MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS FISHERIES DIVISION JOB PROGRESS REPORT

STATE: Montana TITLE: Southwest Montana Fisheries

PROJECT NO.: F-9-R-29 Investigations

JOB NO.: II-c TITLE: Fishing Regulation Evaluation

Studies on Major Trout Waters

PERIOD COVERED: April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this job were: (1) To determine the effect of angling on total numbers, size composition, species composition, age composition and total mortality rates on wild trout populations in a section of the Madison and Yellowstone Rivers; (2) To monitor the status of wild trout populations in a "closed to fishing" section of the Madison River and compare to "open to fishing" years.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

All objectives stated above were accomplished except no data was gathered on the Yellowstone section. This work was postponed to a future date. Data analysis is in progress on the work accomplished and the results will be written in subsequent progress reports.

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