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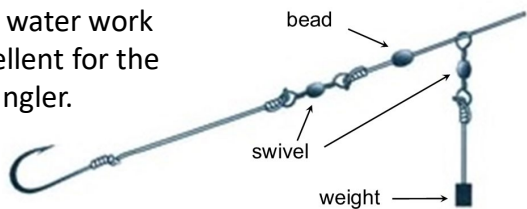
Anglers are always encouraged to harvest and remove Pikeminnow while fishing in the Rogue River, regardless if choosing to participate in program. Use angling gear and methods appropriate for targeting Pikeminnow. If encountering lots of juvenile salmonids, move or change technique.

Where: Pikeminnow are most often found in large deep pools, softer water, and eddies. They are prominent from town of Gold Hill downstream well past Graves Creek.

Bait: Common bait is chicken liver, worms, crayfish tails, or even cheese balls. Dime to quarter size bait works well. Keep unused bait as cold as possible when not on hook.

Gear: 10-15lb mainline, light to med action rod tip, 6-8lb monofilament or fluorocarbon leader, #1 or #2 hook, weights ½ to 2 ounce (depending on current more may be needed). Use an egg loop on your hook to help keep bait longer (bait nets work well too). Barbless hooks encouraged. Follow all Oregon Sportfishing Regulations.

Check out Pikeminnow.org for tips to catch Pikeminnow. However, this program is **NOT PART** of the Northern Pikeminnow sport reward program. Often back-bouncing or side drifting a simple setup such as below is all you need. Small flies at the bottom of an eddie or soft water work excellent for the fly angler.



Basic entry rules for a chance to win prizes

1) Contest Runs from September 1, through September 21, 2024. Winners announced Sept 30, 2024, with drawing for random prizes and announcement of contest winners.

2) Go fishing...better yet, take a friend or kid fishing on the Rogue River. Only Pikeminnow harvested from Rogue River via hook and line with a valid Oregon sport fishing license are eligible. All adult entries must submit their Hunter/Angler ID # with contact information. No license necessary for youth under 12.

3) Anglers can choose to participate in all Four options: **(A)** Is a random drawing for photo of your days catch, participants in any other option are automatically entered, **(B)** Largest pikeminnow contest (in inches), **(C)** Best daily 5 fish aggregate bag length/weight combo **(D)** most pounds of pikeminnow accumulated per angler over entire contest.

4) **Anglers will be broken into Youth and Adult Entries for Options B and D.**

5) Options A, B and C can be submitted via email or in-person. Options B, C & D can be submitted in person at a check station. **See Rule 6 and 7 for details.**

6) **Submit online** thru Sept 21 at 11:59 pm for options A, B & C to:

RoguePikeminnowRoundup@gmail.com

7) **Submit in-person** by bringing frozen or fresh fish to either of two separate check stations, **on Saturday September 21st**. Volunteers will be on hand to weigh and collect fish from **12pm-4pm.**

- **Wildlife Images** 11845 Lower River Road, Grants Pass, Oregon
- **Griffin County Park** 500 Griffin Rd, Grants Pass, Oregon

Participants can also drop off their harvest starting Sept. 3 at ODFW Central Point office.

Option A – Random drawing for days catch

- Take photo of your days catch of Pikeminnow.
- Submit photo in email, along with your Hunter/Angler ID #, and contact info and where you fished for day. Youth don't have ID #. One entry per person. All entries will be entered into a random drawing for prizes.

Option B – Largest Pikeminnow (length)

- Adults, any Pikeminnow over 15 inches in length, consider entering into the "big fish contest." No minimum length necessary for Youth.
- Measure from tip of nose to fork of tail, on flat surface.
- Take photo of fish from above with length clearly visible; Nearest half inch counted.

Option C - Largest 5 fish bag

- Largest 5 fish bag turned in, in-person, or online. In Person may submit ever week if they choose.
- Online submission is allowed one time. Online submission must be less than a 30 second video showing all 5 fish lined up nose to fork of tail, left to right, with a tape measure clearly indicating total length of the 5 fish. Camera should start at first fish's nose and "0", then slowly pan from left to right, pausing at last fishes forked tail and total measurement, and then pan out to show all fish.

Option D – Most pounds of Pikeminnow

- Most pounds of Pikeminnow in aggregate, fresh or frozen turned in over the duration of contest at a check station; Anglers can turn in weekly.

Prizes include:

- Gift Cards to local sporting goods stores-
- Fishing Gear-
- Hats, shirts, stickers from supporters-

Winners will be notified via contact information given in entry submission.