

These are your fisheries for which we have the privilege to manage.
Be involved and make a difference.

Two Part Process:

- **Scoping:** We collect and share IDEAS on how we can make fishing better. What experiences do you think we could/should provide?
- **Rule Proposal:** Based on Scoping feedback, rule proposals are developed by IDFG. Biological concerns and feasibility are emphasized, but social desires are considered.

With Commission approval, we bring specific proposals back for public comments. Public feedback is summarized and reported back to the Commission who will determine which rule changes will move forward.

Ways to Participate:

- **Online:** <https://idfg.idaho.gov/form/fishing-2018-public-comment>
- **By email:** For the Magic Valley Region: MVFishery@idfg.idaho.gov
- **By Phone:** 208-324-4359
- **By Mail:** Idaho Fish and Game: Attn: Fisheries
324 South 417 East, Suite #1
Jerome, Idaho 83338

The Schedule:

- February – Public Scoping – Regions collect feedback and present IDFG ideas to public using public meetings, email, online comments, phone, and walk-in personal meetings
- March – Regions combine public input with biological feasibility/need, confirm requests are supported by the current Fisheries Management Plan, and submit recommended rule changes to Fisheries Headquarters for final review prior to presenting rule proposals to the IDFG Commission
- July – Commission approved draft rule changes are presented to the public for consideration
- November – Commission considers public feedback and regional recommendations. Approved rule changes will take effect January 1, 2016.

The nature of the process:

- Public Participation is critical. These are your fisheries for which we have the privilege to manage. Focus on desired fishing experiences, rules can mold the fish population which impact the fishing experience. Focus less on a specific rule: you may have a specific rule in mind; however, there may be alternative rules that would be more suitable to achieve the goal.
- Biological feasibility and/or need is emphasized
- Strive to keep rules simple / avoid tinkering / avoid rules that would not likely achieve the desired results
- Maximize opportunities, would the change meet with a majority approval?