

## **Lake Julianna Rules and Angling Ethics**

After being stuck in “Mark time, march” early this year. We now can half -step back to our favorite activities. As COVID-19 restrictions ease, and we start to make our way back to our favorite fishing areas let us remember to respect our environment and others.

Over the past several months you might notice several new items of trash in your neighborhood and public spaces. Rubber gloves, wipes, paper masks, and their packaging tossed along walking paths in parks and at beaches resorts. Proper disposal of garbage is everyone’s responsibility. At Lake Julianne we encourage you to carry in and carry out any waste you accumulate. Please follow rules at Ponderosa Estates Farm the rules are to keep you and everyone safe. Volunteers are on hand to assist you.

Please follow these rules and guidelines for the Ponderosa

- 1.) Use barbless hooks or hooks with the barbs pressed down.
- 2) If fish are hooked deeply, cut the line and leave the hook in place, return to the water immediately. Ask a volunteer for assistance.
- 3) If fish are bleeding, return to the water immediately.
- 4) Use caution when handling the fish. Avoid placing them on the ground or reeling them in across the bank. Protect their outer slime coating.
- 5) Do not discard used fishing line or used soft plastic lures in the water.
- 6) Practice CPR, Catch, Photo, Release.
- 7) Most of all, have fun!

This fishing season we will be reintroduced to a new set of rules for fishing. Let us try to make this work and respect not only our environment but our fellow anglers, landowner’s, and volunteers. We can start with the following COVID-19 angling ethics: Keep a safe distance apart, wear face and eye protection around others, cough and sneeze in your elbow, if you are sick stay home, don’t handle other anglers property unless you are wearing gloves and have permission, do not litter, use restrooms, wash hands or use hand sanitizer, and make sure younger family members are protected and safe.

See the Sportfish Conservancy Code of Ethics: [Code of Ethics>>](#)

The Take Me Fishing website has an interactive state map for fishing and boating activities during COVID-19, please view updates before you start your fishing or boating trip. [State Agency COVID 19 Updates>>](#)