



Colville Confederated Tribes Fish and Wildlife Department



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Notice:

The Colville Tribes Fish and Wildlife Department is conducting a tribal member only angler reward fishery on Owhi Lake during the remainder of the year and into early 2021. Department personnel recently captured and tagged over 120 Brook Trout in Owhi Lake and tagged each one with a tag marked with a dollar prize amount ranging from \$10 to \$100.



Anglers wishing to participate in the reward fishery, must turn in any tags encountered in their catch at a locked mailbox located adjacent to the boat ramp on the southwest end of the lake **OR** at the Government Center front desk in Nespelem. Anglers will be provided a datasheet which must be filled out by providing their name, address, tribal id # (to verify that they are Colville tribal members) etc., as well as various details about their day of fishing. A Visa gift card corresponding to the prize amount will be mailed to each angler within 4-6 weeks of receiving each completed form and tag. The completed form AND the tag itself must be received in order to receive the reward.



The purpose of this fishery is to help improve Owhi Lake fishery by reducing an overpopulation of Brook trout. Annual surveys conducted by Fish and Wildlife personnel, have noted an increase in the Brook Trout population in Owhi Lake in recent years, while their average relative weights (a measure of how thick or "fat" each fish is) has been decreasing. To help improve these trends, the aim of this reward fishery is to engage the tribal membership in helping reduce the Brook Trout population down to more desirable numbers. Fishery rules and datasheet are included below.

For additional information, please contact Bryan Jones (509-634-1705) or Cameron Eddy (509-634-1438).

Owhi Lake Reward Fishery Catch Form

Instructions: Please fill out all applicable information and deposit the completed form AND the tag(s) into a Ziploc bag and place into the drop box, or bring this completed form and your tag(s) in a sealed Ziploc bag to the Government Center front desk in Nespelem. Even if you were unsuccessful in today's trip, please complete and deposit this form. Your information will be valuable and very important in understanding and improving the fishery. It will be used to help improve your future fishing experience. Thank you!

1. Today's Date: _____
2. Fishing from (circle one): BOAT SHORE ICE
3. How Many people are in your party: _____
4. How long were you fishing: _____ Hours
5. Zip code: _____
6. Are you satisfied with your fishing experience? YES NO (If no, please add a comment below to let us know why)
7. Please fill out Catch table to the right →

Species	Number Kept	Number Caught and Released
Brook Trout:		
Other:		

If you don't have a tag to report, you're done, simply deposit the form in the box. To report a tag, continue below.

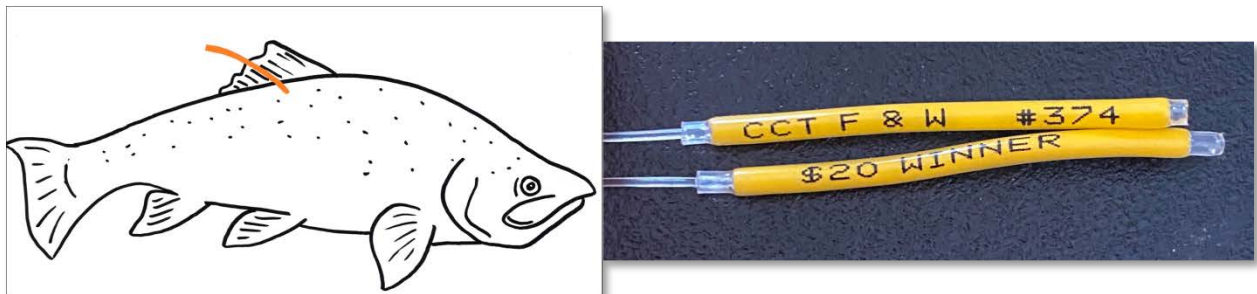
Name:
Mailing Address (Where the prize will be sent to: Street, City, State, Zip code):
Tribal ID # (individual ID):
Birthday (must be over 17):
Phone number:
Email (used to contact anglers regarding their reward):
of tags in the bag:
Value of each tag:
General location of fish caught:
Other information:

Thank you for participating in the Owhi Lake Reward Program!

Comments: _____

Anglers participating in the Owhi Lake Brook Trout Reward Program must adhere to the following rules:

1. Adhere to all applicable tribal fishing regulations for Owhi Lake. Contact the CCT Fish and Wildlife Department for details and current fishing regulations.
2. Provide true and accurate information to authorized program representatives regarding the taking, possession, delivery, transportation, or any other use of fish caught while participating in the Owhi Lake Brook Trout Reward Program.
3. Comply with the directions of authorized program personnel related to the collection of sampling data and angler participation in the Owhi Lake Brook Trout Reward Program.
4. Anglers must completely fill out the tag information form at the designated drop off area. Tags must be placed in a zip lock bag, with the completed form and dropped into the drop box, **OR** at the Government Center front desk in Nespelem.
5. Participants will receive the dollar amount listed on each tag (ranging from \$10 to \$100) for every tag deposited into the designated location, up to an individual maximum of \$590 per calendar year.
6. All participants must be 17 years or older to receive the reward.
7. All tagged fish to be redeemed for the reward must have been personally caught solely by the angler submitting them for the reward.
8. Fish tags must be in good condition and clearly identifiable/legible. Unidentifiable tags will not be accepted or awarded.
9. Violations of any of the above rules may result in participant disqualification from the Owhi Lake Reward Program.
10. The Owhi Lake Reward Program can be suspended or terminated at any time at the discretion of the CCT Fish and Wildlife program.
11. The CCT Fish and Wildlife program shall not be liable for any lost tags or reward money due to theft, defacement, or vandalism of any kind.



Tag location near the dorsal fin of the fish (left), and example of a tag (right; \$20 winner).