



# Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

May 2012

## POPULAR ICE FISHING LAKES

Species	Lake	Size	Best Season
Kokanee	Ashley	9"-10"	March - April
"	Lake Mary Ronan	11"-12"	February
"	Crystal	11"-12"	January - March
"	Little Bitterroot	10"-16"	January - March
"	Lake Five	9"-10"	January - March
"	Beaver	9"-10"	January - March
Perch	Smith	8"-12"	December and March
"	Thompson Lakes	6"-12"	January
"	Echo	6"-12"	January - February
Lake Trout	McGregor	1-2 lbs.	January - February
" "	Whitefish	1-4 lbs.	January - February
Rainbow Trout	Murray	1-4 lbs.	January, March
" "	Hubbart	8"-14"	January - March
" "	Foys	12"-18"	January, March
Northern Pike	Church Slough	3-10 lbs.	January, March
" "	Stillwater Lakes	3-7 lbs.	January, March
" "	Upper Thompson	3-7 lbs.	January, March

Kokanee: Fish 20'-30' deep, red Swedish pimple and/or glo hook with maggots, late season generally best.

Perch: Small marabou or twister-style jig in yellow or chartreuse, tip with maggot or fish. Fish near bottom up to 30' deep.

Lake Trout:  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz. Leadhead jig with white or chartreuse 3" twister body, tip with fish. Watch ice conditions on large lakes.

Rainbow Trout: Leadhead marabou jig in white, green, chartreuse. Tip with maggots. Near bottom in 10'-20' water.