



## **Proposed Fishing Regulation Changes – 2018**

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*Note: new language is in italics. Deleted language is indicated by strikethrough.*

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#### **LAKE MARY RONAN**

- Kokanee Salmon: 10 daily and 20 in possession.
- Bass: 1 daily and in possession from third Saturday in May through June 30, only 1 over 22 inches; 5 daily and in possession from July 1 to the third Saturday in May, only 1 over 12 inches.
- Northern Pike: no limit. *All Northern Pike caught must be killed immediately, kept and the entire fish turned in to FWP. Anglers who catch Northern Pike in Lake Mary Ronan are required to report the catch to FWP within 24 hours (406-752-5501). Anglers must provide the angler's full name, ALS Number, phone number, date and time of capture, and location on the lake. Anglers are required to turn in the whole Northern Pike to a FWP office within 10 days of capture during regular business hours. Edible portions of the fish may be returned to angler upon request.*
- Spearing: open for Northern Pike.
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**Public Comments:** No public comment has been solicited for this change.

**FWP Rationale:** This regulation change is in response to the recent discovery of reproducing Northern Pike in Lake Mary Ronan. Similar harvest, report, and turn in regulations are in place for unauthorized introductions for Walleye in Swan Lake and Brown Trout in the Kootenai River below Libby Dam. Habitat in Lake Mary Ronan is conducive for Northern Pike and expansion of the pike population would jeopardize existing Kokanee, Yellow Perch, and bass fisheries. Lake Mary Ronan is the sole source for eggs used for Kokanee aquaculture in the state. Management action is based on guidance outlined in ARM 12.7.15