

Press Release

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Fishing Season Opens October 1, 2019

Help Stop the Spread of Aquatic Hitchhikers...Clean, Drain, Dry!

Nixon, NV: The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is pleased to announce opening Fishing Season at Pyramid Lake, October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019. Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) season is October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The Tribe has designated the beaches from Popcorn to Warrior Point as open to the public for recreational activities including fishing, boating, camping and day use. The beaches on the south and east sides of the Pyramid Lake remain closed to the public, including Dago and Howard's beaches, the Needles and the Willows.

The abundant snowpack over this year allowed much needed attraction flows for spawning Pyramid Lake Fish. Approximately 2,000 mature Lahontan Cutthroat Trout were released to spawn naturally into the Truckee River this past spring. The Pyramid Lake Fisheries staff also obtained 1 million eggs from this Spring's spawning events, resulting in 550,000 Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. The Staff at Numana Hatchery also released 115,000 small fry into the lower Truckee River in June.

Fishing, boating, camping and day use permits are available at the Tribe's Ranger station and Marina in Sutcliffe, I-80 Smokeshop in Wadsworth, and the Nixon Store. Permits are also available at several local sports and convenience stores. A list of permit sellers can be found here: <http://www.pyramidlake.us/pyramid-lake-permits.html> Permits can also be purchased on-line at the following link: <https://plpt.naga.net/online/> Permits are non-refundable and non-transferrable. The funds are used to support the Tribe's costs for public safety and lake maintenance.

Help Stop the Spread of Aquatic Hitchhikers...Clean, Drain, Dry! Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) means any species not already native to the waters of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation whose introduction to those waters is likely to cause economic or environmental harm, or harm to human health. Aquatic Invasive Species pose a serious threat to the waters to the Truckee River-Pyramid Lake Region, and could have a disastrous impact on the ecology, infrastructure, recreation and economy of the Tribe. AIS threatens the health of our fisheries and aquatic ecosystem.

All watercraft, fishing equipment, and recreational gear that touch the water can pick up AIS. AIS are highly adaptable and can tolerate a wide range of environmental conditions. Once established, AIS are extremely difficult and costly to control or eradicate. Remove (Clean) all plant and animal

material, mud and debris from the watercraft, trailer and boat equipment (anchors, buoys, etc.) Pull all plugs and Drain all residual water from inside the vessel including compartments, live-wells, ballast tanks, bilge areas, freshwater cooling-systems, lower outboard units, buckets, etc. Allow proper time for the vessel and boat equipment to completed Dry. Any standing water or wet gear has the potential to harbor AIS.

The Creel Census Station will be open every weekend near the old Pyramid Lake store on State Route 445. Fishermen can also voluntarily stop and fill out a questionnaire at the Creel Census Station near the Nixon Store, which is open 7 days/week.

For more information, check out the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's website at <http://www.pyramidlake.us> Follow us on Facebook under Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and Pyramid Lake, and on Twitter @plpt. You can also check out the Pyramid Lake Fisheries on Facebook for up to date fishing information.

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About the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's members are direct descendants of the Northern Paiute people who have occupied the vast area of the Great Basin for thousands of years. The Tribe maintains 477,000 acres reservation 35 miles northeast of Reno, NV. The reservation fully contains the Pyramid Lake, a 175 sq. mile desert terminal lake primarily receiving water from the Truckee River.