

IDAHO PADDLE SPORTS LAWS

Human-powered vessels, such as:

RAFTS • CANOES • KAYAKS • STAND UP PADDLEBOARDS (SUP)

A Coast Guard approved, wearable life jacket is required for each person. Life jackets must be readily accessible. Throw cushions do not meet this requirement.

Life jacket(s) must be on board, not attached by a line or leash. Leashes cannot be used to satisfy the life jacket requirement above.

Persons 14 years old and under must wear a life jacket while underway.

All vessels must be able to exhibit a white light or lantern after sunset or during times of restricted visibility.

If the vessel is propelled by a motor (either gas or electric) it must be registered and display the current year validation sticker.

All SUPs must properly display the Idaho Invasive Species Sticker. All other vessels must also display the sticker with the exception of small rafts and other inflatable vessels less than 10' in length.

It is unlawful to operate the vessel under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. Impaired operators are subject to arrest.

Use or possession of alcohol by individuals who are underage is prohibited.

All vessel operators must have a whistle.

All vessels are subject to inspection.

All navigation rules apply.

Keep a proper lookout at all times.

OTHER HELPFUL HINTS:

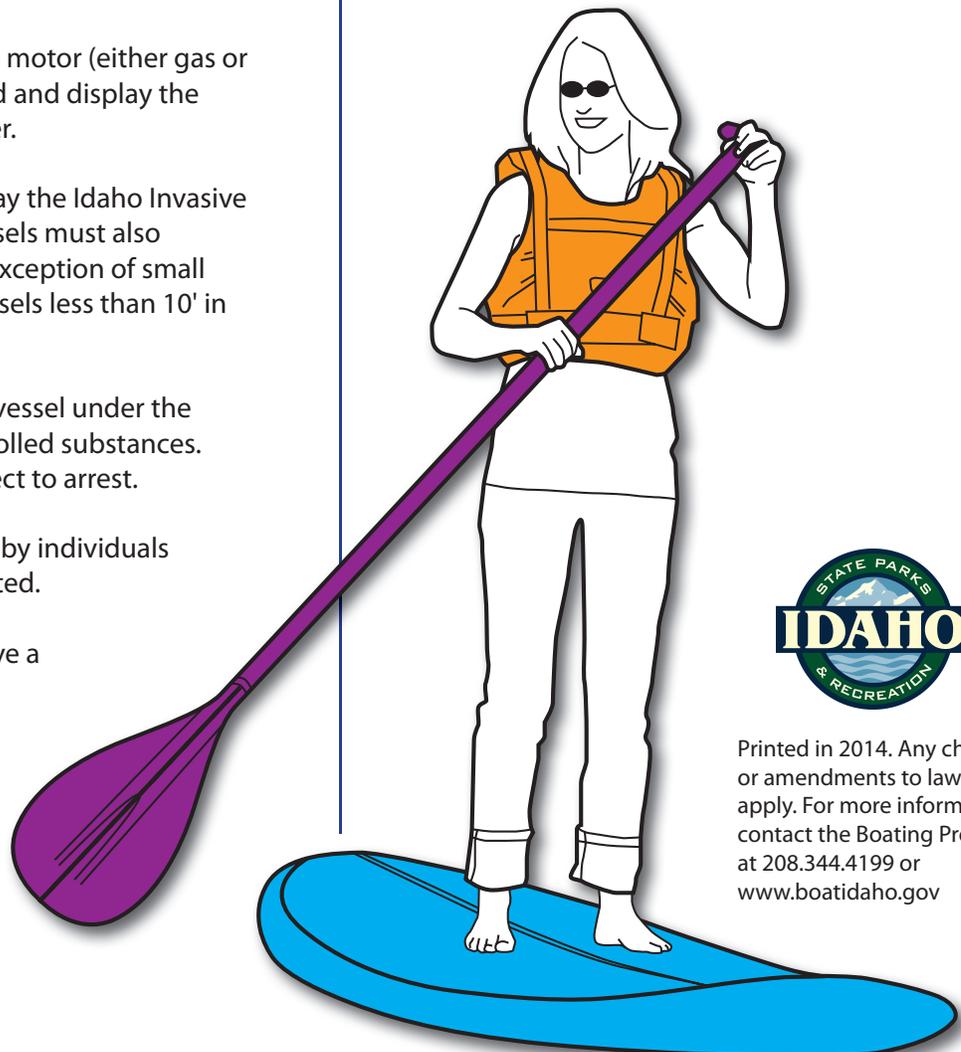
Inflatable belt pack life jackets need to be worn with the device in front of the body, not turned to the back side of the body.



Inflatable life jackets are not approved for anyone less than 16 years old.

Do not overload your vessel. It is recommended only two (2) people on an SUP at a time.

Other rules, regulations, and laws may apply.



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