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## *A Great Reward Program Continues for Anglers*

*(Nespelem, Wash. January 20, 2021)* – Anglers we still need your help to reduce the number of northern pike in Lake Roosevelt and here’s how you can take advantage of a great opportunity!

When you participate in the Northern Pike Reward Program offered by the Colville Tribes’ Fish and Wildlife (CTFW) Department, you can get paid \$10 for every pike head turned in but you must be 17 years of age or older to participate in the program. Also, the fish heads must be in good condition and there is no daily harvest limit. All pike count for a payout whether big or small. In 2020, anglers turned in 1,122 northern pike with a payout of \$11,220. This brings the total number of

pike anglers have removed to 3,193 since 2017.

Anglers can drop off their pike heads at these locations: Noisy Waters Gas Station, Kettle Falls boat launch, Hunters boat launch, Fort Spokane boat launch, and the Inchelium Fish and Wildlife office.

Northern pike are a non-native invasive fish species that have the potential to devastate other fish populations such as redband trout, kokanee, white sturgeon and burbot. If northern pike expand downstream into the mid and lower Columbia River, they have the potential to compromise salmon and steelhead recovery efforts.

“We are working hard to protect native fish populations and provide quality recreational fisheries in Lake Roosevelt and Rufus Woods reservoirs,” said Holly McLellan, fish

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biologist for CTFW. “Northern Pike have the potential to destroy these fisheries. We appreciate the public’s help with removing this invasive fish and protecting our shared natural resource.”

Northern pike can live more than 20 years, exceed 50 inches and weigh up to 45 pounds. One adult female can produce up to 250,000 eggs.

For more information about the Northern Pike Reward Program, including a detailed map of where the pike are located, go to [www.cct-fnw.com/news/](http://www.cct-fnw.com/news/) and scroll to the bottom. If you would like to share pictures of your pike catch, send them to [holly.mclellan@colvilletribes.com](mailto:holly.mclellan@colvilletribes.com).

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