



SUMMER FISHING INFORMATION

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SUMMER FISHING ON THE MAIN SALMON RIVER

Fishing during the months of June, July, August and September on the Main Salmon will require patience but can be rewarding. There is ample opportunity to fish from boats and at camp during our rafting trips. Your quarry are cutthroat trout, smallmouth bass and other fish native to the river.

THINGS YOU WILL NEED:

- **A non-resident or resident fishing license.** You should plan to fish days 2-4 of a 5-day trip, or days 2-5 of a 6 day trip. For example, if you are planning to fish during the July 14 trip, we recommend that you purchase a license that allows you to fish on July 15, 16 and 17. For 2008, the cost of a non-resident license is \$11.50 for the first day, and \$5 for each additional consecutive day. You can learn more about fishing licenses at the Idaho Fish & Game website: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/licenses/>

We recommend that you purchase your license well ahead of your trip to allow you time to explore town and relax as follows:

- 1) **By Phone - 1-800-554-8685.** Call ID Fish and Game, and use your credit card. They will ask you for specific dates you want to fish, so have them handy before you call.
 - 2) **On-Line** – Have your social security number & credit card handy: <https://id.outdoorcentral.us/>
 - 3) If all else fails you can purchase your license in Salmon the day before your trip. Most convenience stores and all sporting goods stores have ID F&G license machines. **The IDFG machine at The Corner Store is open until midnight** – Uphill on Courthouse Drive about a half mile, on your left.
- **Spin fishermen** will need a light weight rod and reel with 6 pound test line, balanced to throw 1/8 and 1/4 ounce lures. Size 10 or 12 snap swivels, a few small split shot in a plastic 35 mm film canister, hemostats or small needle nose pliers, fishing glasses (optional - polarized work best) and assorted trout lures. Panter Martin, Mepps, Super Duper and Luhr Jensen all work well in 1/8 and a few in 1/4 ounce sizes.
 - **Fly fishermen** should bring 4-6 wt floating line, 2-3 8 foot leaders to 3x or 4x, strike indicators for nymph fishing, fly floatant, a dozen dry flies size 10-16 (Adams, Royal Wulff, Blue Wing Olive, dark brown Elk Hair Caddis) and a dozen wet flies and nymphs 12-18 (dark Caddis Emerger, Montana or other stonefly, Prince, Beadhead, Hares ear). Dry flies work sporadically for trout and well for other species. Nymphing is the most effective method for catching trout during summer months on the Main Salmon.
 - **Do Not Bring Tackle Boxes Or Fishing Vests!** They are bulky, hold way too much stuff and won't fit over your life jacket anyway. Everything you need should fit into a small pocket size lure box, which will fit neatly into your day bag.

Call us any time if you have questions, and Good Luck fishing!