

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS  
FISHERIES DIVISION  
JOB COMPLETION REPORT

State:Montana Title:Statewide Fisheries Investigations  
Project:F-46-R-5 Title:Bitterroot River Creel Census  
Job: I-9  
Period Covered:July 1, 1992 to February 1, 1993

ABSTRACT

This section will be completed upon completion of the project

BACKGROUND

The Bitterroot River fishery receives increasing pressure from private and commercial fishermen as the human population in the area continues to increase. Fishing regulations have become more restrictive in 1992, to address possible overfishing and habitat problems on the River. This creel census will provide information that will be used to manage the River in the future.

## OBJECTIVES AND DEGREE OF ATTAINMENT

1. To provide statistically valid estimates of angler pressure, catch rates, and gamefish harvest for one complete year for the Bitterroot River from the confluence of the east and west forks to the river's mouth. Project in progress, data will be presented in a later report.

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<u>Stream</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Key Words</u>
Bitterroot River drainage	2-03-8865	Creel Census Fishing pressure Catch rates Trout populations