



# Know Your Fish – Protect Your Fish – Enjoy Fishing

This notice is intended to inform and educate the Fishhawk Lake Community on fishing regulations and good stewardship practices for the tremendous environment that our lake creates, including its aquatic inhabitants.

## Fishing At and Around Fishhawk Lake:

**Fishhawk Lake is public water and you need a license and must follow ODFW fishing regulations!** (Regulations are found at: <http://www.eregulations.com/oregon/fishing/>)

- **All persons 12 years or older must have in possession a valid Oregon Angling License to angle for or take, or help another angle for or take, any fish for personal use.** (*if practicing catch and release, a license is still required*)
- **Open for trout May 22 – Oct 31**
- **2 trout per day, 8 inch minimum length**
- **Artificial flies and lures only** (*the use of bait such as worms, hot dogs, dough balls, Power-Bait, fish eggs and any molded soft plastic or rubber imitations of worms, eggs, insects, bait fish, crayfish, etc. are considered baits and are illegal*)
- **Report angling violations to the Oregon State Police at: 1-800-452-7888**

**Fish Species:** Fishhawk Lake is a special lake in Oregon as it has only native fish, including Cutthroat Trout, Coho Salmon, Steelhead, Pacific Lamprey and the Coastal Cutthroat. Many of the small fish could be a juvenile salmon or steelhead. Knowing your fish and taking extra precautions when fishing or handling the fish will help maintain this precious resource for years and generations to come. **The following are good practices:**

## **Fishing Practices: Fishing Tackle, Hooks and Reviving**

- Use barbless hooks so you can easily release your catch. Use pliers to pinch down barbs.
- Use tackle strong enough to bring your fish in quickly and gently.
- Land fish as carefully as possible.
- Avoid removing fish from the water, but if you must, use a cotton or rubber net — not nylon.
- Keep your hands wet when handling fish.
- If taking a photo, cradle the fish at water level and quickly take the picture.
- Remove the hook quickly & gently, keeping the fish under water using long-nosed pliers or hemostats.
- If a fish is hooked deeply, cut the line near the hook, which will dissolve.
- Point the fish into a slow current until its gills are working and it maintains its balance on its own.
- Let it swim out of your hands when possible.
- Practice catch & release!
- Cut two of the three hooks off of the lure to spare the trout. (**Hint:** more fish are caught with only one)
- Don't squeeze the fish!!! Hold it gently, and use a rubber landing net in the water.

For more on fishing in and around Fishhawk Lake go to the Fishhawk Lake Website and look for **Fishing.**