

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

FISHERIES DIVISION
JOB PROGRESS REPORT

STATE: MONTANA PROJECT TITLE: STATEWIDE FISHERIES
INVESTIGATION
PROJECT NO: F-46-R-7 STUDY TITLE: SURVEY AND INVENTORY
OF COLDWATER STREAMS
JOB NO: I-g JOB TITLE: BLACKFOOT RIVER CREEL CENSUS
PROJECT PERIOD: JULY 1, 1993 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1994

OBJECTIVES AND DEGREE OF ATTAINMENT

JOB OBJECTIVES:

1. To determine fishing pressure on the Blackfoot River.
2. To estimate harvest of gamefish.
3. To determine characteristics of angling public and how they practice their sport.
4. To determine seasonal and special distribution of anglers on the river.

This project is still in progress with four more months of aerial counts and angler interviews left. We have been averaging about 3 aerial counts per week for the last 8 months. Approximately 1,000 angler interviews have been completed. The bulk of the fishing pressure is occurring in the lower section of the Blackfoot between Bonner and Johnsrud. In mid-June counts of over 100 boats per day were recorded. Data entry into database files has been kept current with the counts and interviews.