Northern pike (Esox lucius) is a non-native, invasive species that threatens salmon and other native Columbia River basin fish. If caught, DO NOT RELEASE! Keep it for positive identification and contact Blaine Parker, CRITFC Invasive Species Lead, at (503) 731-1268.

Native three-spine sticklebacks can look like very small northern pike. Look for the three distinctive spiny fins on their back.

Even though they have “pike” in their name, the native northern pikeminnow are not related to northern pike (and look nothing like them, either).