

# INDEPENDENCE LAKE ANGLING REGULATIONS

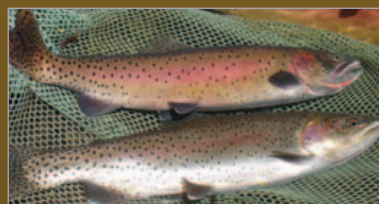
**ALL LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO THE WATER**

**Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used  
No bait allowed**

**Angling regulations for Independence Lake have been set to protect Lahontan cutthroat trout, but allow the fishing public the opportunity to catch these rare fish.**

- **LIMIT:** Five fish per day with a total of 10 in possession. Can be a combination of Brook Trout, Brown Trout, or Kokanee Salmon.
- Tributaries to Independence Lake and Independence Lake within 300 feet of the mouths of all tributaries are closed to fishing all year.
- Independence Lake except Independence Lake within 300 feet of the mouths of all tributaries is open to fishing all year.
- Lahontan cutthroat trout are protected under state and federal law. The LCT are listed by the Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.
- Illegal possession of Lahontan cutthroat trout is a misdemeanor and will result in State and Federal penalties including mandatory court appearance, minimum fine of \$1,200.00 and/or up to 1 year in jail.  
California Department of Fish and Game—CCR SEC. 7.50 Title 14

## COLOR VARIATIONS OF LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT



## OTHER NATIVE FISH SPECIES

Tahoe Sucker

Paiute Sculpin

Speckled Dace

Mountain Whitefish

Lahontan Lake Tui Chub

Lahontan Redside

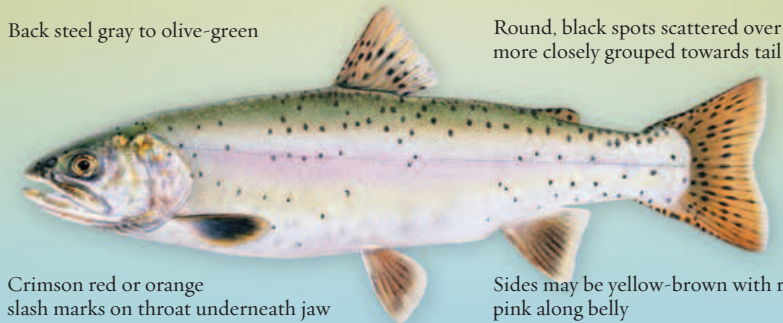


## FISH IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

### Lahontan Cutthroat Trout – CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY

Back steel gray to olive-green

Round, black spots scattered over fish but more closely grouped towards tail



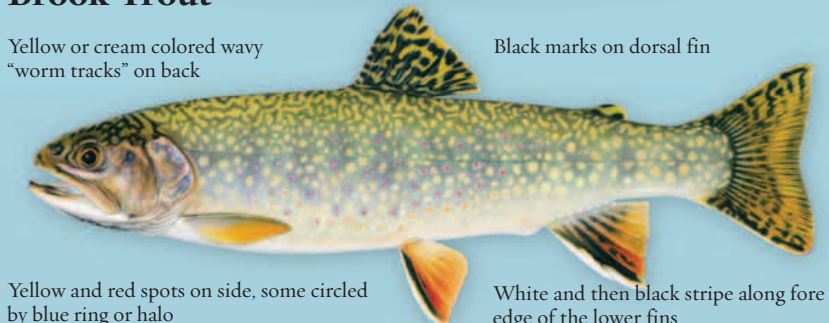
Crimson red or orange slash marks on throat underneath jaw

Sides may be yellow-brown with red or pink along belly

### Brook Trout

Yellow or cream colored wavy "worm tracks" on back

Black marks on dorsal fin

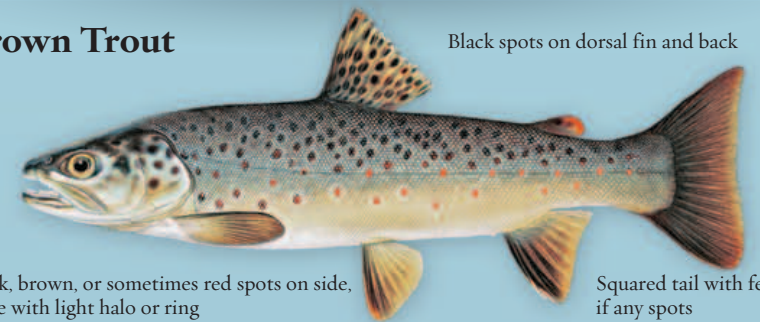


Yellow and red spots on side, some circled by blue ring or halo

White and then black stripe along fore edge of the lower fins

### Brown Trout

Black spots on dorsal fin and back



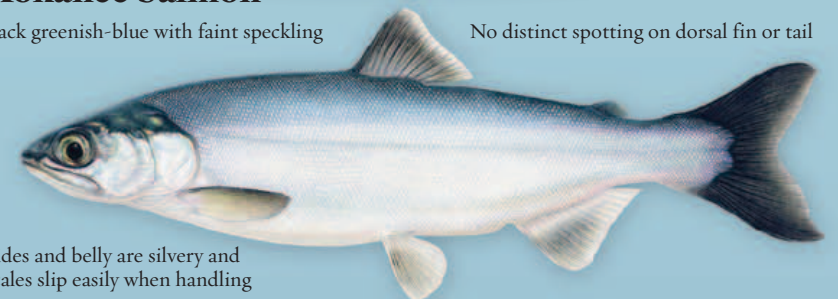
Black, brown, or sometimes red spots on side, some with light halo or ring

Squared tail with few if any spots

### Kokanee Salmon

Back greenish-blue with faint speckling

No distinct spotting on dorsal fin or tail

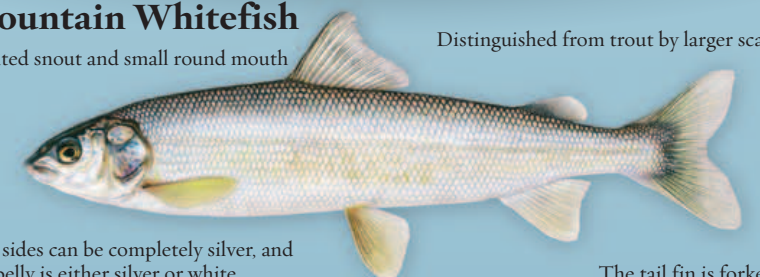


Sides and belly are silvery and scales slip easily when handling

### Mountain Whitefish

Pointed snout and small round mouth

Distinguished from trout by larger scales



The sides can be completely silver, and the belly is either silver or white

The tail fin is forked

Rainbow trout and Lahontan Cutthroat Trout look similar in color and spotting but Rainbow trout are not present in Independence Lake. If you catch a fish resembling either Rainbow or Lahontan, return it to the lake.