

Date and Source	Comment	WDFW Response
3/7/2024 2:36 PM Email	These fish are awful . Do what ever you need to do ranging from enforcement, rewards, and netting.Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone	Thank you for your comments and support.
3/7/2024 3:32 PM Email	<p style="text-align: center;">To whom it may concern</p> <p>The Borderline Bassin Contenders a conservation hunting & fishing club founded in 1973 is agreement with WDFW & Tribal management process for Northern Pike. The BBC sees this process as an emergency nature & needing also to address an alternative forage food available to this predator other than our native & non native game fish including the tiger muskie. The tiger muskie which is sterile hybrid has shown in the past as a good deterrent & aggressive predator against pike minnows and would possibly work well against minnow northern pike.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sincerely Bob Harriman, legis liaison Borderline Bassin Contenders Sent from my iPhone</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and support our Tiger Muskie program. Tiger Muskies are classified as "Game Fish" in the Washington Advisory Code 220-300-380 and minimum size of 50" for a daily limit of one. Northern Pike are classified as "Prohibited Level 1 Species" in the Washington Advisory Code 220-640-030 and may be immediately killed and retained only if the person is certain about species identification and assumes responsivity for correct identification and adherence to state rules and fishing regulations. Northern Pike and Tiger Muskies in the same water body could be problematic for inexperienced anglers to identify between the two species resulting in unattended harvest of Tiger Muskies.</p>
3/8/2024 7:45 AM Email	<p>If the goal is to remove the Northern Pike, why not place a bounty on it, much like the Northern Pike Minnow bounty...but a richer reward, since there are not as many Northern Pike as there are Northern Pike Minnows. Make it worth the bounty fishers while, and I'm pretty sure that you will have good results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Have a great day!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B. Anderson</p>	<p>Thank you for your suggestion. Currently, there are no funds to support a Department lead Northern Pike reward program, but we will investigate further. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation have a Northern Pike reward program for the main stem Columbia from Wells Dam upstream to the Canadian border, the Spokane River upstream to Little Falls, the Kettle River, and the Okanogan River. Participants my receive \$10 for every Northern Pike and up to an induvial maximum of \$590 per calendar year and must be 17 years or older.</p>

<p>3/8/2024 9:56 AM Email</p>	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>In all my fishing days, which were a while ago now (perhaps even 24ish years ago), but had been every day at one time, I only caught one fish that appeared to be a pike. The Fish & Game Department happened to have been outside a few days after that, asking questions. My partner at the time and I reported it. We happened to see a fish trap spinner at a different spillway near the area shortly after that. I don't know that outcome of that.</p> <p>My request/comment is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please put out a short and sweet message to the press about what to do if a pike is caught once your lengthy policies are place, and 2. I encourage Game Staff to continue to question fisher people, because they often have the fishing habit and know what they see; maybe daily. <p>Thank you for your time, Jenny Carsey Moses Lake, WA</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and suggestions. Please refer to the following resources for Northern Pike: 1. Washington Sport Fishing Rules Pamphlet (https://www.eregulations.com/washington/fishing/) pages 6, 23, 25, and 101, 2. Northern Pike brochure (https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/northern-pike-brochure-2023-1.pdf), 3. the Department's Northern Pike webpage (https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/invasive/esox-lucius), 4. reporting app (https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/report-a-sighting/), and 5. hotline (888-WDFW-AIS/888-933-9247). These resources can also be found in the Northern Pike Rapid Response Plan Appendix B.</p>
<p>3/8/2024 12:26 PM Email</p>	<p>Year around open season will help the Fisherman. They should start to spawn at this time. Easier to pull males off the beds.</p>	<p>Thank you for your suggestion. Northern Pike are classified as "Prohibited Level 1 Species" in the Washington Advisory Code 220-640-030 and can only be fished during seasons according to the Washington Sport Fishing Rules Pamphlet (https://www.eregulations.com/washington/fishing/). Lake Roosevelt, Box Canyon Reservoir, and Boundary Reservoir are open year around.</p>

<p>3/8/2024 2:32 PM Email</p>	<p>I would like it to be officially legal to both bowfish for northern pike, as well as intentionally snag them with a treble hook.</p> <p>As a Wisconsin native, I can attest that in the spring, they often "sunbath" in shallow waters and are easily visible. The rule changes mentioned above would allow ALL anglers the opportunity to remove any pike they come across. A substantial and heavily-publicised statewide bounty would also encourage their removal.</p> <p>Thanks to both the WDFW and the Columbia Basin Herald for requesting citizen input.</p> <p>Marc BrunoMoses Lake</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and suggestions. Bow and arrow fishing is permitted for "Food Fish" except salmon, shad, and sturgeon for personal use in Washington Advisory Code 220-310-140. Northern Pike are classified as "Prohibited Level 1 Species" in the Washington Advisory Code 220-640-030. Snagging is prohibited in Washington state. Currently, there are no funds to support a Department lead Northern Pike reward program, but we will investigate further. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation have a Northern Pike reward program for the main stem Columbia from Wells Dam upstream to the Canadian border, the Spokane River upstream to Little Falls, the Kettle River, and the Okanogan River. Participants may receive \$10 for every Northern Pike and up to an individual maximum of \$590 per calendar year and must be 17 years or older.</p>
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<p>3/17/2024 10:52 AM Email</p>	<p>Rotenone the Spokane arm. No way at this time</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and suggestion. The purpose of the plan is to provide a coordination document and technical resource to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Northern Pike prevention efforts, detection, early response, and long-term management activities. These efforts are necessary to minimize environmental, economic, and cultural resource impacts of Northern Pike where they are currently established and prevent further invasion of waterbodies within Washington state to protect native and important fish species. A rotenone treatment may or may not be proposed depending on the situation. There are currently no plans to conduct a rotenone treatment for Northern Pike in the Spokane Arm.</p>
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<p>3/18/2024 10:56 AM Email</p>	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I just caught this notice on a WDFW site that public input on northern pike was being accepted,</p> <p>I request that northern pike be allowed to coexist in specific landlocked Washington bodies of water for sporting opportunities for avid pike fishing affectionados such as myself. The near eradication of pike species in NE Washington has been a blow to hundreds of fishermen. Pike fishing was a thriving sport in the Box Canyon reservoir for 15 years until gill netting killed and drove multitudes downstream to the Kettle Falls area of Lake Roosevelt within two years.</p> <p>Pike have coexisted well with resident fish species long term in many water systems in northern Idaho (chain lakes, Hayden, Coeur d'Alene etc).</p> <p>I believe this can also be accomplished in northeast Washington so another segment of the fishing public will not have to travel to Idaho to enjoy our sport.</p> <p>Charles Gades 769 E. 2nd Ave Colville, Wa 99114 woodchucktreefarm@gmail.com</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and suggestions. Northern Pike are classified as "Prohibited Level 1 Species" in the Washington Advisory Code 220-640-030 and live Northern Pike may not be possessed, introduced on or into a water body or property, or trafficked, without department authorization, a permit, or as otherwise provided by rule in Revised Code of Washington 77.135.040. Eradication, containment, and control are the management goals for Northern Pike. Billions of dollars have been spent on salmon restoration and Northern Pike jeopardize salmon recovery.</p>
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<p>3/19/2024 8:42 AM Email</p>	<p>Please see the attached comment letter for the Interagency Northern Pike Rapid Response Plan.</p> <p>Share these comments with the applicant.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Joy Espinoza SEPA/ERTS Coordinator - Central Region Department of Ecology Ph: 509.379.3967 crosepacoordinator@ecy.wa.gov</p>	<p>Thank you for notification a water right authorization may be needed and can take up to a year to obtain. Diversion of surface water would be temporary and not seeking water rights. Department of Ecology will be consulted if there is a temporary diversion of surface water to determine if a water right authorization is needed.</p>
<p>3/19/2024 12:32 PM Email</p>	<p>I am concerned about the safety of the plan for the short and long term. It seems unhealthy for the lake and the residents that live and work around the lake as well as the applicators. I think more time for public input is warranted and there must be a better way. Please hold off on this.</p> <p>Dorothy Browder dotbrowder@gmail.com</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and suggestions. The purpose of the plan is to provide a coordination document and technical resource to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Northern Pike prevention efforts, detection, early response, and long-term management activities. These efforts are necessary to minimize environmental, economic, and cultural resource impacts of Northern Pike where they are currently established and prevent further invasion of waterbodies within Washington state to protect native and important fish species. A rotenone treatment may or may not be proposed depending on the situation. This plan was reviewed prior to SEPA public comment by the Northwest Regional Northern Pike Forum Technical Working Group and other natural resource professionals.</p>

<p>3/7/2024 5:31 PM Online Survey</p>	<p>I predict all the time and money you spend on Northern Pike will have minimal to no effect on the eventual spread of the fish throughout the state. Name one invasive species we have ever been able to “control”. Just waste more money and pretend to do something . Guess it gives consultants and biologists jobs. Set size and possession limits and live with it. Quit swinging at windmills!</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and suggestions. Successful invasive species control projects to name at least one (<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>, <i>Sus scrofa</i>, and <i>Carassius auratus</i>).</p>
<p>3/9/2024 7:15 AM Online Survey</p>	<p>If this invasion is such a threat as described by WDFW, then immediately issue an emergency rule(like you do for salmon fisheries)allowing for a no limit retention/destroy on the pike. Let the native tribes net the heck out of them like they do for salmon at the mouth of the Columbia and up other rivers with no penalty for over allotment. What needs to be discussed here? Do like you did with the invasive green crab!</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and support of our European green crab (EGC) program. Northern Pike are classified as "Prohibited Level 1 Species" in the Washington Advisory Code 220-640-030 and may be immediately killed and retained only if the person is certain about species identification and assumes responsivity for correct identification and adherence to state rules and fishing regulations.</p>
<p>3/10/2024 12:32 AM Online Survey</p>	<p>I am against having any Northern Pike in the Yakima River or the mid- and lower- Columbia River.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment and support.</p>
<p>3/10/2024 8:40 AM Online Survey</p>	<p>You should consider "Darkhouse Spearing" for harvesting pike. Darkhouse Spearing is used on ice covered lakes, and scientific studies have shown that darkhouse spearers harvest large fish, and are very species selective. Darkhouse Spearing is allow in Montana and 6 other states. I suggest you contact counterparts in other states to seek comments. Thanks!</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and suggestions. Only underwater spearfishing gear commonly used in the sport of "skin diving" is permitted to lawful take, fish for and possess food fish taken for personal use in saltwater, except salmon and sturgeon in Washington Advisory Code 220-310-140. Northern Pike are classified as "Prohibited Level 1 Species" in the Washington Advisory Code 220-640-030.</p>

<p>3/17/2024 9:28 AM Online Survey</p>	<p>gill netting is far to harmful to other species and has already seriously impacted other populations in the Spokane river system and Pend Oreille river. A bounty system would not impact other preferred species and would not lead to dumpsters full of pike, walleye, small mouth and largemouth bass, etc rotting and wasting away. The gill net method should be banned and made illegal immediately.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and suggestion. Currently, there are no funds to support a Department lead Northern Pike reward program, but we will investigate further. Gill nets are only one sample method option and depending on the situation may or may not be conducted. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation have a Northern Pike reward program for the main stem Columbia from Wells Dam upstream to the Canadian border, the Spokane River upstream to Little Falls, the Kettle River, and the Okanogan River. Participants my receive \$10 for every Northern Pike and up to an induvial maximum of \$590 per calendar year and must be 17 years or older.</p>
<p>3/11/2024 Postmarked U.S. Postal Service Mail</p>	<p>I want to comment on the pike problem in the Columbia River and its tributary's. I would be a lot more concerned if I felt the WDFW cared about our game animals. When it comes to game animals all WDFW seems to care about is protecting predators. We go to meetings, write comments all for nothing. So it is pretty hard to get upset about a predator fish. We had a lot of Brook Trout that wasn't native and was a predator. WDFW destroyed that fishery, now there is pretty much nothing where we had Brook Trout which was a great fishery for kids learning to fish in our streams. I'm not for pike destroying our fisheries but I don't feel our comments matter to you guys at all. Maybe the Colville Confederated Tribes can catch the pike and send them to Colorado along with the wolves. Maybe they can help destroy Colorado's fishery like they are helping destroy their game animals. WDFW is just a money pit that follows a Governor that is trying to destroy our fish and game. Shame on them.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and suggestion. WDFW encourages the public to submit comments and are carefully reviewed. This SEPA review is for the State of Washington Interagency Northern Pike Rapid Response Plan. Brook Trout are a non-native fish and can have negative impacts on native fish. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation have a Northern Pike reward program for the main stem Columbia from Wells Dam upstream to the Canadian border, the Spokane River upstream to Little Falls, the Kettle River, and the Okanogan River. Participants my receive \$10 for every Northern Pike and up to an induvial maximum of \$590 per calendar year and must be 17 years or older.</p>