

DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

FISHERIES DIVISION
JOB PROGRESS REPORTSTATE: MontanaPROJECT NO: F-46-R-6STUDY # VIIJOB NO: AJOB TITLE: Fisheries Special AssignmentsPROJECT PERIOD: July 1, 1992 - June 30, 1993

JOB OBJECTIVES AND DEGREE OF ATTAINMENT

The general goal of this project is to initiate special assignments to solve specific research and management problems related to maintaining and/or improving fisheries and fisheries habitat in cold and cool/warm water streams and lakes statewide.

The objectives outlined for FY 93 were to accommodate the increased emphasis on water leasing in Montana as follows:

1. Identify priority streams and water rights to investigate for leasing;
2. Investigate individual water rights to determine feasibility of leasing;
3. Contact water right holders to discuss/negotiate water leases;
4. Oversee fisheries, hydrology and water rights investigations necessary to prepare "Change of Use" applications;
5. Involvement in other water resource issues such as the Clark Fork River advisory group, Missouri River Reservations and other issues.

The project was funded at 0.5 FTE during the report period. Objectives 1-4 were completed. Several potential leases were investigated and summary reports of their feasibility were prepared for internal use. No activity occurred under Objective 5.

The incumbent also developed three computer data bases to:

1. Keep track of water leasing activities as they occur;
2. Compile all of DFWP's SB 76 claims filed in the adjudication process; and
3. Keep track of DFWP objections to new water use permits and changes in water rights.

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