

McNary National Wildlife Refuge

Fishing Regulations



Welcome

The McNary National Wildlife Refuge offers fishing opportunities for a variety of common game fish species. Popular game fish caught in the numerous sloughs, ponds and streams on the Refuge include rainbow trout, catfish, bass, steelhead, salmon, walleye, crappie, bluegill and sturgeon.

All persons fishing on the refuge are required to have a valid State fishing license and are responsible for following all applicable State regulations.

State Fishing Regulations are available at:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/>

Fishing licenses are available at select vendors or at:

<https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>

General Information

Most popular fishing months: March through October.

Popular fish species by season:

Early season – walleye and trout in the Columbia River;

Late spring and summer – bass in the Columbia River; catfish and steelhead in the Walla Walla River;

Late summer and fall – salmon in the Columbia River.

Popular fishing destinations within the refuge:

Columbia and Snake Rivers – salmon, steelhead, walleye. Ponds in the Refuge – bass.

Walla Walla River – catfish, steelhead.

Quarry Pond – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife stocks with rainbow trout in spring.

Refuge Hours

Sunrise to sunset. The Madame Dorian area (the confluence of Walla Walla River with the Columbia River up to the outlet of Sanctuary Pond) is the only exception; night fishing and the launching of boats is permitted in this area.

Refuge Waters Open to Fishing

Two Rivers and Peninsula Units:

Villard Ponds/Columbia River (Boat launches available at Army Corps of Engineers facilities at Hood Park and Cargill Pond); Casey Pond (open to all types of boats); Quarry Pond (closed to all flotation devices and/or boats).

Walla Walla Unit:

White-Tail Bay (open to all types of boats).

McNary Headquarters Unit:

Along Lake Road only in Burbank Slough Units 3 and 4.

Refuge Waters Closed to Fishing

McNary Headquarters Unit:

Burbank Slough Units 1,2,3,4. (Fishing permitted from along Lake Road only; closed to all flotation devices and/or boats).

Walla Walla Unit:

Sanctuary Pond

Special Regulations

Walla Walla and Columbia Rivers

Refer to current State rule handbook for daily limits for all fish species, size restrictions, gear restrictions and seasons.

Island Closures

Strawberry, Foundation and Badger Islands are closed to public use at all times.

Crescent Island is closed to fishing year-round.

Prohibited Activities

- Fires.
- Overnight camping.
- Overnight parking, except for night fishing at Madame Dorian.
- Littering. Carry out everything you bring in.
- Use of ATVs and other off-road vehicles.
- Commercial guiding for fishing.
- Abandoning, discarding, or otherwise leaving personal property.
- Swimming in all waters on the Refuge.
- Searching for and/or removing archaeological or cultural artifacts.
- Dogs or other pets off leash.

Additional rules and regulations apply. See 50 CFR.

Contact Information

Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex
64 Maple Street
Burbank, WA 99323
509-546-8300
www.fws.gov/mcnary/

Bass



Catfish



Salmon



Rainbow Trout



Steelhead

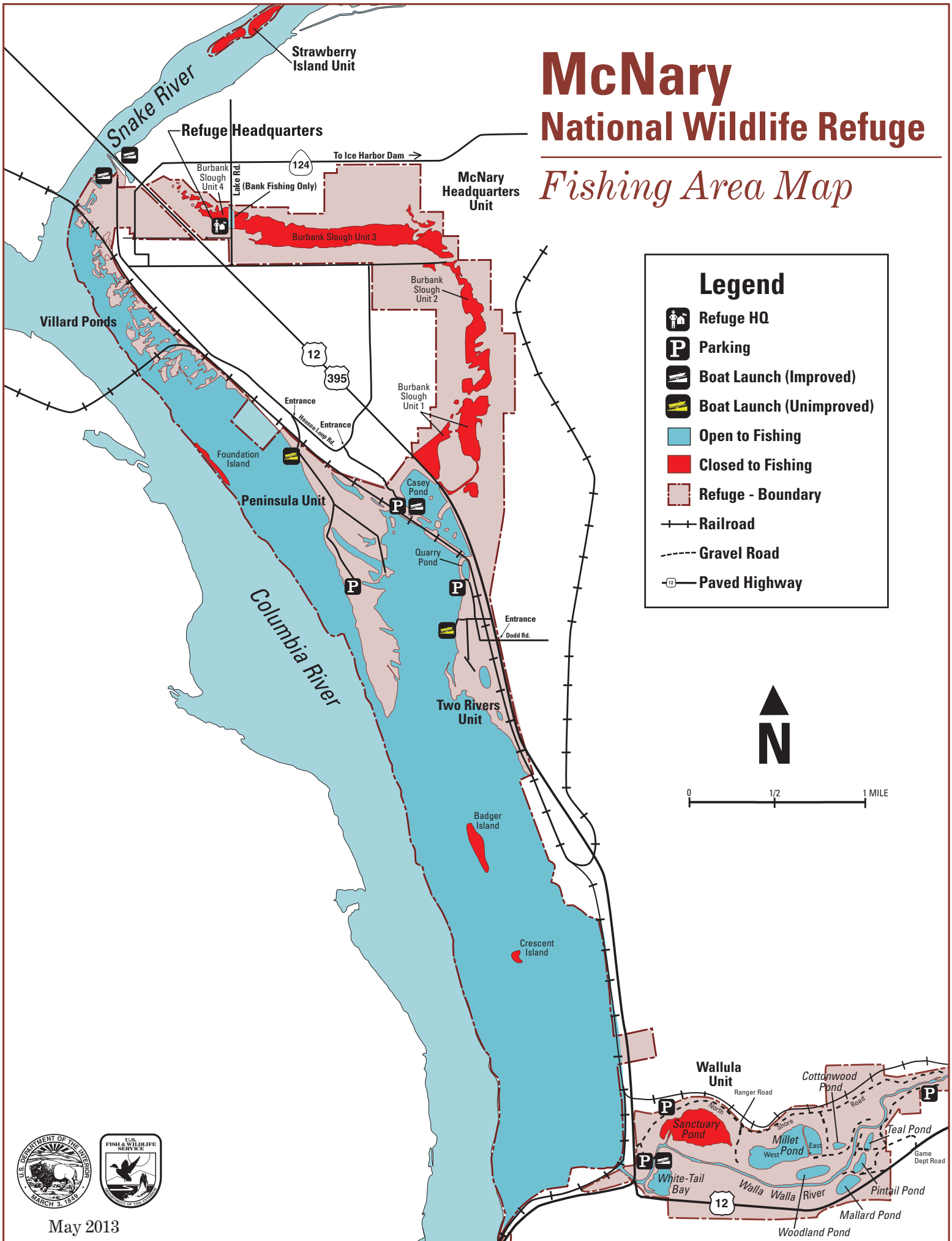


Walleye



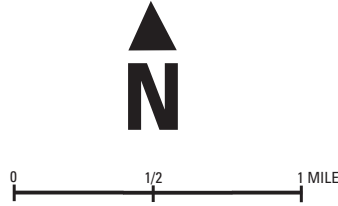
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Fishing Area Map



Legend

- Refuge HQ
- Parking
- Boat Launch (Improved)
- Boat Launch (Unimproved)
- Open to Fishing
- Closed to Fishing
- Refuge - Boundary
- Railroad
- Gravel Road
- Paved Highway



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