfrog and all fish species not classified in a protected category (game fish, protected nongame, threatened or endangered species) in IDAPA 13.01.06, “Rules Governing Classification and Protection of Wildlife.” (3-31-22)

011. DEFINITIONS – CONDUCT OF FISHING.

01. Artificial Fly. Any fly made entirely of rubber, wood, metal, glass, feather, fiber, or plastic by the method known as fly tying. (3-31-22)

02. Artificial Lure. Any device made entirely of rubber, wood, metal, glass, feather, fiber, or plastic with hook or hooks attached. (3-31-22)

03. Bag Limit. The maximum number of fish that may be lawfully taken by any one (1) person in one (1) day, construed in accordance with Sections 36-202 and 36-410, Idaho Code. (3-31-22)

04. Bait. Organic substances, other than rubber, wood, feather, fiber, or plastic, attached to a hook to

attract fish. Bait includes insects, insect larvae, worms, dead fish, fish parts, any other animal or vegetable matter, or scented synthetic materials. (3-31-22)

- 05. Barbless Hook.** A fish hook without barbs or on which all barbs have been bent completely closed. (3-31-22)
- 06. Catch-and-Release.** Effort, by permitted methods, to catch fish, provided that any fish so caught is released immediately back to the water. (3-31-22)
- 07. Confluence of a Stream or River.** The point where two (2) rivers or streams come together. (3-31-22)
- 08. Diversion.** A man-made structure designed to change the direction of flowing water in a stream. (3-31-22)
- 09. Diversion Pond.** A man-made pond holding water taken from a stream or reservoir, which pond may be connected to the stream or reservoir by an open ditch or pipe. (3-31-22)
- 10. Drainage.** All water flowing into a common river or stream system, either above or below ground, due to area geography. (3-31-22)
- 11. Electric Motors Only.** For fishing waters listed in proclamation as “electric motors only,” no gas (internal combustion) motors may be used, although they may be attached to the boat. (3-31-22)
- 12. Fish Trap.** Any man-made structure designed to capture fish. (3-31-22)
- 13. Fish Weir.** Any man-made structure placed in a water body to delay or divert migrating fish. (3-31-22)
- 14. Flat Water.** Water where there is no observable direction of flow. (3-31-22)
- 15. Float Tube.** A floating device that suspends a single occupant, from the seat down, in the water, and is not propelled by oars, paddles, or motors. (3-31-22)
- 16. Fly Fishing.** Fishing with a fly rod, fly reel, fly line, and artificial fly. (3-31-22)
- 17. General Fishing Season.** The season and bag limits as determined by proclamation on a Regional basis. (3-31-22)
- 18. Harvest.** Reduce a fish to possession. (3-31-22)
- 19. Hook.** A bent wire device, for the catching of fish, to which one (1), two (2), or three (3) points may be attached to a single shank. Up to five (5) hooks per line may be used, except where specifically identified. (3-31-22)
- 20. Ice Fishing.** Fishing through an opening broken or cut through the ice. (3-31-22)
- 21. Length.** The length between the tip of the nose or jaw and the tip of the tail fin. (3-31-22)
- 22. Limit is 0 (Zero).** Fishing is allowed, provided the fish is released after landing and not reduced to possession. (3-31-22)
- 23. Motor.** Includes electric and internal combustion motors. (3-31-22)
- 24. Mouth of River or Stream.** The place where a river or stream enters a larger body of water. (3-31-22)

25. **No Motors.** For fishing waters listed in proclamation as “no motors,” no person may fish from a boat with a motor attached. (3-31-22)
26. **Possession Limit.** As defined in Section 36-202, Idaho Code. (3-31-22)
27. **Reservoir.** The flat water level existing at any time within a reservoir basin. Unless noted otherwise, a stream flowing through the drawdown portion of a reservoir is not considered part of the reservoir. (3-31-22)
28. **Season Limit.** The maximum number of fish that may be lawfully harvested in any declared season. (3-31-22)
29. **Section.** An area of a river, stream, or reservoir between specific boundary locations. (3-31-22)
30. **Single-Point Hook.** A bent wire device, for catching fish, with one (1) shank and one (1) point. (3-31-22)
31. **Sliding Sinker.** A method of attaching a sinker to a device that slides freely on the main line. (3-31-22)
32. **Snagging.** Taking or attempting to take a fish by use of a hook or lure in any manner or method other than enticing or attracting a fish to strike with, and become hooked in, its mouth or jaw. (3-31-22)
33. **Special Rule Waters.** Any water with a gear, season, or bag limit rule that is listed in proclamation and different from the general fishing season. (3-31-22)
34. **Tributary.** A stream flowing into a larger stream or lake. (3-31-22)
35. **Unattended Line.** A line not under the immediate surveillance by the angler. (3-31-22)
36. **Upstream.** Moving from a lower elevation towards a higher elevation point in the same stream. (3-31-22)
37. **Watercraft.** Those devices designed as a means of transportation on water. (3-31-22)
- 012. DEFINITIONS – FISHING CONTESTS.**
01. **Fishing Contest.** Any organized fishing event that: (3-31-22)
- a. Has a live-fish weigh-in; or (3-31-22)
- b. Awards cash or prizes of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more based on number, size, or species of fish captured; or (3-31-22)
- c. Is expected to draw or have more than twenty (20) participants. (3-31-22)
02. **Catch-and-Release Contest.** Any fishing contest with specific procedures to keep target fish species alive and healthy and to release all fish caught back into the contest water on the same day. (3-31-22)
03. **Harvest Contest.** Any fishing contest that allows participants to harvest fish. (3-31-22)
- 013. – 100. (RESERVED)**
- 101. RELEASE OF FISH WHILE FISHING.**
Any fish caught in Idaho waters that is unlawful to possess must be immediately released back to the water. (3-31-22)

102. STURGEON.

No person may remove sturgeon from the water, and it is unlawful to possess sturgeon. (3-31-22)

103. (RESERVED)

104. IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIES AND SIZE IN POSSESSION AND DURING TRANSPORTATION OR SHIPMENT.

01. Restrictions. No person may have in the field or in transit any trout, tiger muskie, or bass from which the head or tail has been removed unless: (3-31-22)

a. The angler is ashore and done fishing for the day; (3-31-22)

b. The fish is processed or packaged with the skin naturally attached to the flesh; and (3-31-22)

c. The fish is processed or packaged in a manner that the number of fish harvested can be readily determined and the processed fish is not transported by boat. (3-31-22)

02. Transport or Gift. No person may transport for another or accept as a gift any game fish, unless a statement signed by taker accompanies the fish, showing the number and kinds, the date taken, the taker's name, address, and fishing license number. However, no person may claim ownership of more fish than allowed by the possession limit. (3-31-22)

105. PURCHASE, BARTER, OR SALE OF FISH.

No person may purchase, barter, or sell the edible flesh of fish, crayfish, or bullfrog harvested from the wild, except as provided in Section 36-501, Idaho Code, and Title 36, Chapter 8, Idaho Code, and rules promulgated pursuant thereto. (3-31-22)

106. LIVE FISH – POSSESSION, TRANSPORT, IMPORT, AND RELEASE.

01. Permit. No person may possess, transport, cause to be transported, import, or release any live fish, crayfish, or bullfrog, or viable eggs thereof, without having first obtained a permit from the Director. (3-31-22)

02. Marking Fish in Possession. No person may mark fish by any means, including with a tag, by removing fins or injuring with intent to leave a scar, without first obtaining a Scientific Collecting Permit from the Department. (3-31-22)

03. Import Inspection and Examination Requirements. All live fish imported into or transported within Idaho must be certified free from disease, as evidenced by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection by a licensed veterinarian, (b) CFR Title 50 certification, (c) American Fisheries Society certified fish health inspector's certification, or (d) other certification by an individual designated by the Director of the Department of Agriculture. (3-31-22)

04. Unpermitted Fish Species Released. Any fish species unpermitted for import, possession, transport or release that is released by or escapes from an owner or operator shall be captured or destroyed by the owner, or by the Department at the owner's expense. (3-31-22)

107. LIVE FISH AND EGGS – EXCEPTIONS.

No permit is required to: (3-31-22)

01. Fish. Keep fish that can legally be reduced to possession (except for anadromous salmon and steelhead), alive and in possession in a live well, net, or on a stringer while at the body of water from which they were taken. (3-31-22)

02. Same Location. Release fish at the same time and place where captured. (3-31-22)

03. Aquarium Fish. Possess ornamental or tropical aquarium fish of varieties commonly accepted for

interstate shipment (not to include invasive species). (3-31-22)

04. Private Ponds or Commercial Fish Facility. Possess fish from a private pond or commercial fish facility when accompanied by sales receipt and written permission from the director, as provided in Chapter 7, Title 36, Idaho Code or from the Department of Agriculture as provided in Chapter 46, Title 22, Idaho Code. (3-31-22)

05. Transport Between Commercial Fish Facilities. Transport fish between commercial fish facilities licensed under Chapter 7, Title 36 and Chapter 46, Title 22, Idaho Code. (3-31-22)

06. Fish Eggs. Possess, sell, purchase or transport nonviable fish eggs used for bait or personal consumption. (3-31-22)

108. – 199. (RESERVED)

200. FISHING METHODS AND GEAR.

01. General Restrictions. Unless modified by rule (such as the exceptions in the following subsections), order, or proclamation, it is unlawful to: (3-31-22)

- a.** Fish in any waters of Idaho with more than one (1) handline or pole with a line attached. (3-31-22)
- b.** Leave a line unattended. (3-31-22)
- c.** Have more than five (5) hooks attached per line. (3-31-22)
- d.** Fish by archery, spearfishing, snagging, hands, trapping, seining, or netting. (3-31-22)
- e.** Use live fish, leeches, frogs, salamanders, waterdogs, or shrimp as bait. (3-31-22)
- f.** Land any fish with a gaff hook. (3-31-22)

02. Molesting Fish. It is unlawful to molest any fish by shooting at it with a firearm or pellet gun, striking at it with a club, hands, rocks, or other objects, building obstructions for catching fish, or chasing fish up or downstream in any manner. (3-31-22)

03. Hook and Line Exceptions. The holder of a valid two (2) pole permit may use two (2) poles during a general fishing season. A person may use no more than (5) lines while ice fishing. (3-31-22)

04. Archery and Spear Fishing Exceptions. Fishing with the use of bow and arrow, crossbow, spear or mechanical device, excluding firearms, is permitted for the taking of unprotected fish, provided there is an open season for game fish. (3-31-22)

05. Gaff Hook Exceptions. It is permitted to use a gaff hook through a hole cut or broken in the ice in waters which have no length restrictions or harvest closures for that species, or when landing unprotected fish species taken with archery equipment, provided the angler does not intend to release fish so caught. (3-31-22)

06. Snagging Exceptions. Snagging of unprotected fish species is permitted. (3-31-22)

07. Trapping and Seining Exceptions. It is lawful to take unprotected fish, crayfish, and yellow perch with a minnow net, seine, or up to five (5) traps, provided there is an open season for game fish, and provided the following conditions are met: (3-31-22)

- a.** The seine or net does not exceed ten (10) feet in length or width, and the seine has three-eighths (3/8) inch square or smaller mesh; and the minnow or crayfish trap does not exceed two (2) feet in length, width or height. If the trap is of irregular dimension, but its volume does not exceed the volume of an eight (8) cubic foot trap, it is lawful to use. (3-31-22)

- b.** Nets and seines are not left unattended. (3-31-22)
- c.** Traps are checked at least every forty-eight (48) hours. (3-31-22)
- d.** All game fish and protected nongame fish incidentally taken while trapping or seining are immediately released alive. (3-31-22)
- e.** All traps have a tag attached bearing the owner's name and address or license number. (3-31-22)
- 08. Use of Bait Exceptions.** Live crayfish and bullfrog may be used for bait if caught on the body of water being fished. (3-31-22)
- 09. Use of Hands Exceptions.** It is permitted to take bullfrog and crayfish with the hands. (3-31-22)
- 10. Barbed Hook Restrictions.** It is unlawful to fish for sturgeon with barbed hooks. It is unlawful to fish for or take steelhead or salmon with barbed hooks in the Clearwater River drainage, Salmon River drainage, and Snake River drainage below Hells Canyon Dam. (3-31-22)
- 11. Sinker for Sturgeon.** When fishing for sturgeon, a person must use a sliding sinker and a lighter test line to attach the weight to the main line (the line attached to the reel). (3-31-22)
- 12. Fishing Shelters.** Any enclosure or shelter left unattended overnight on the ice of any waters of the state shall have the owner's name, telephone numbers, and current address legibly marked on two (2) opposing sides of the enclosure or shelter. (3-31-22)

201. – 344. (RESERVED)

345. FISHING IN BOUNDARY WATERS.

- 01. Bear Lake.** The holder of a valid Idaho or Utah fishing license may fish all of Bear Lake, subject to the rules or regulations of the state in which they are fishing, including any closure. (3-31-22)
- 02. Snake River Between Idaho and Oregon or Washington.** The holder of a valid Idaho fishing license may fish the Snake River where it forms the boundary between Idaho and the states of Oregon or Washington, subject to the fish and game laws of Idaho. An Idaho license does not authorize the holder to fish from the shoreline, sloughs, or tributaries on the Oregon or Washington side. An Oregon or Washington license holder has the same rights and restrictions with reference to the Idaho side. (3-31-22)
- 03. Limit for One License Only.** Any angler who fishes on the Snake River or any other water forming an Idaho boundary is entitled to have in possession only the limit allowed by one (1) license regardless of the number of licenses he may possess. (3-31-22)

346. FISH SALVAGE.

No person may salvage fish from public waters without specific authorization of the Commission, Director, or Regional Supervisor. Authorization for salvage may allow holders of valid fishing licenses to harvest fish without regard to usual possession limits and may allow snagging, spearing, archery, dipnet, seines, or with the hands. (3-31-22)

347. – 399. (RESERVED)

400. STEELHEAD AND ANADROMOUS SALMON LICENSES, TAGS, AND PERMITS.

- 01. Licenses.** Any person fishing for steelhead or anadromous salmon, except those expressly exempt, must have in possession a valid fishing license. (3-31-22)
- 02. Permits.** No person may fish for, or reduce to possession, steelhead or anadromous salmon without a valid steelhead or salmon permit in possession for the targeted species. (3-31-22)

401. – 402. (RESERVED)

403. PERMIT VALIDATION.

For each steelhead or adult anadromous salmon hooked, landed, and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately validate her permit by notching the permit and entering in ink the appropriate month, day and river location (listed by Commission proclamation). (3-31-22)

404. IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIES IN POSSESSION AND DURING TRANSPORTATION OR SHIPMENT.

01. Provisions for Processing and Transporting Steelhead and Anadromous Salmon. No person may have in the field or in transit a hatchery-produced steelhead or anadromous salmon processed by removing the head and tail unless the following conditions are met: (3-31-22)

a. The fish is processed and packaged with the skin naturally attached to the flesh including a portion with a healed, clipped, adipose fin scar or adipose fin; and (3-31-22)

b. The fish is packaged in a manner that the number of fish harvested can be readily determined. (3-31-22)

02. Restrictions on Processing and Transporting Steelhead and Anadromous Salmon. No person may process steelhead or anadromous salmon until he is ashore and done fishing for the day. No person may transport processed steelhead or anadromous salmon via boat. No jack salmon may be processed while in the field or in transit. Each processed steelhead or anadromous salmon counts towards an angler's possession limit while in the field or in transit. (3-31-22)

405. STEELHEAD AND ANADROMOUS SALMON METHODS OF TAKE.

01. Hooks. It is unlawful to use any hook larger than five-eighths (5/8) inch, measured from the point of the hook to the shank. Steelhead and anadromous salmon may be taken only with barbless hooks in the Salmon, Clearwater, and Snake River drainages. Bending the barb down to the shank of a single, double, or treble hook will meet this requirement. Steelhead and anadromous salmon may be taken with barbed hooks in the Boise River drainages, and the Snake River between Hells Canyon and Oxbow Dams. (3-31-22)

02. Snagging. No person may kill or retain in possession any steelhead or anadromous salmon hooked other than in the mouth or jaw. (3-31-22)

03. Legal Catch. Any steelhead or anadromous salmon caught must be released or, provided it is legal to possess, killed immediately after it is landed. (3-31-22)

04. Cease Fishing. Once an angler has attained his bag, possession or season limit on those waters with steelhead or anadromous salmon limits, he must cease fishing for steelhead or anadromous salmon, including catch-and-release fishing. (3-31-22)

05. Keeping Marked Fish. Only steelhead or anadromous salmon marked by clipping the adipose fin, as evidenced by a HEALED scar may be kept in the Salmon, Clearwater, and Snake River drainages. Anadromous salmon with an intact adipose fin may be retained as authorized by Commission proclamation. (3-31-22)

06. Fish Counted in Limit. Each fish that is hooked, landed, and reduced to possession counts towards the limit of the person hooking the fish. (3-31-22)

07. Special Limits. No person may fish in waters having special limits while possessing fish of that species in excess of the special limit. (3-31-22)

406. – 407. (RESERVED)

408. STEELHEAD PURCHASE REPORT.

01. Filing Purchase Report. Any person holding a wholesale or retail steelhead trout buyer's license must report all sales and purchases of steelhead on an Idaho Steelhead Purchase Report to the Administration Bureau of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise, Idaho, on or before December 31 of each year. (3-31-22)

02. Inaccurate Reporting. Failure to provide complete and accurate information on the report or failure to file the report on or before December 31 is grounds for revocation of the wholesale or retail license. (3-31-22)

409. – 699. (RESERVED)

700. FISHING CONTESTS – PERMIT REQUIREMENT AND APPLICATION.

01. Permit Requirement. No person or other entity may conduct or participate in a fishing contest without having first obtained a fishing contest permit from the Department. Events organized wholly for youth under the age of fourteen (14) do not require a fishing contest permit. (3-31-22)

02. Permit Application. Application for fishing contest permits must be made on a form prescribed by the Department. An application must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to a catch-and-release contest and ninety (90) days prior to a harvest contest. (3-31-22)

701. FISHING CONTESTS PERMIT ISSUANCE.

01. General. The issuance of a fishing permit is at the Department's discretion. Among the factors the Department will consider are: (3-31-22)

- a.** Impacts of the contest on fish populations. (3-31-22)
- b.** Compatibility of the contest with fish population management and fishery goals. (3-31-22)
- c.** Potential conflict with other recreational users. (3-31-22)
- d.** Potential conflict with other permitted contests. (3-31-22)

02. Limit on Contest. The Department will not issue a permit for a harvest contest for wild native trout or sturgeon in rivers or streams. The Director may issue a permit for a catch-and-release contest for these species if he determines there will be no harm to that fishery resource in the particular water where the contest is to take place: (3-31-22)

03. Conditions. The Department has discretion to specify conditions in the permit to minimize adverse impacts on fish populations, management programs and goals, other recreational users, or other permitted contests, including: (3-31-22)

- a.** The time of start and check-in; (3-31-22)
- b.** Limitations on the area where participants may fish; (3-31-22)
- c.** For catch-and-release contests, the method and location of release of fish; (3-31-22)
- d.** For harvest contests, more restrictive bag or size limits than would otherwise apply. (3-31-22)

702. FISHING CONTESTS – REQUIREMENTS.

01. Rules. Any fishing contest participant must comply with seasons, limits, and rules pertaining to the taking of fish and any additional conditions of the fishing contest permit. (3-31-22)

02. Culling. No fishing contest participant may release back to the water (cull) any fish that is not capable of swimming free. A participant in a catch-and release contest may have one (1) daily bag limit of the target species in possession while continuing to fish for the contest target species; if the participant catches another target fish, the participant must immediately release the last fish caught or immediately exchange it for another target fish in possession. (3-31-22)

703. FISHING CONTEST REPORTS.

Each fishing contest sponsor shall, within thirty (30) days after the last day of a fishing contest, submit a written report to the Fisheries Bureau at the Department's main office on the form prescribed by the Department. (3-31-22)

704. – 999. (RESERVED)