Angler Surveys: Angler survey boxes with catch information forms will be posted at Lake Hiyúumtipin (Indian Lake), and on the Umatilla River and its tributaries. Please report your catch (and comments, suggestions, etc.) CTUIR harvest monitors, enforcement and Lake Hiyúumtipin caretaker may also ask anglers for harvest information. Cooperation from anglers is appreciated. Information gathered will be used to manage the fishery.

Permit Locations: Arrowhead Travel Plaza, Mission Market, and Indian Lake (during season).

TO TURN IN POACHERS CALL:  
CTUIR Fish & Wildlife Enforcement  
(541) 278-0550

All fish that are released must be unharmed and should not be removed from the water.

Contact Us:  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Program  
46411 Timine Way  
Pendleton, OR 97801  
(541) 429-7000

Permit Fees

FISHING
Regular Annual Fishing $32.00  
Regular Daily Fishing $15.00  
Juvenile (12-17 Years) Annual Fishing $10.00  
Sr. Citizen (60+ Years) Annual Fishing $12.00  
Veteran Annual Fishing $5.00  
Two-Day Fishing (consecutive days) $22.00

COMBINATION
Regular Combination Fishing/ Upland Game and Waterfowl Annual Hunting $54.00

** See CTUIR Hunting Regulations **
INTRODUCTION

The following is a summary of regulations that apply to persons who are not members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and who wish to fish within the boundaries of the Umatilla Indian Reservation:

1. Any person who fishes or hunts on the lands or in the waters within the boundaries of the Umatilla Indian Reservation shall carry on his/her person at all times, a permit issued to them by the Confederated Tribes which specifically authorizes such activity. Possession of any fish or game, or parts thereof by persons who do not have a valid tribal permit shall be prima facie evidence that the fish or game was unlawfully taken;

2. All persons who are not enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes who engage in fishing on reservation lands without a Tribal Permit are subject to federal criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1165;

3. Tribal permits are not transferable to any other person. Any attempt to transfer a Tribal Permit renders that permit null and void; and

4. In addition to possessing a Tribal Permit, any person who fishes within the boundaries of the Umatilla Indian Reservation must comply with the State of Oregon general angling regulations regarding gear, bait, harvest methods, harvest hours and general restrictions.

FISHING SEASONS

Rainbow Trout
Lake Hiyúumtipin (Indian Lake): May 1 – October 31
McKay Creek System Above McKay Reservoir: Open Year-Round

All other streams on the Umatilla Indian Reservation: Sept. 16 - Dec. 31 (closed in spring/summer to protect spring Chinook)

Bull Trout: CLOSED

Salmon & Steelhead: CLOSED

Other Fish: Same as for rainbow trout locations and seasons

** Also See “Special Restrictions” section **

BAG & LENGTH LIMITS

Lake Hiyúumtipin (Indian Lake) and All Open Streams: Five (5) trout per day, 8 inch minimum and only one trout over 20 inches in maximum length may be taken per day. Two daily limits in possession must be accompanied with two days of day use/camping receipts.

Other Fish: No bag or length limit. Does not include Pacific Lamprey.

SPECIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS

Lake Hiyúumtipin (Indian Lake): Only those boats powered by electric outboard motors or propelled by oars or other non-mechanized means may be operated.

McKay Creek: Catch and release fly-fishing only with a single barbless hook is allowed January 1 to April 22, and November 1 to December 31, 2024. Regular catch and keep regulations apply April 23 to October 31, 2024.

Mainstem Umatilla River: Catch and release fly fishing only with a single barbless hook is allowed during the trout season on the main stem Umatilla River and tributaries upstream from Thornhollow Bridge to the upper Reservation boundary. Regular catch and keep regulations apply to main stem and tributaries below Thornhollow Bridge, however, hooks no larger than ¼” (from point to shank) are allowed.

At Fish Facilities: No person shall fish from or trespass on a fish way, weir, fish trap or fish facility water intake/outflow structure. Bonifer Springs fishing closure includes the pond and two feeder springs. Minthorn Springs fishing closure includes the fish facilities and Minthorn Springs Creek. Imaques C-Mem-ini-kem, Thornhollow & Pendleton closures includes fish facilities and the water intake/outflow structures.