

A photograph of two men in fishing gear standing on a lake. The man on the left is wearing a grey hooded jacket and sunglasses, holding a large rainbow trout. The man on the right is wearing a tan and black jacket, sunglasses, and a cap, also holding the fish. The background shows a wide lake and mountains in the distance.

Lake Roosevelt Redband Rainbow Trout Rule

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Petition Origin

- Received a petition from the Colville Tribe to reduce harvest impact on wild Redband Rainbow Trout in Lake Roosevelt.
 - 20 percent of the trout harvest in the reservoir is wild origin. Concerns about population suppression, habitat degradation and climate change influences.
- WDFW and Co-managers stock 750,000 adipose marked hatchery rainbow trout annually for harvest in the reservoir.

Petition Timeline

January

- Received petition to review Redband Rainbow Trout harvest rules in Lake Roosevelt

March

- Reviewed petition with Commission

June

- Held public meeting in Spokane
- Initiated public commenting period

July

- Public comment ends

August

- Brief the Commission on this petition and conduct a public hearing

September

- Review public comment with Co-managers

October

- Final rule recommendation to the Commission for adoption



Rule Options

Option 1: No Action

Trout - daily limit five, no more than two over 20 inches in length. Sanpoil River arm closed to fishing for trout and other game fish Feb. 1 through March 31.

Option 2: As Proposed in Colville Tribe Petition

Trout - daily limit 10, no more than one wild trout 18 inches or greater in length. Sanpoil River arm closed to fishing for trout and other game fish Feb. 1 to May 31.

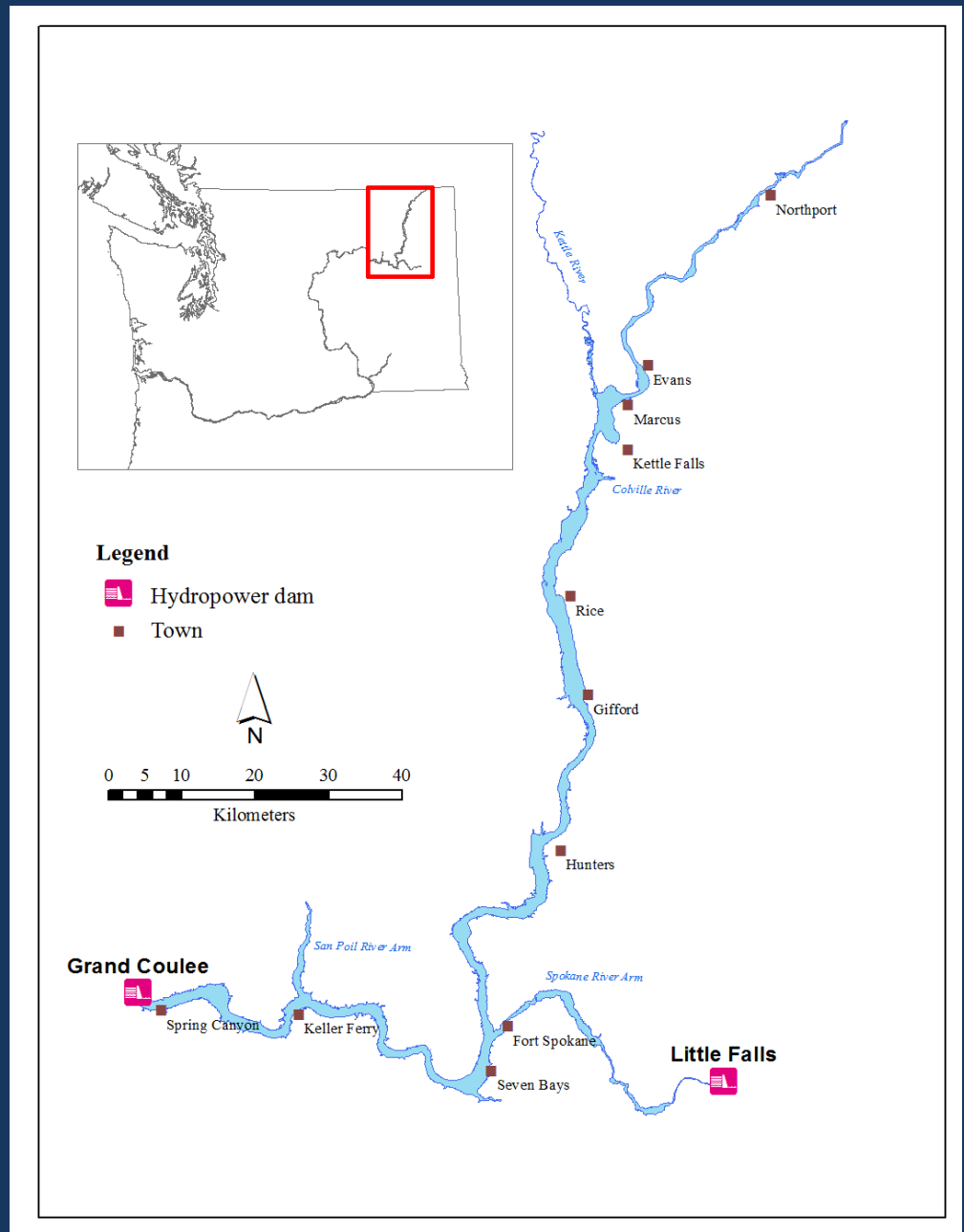
Option 3: Modified Proposal

Grand Coulee Dam upstream to Northport Bridge

Trout - daily limit five hatchery trout (adipose-fin-clipped), must release all wild trout.

Northport Bridge to Canadian border

Trout - daily limit two trout, minimum size 18 inches.



Public Comment

- Online public comment closed July 25
- Received 20 public comments online.
 - Option 1 - 9
 - Option 2 - 6
 - Option 3 - 5



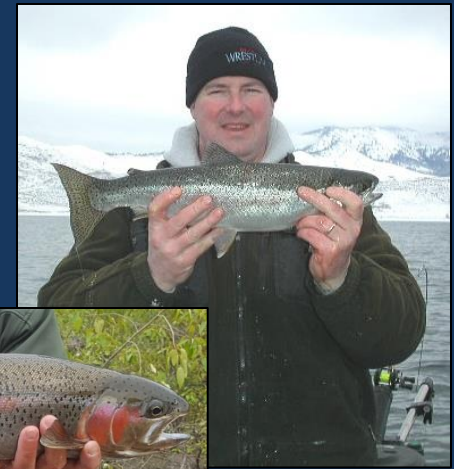
Comments Synopsis



- “Lake Roosevelt is a great fishery, leave it alone”
- “I would support the Option to retain 10 trout & extend the closure on the San Poil until May 31st.”
- “I like option 3, limit of 5 hatchery trout, release all native trout.”
- Anglers wanted to harvest wild trout because “...they are the only large fish in the lake”
- Anglers want some trout harvest in the upper reservoir but “be more protective of wild trout”

Next Steps

- Take public comment from the website and today's public hearing to develop a final rule recommendation
- Present final rule Recommendation to the Commission for consideration October 7, 2016.



A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a speckled trout in shallow, rippling water. The fish is held horizontally, with its head to the right and tail to the left. The person's left hand is near the head, and their right hand is near the tail. The fish has a brownish-gold body with numerous dark spots and a prominent reddish-pink stripe along its side. The water is clear and reflects the light, creating a shimmering effect. The word "Questions" is overlaid in large, bold, yellow text across the center of the image.

Questions