



MONTANA  
Fish and Game Department

## FISHING REGULATIONS 1958-1959

### Instructions

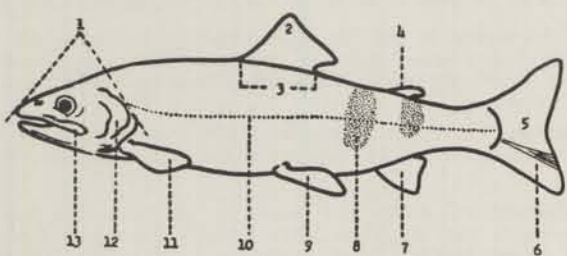
FOR IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OF TROUT, CHAR,  
GRAYLING, SALMON AND WHITEFISH  
FOUND IN MONTANA

#### How to Use the Key—

The use of the key is largely a process of elimination. Beginning at "A," compare the specimen with the written description and proceed to the signified letter. In any case, there can be only one choice between "A" and "AA," "B" and "BB," etc. If the description does not compare with that given under "A" proceed to "AA," and continue comparing the specimen with the descriptions.

(Example)—If the description matches with that given under "A," then proceed to "C" as indicated. If the description matches with "C," then proceed to "D" as indicated. If the description does not match "D," then proceed to "DD." If the description does not compare with "DD-1," proceed to "DD-2," and you will find that the specimen is a lake trout. If the description does not match with that given under "DD-2," then you have made a mistake and worked into a blind alley. Begin once more at "A" and go carefully through the key as previously described.

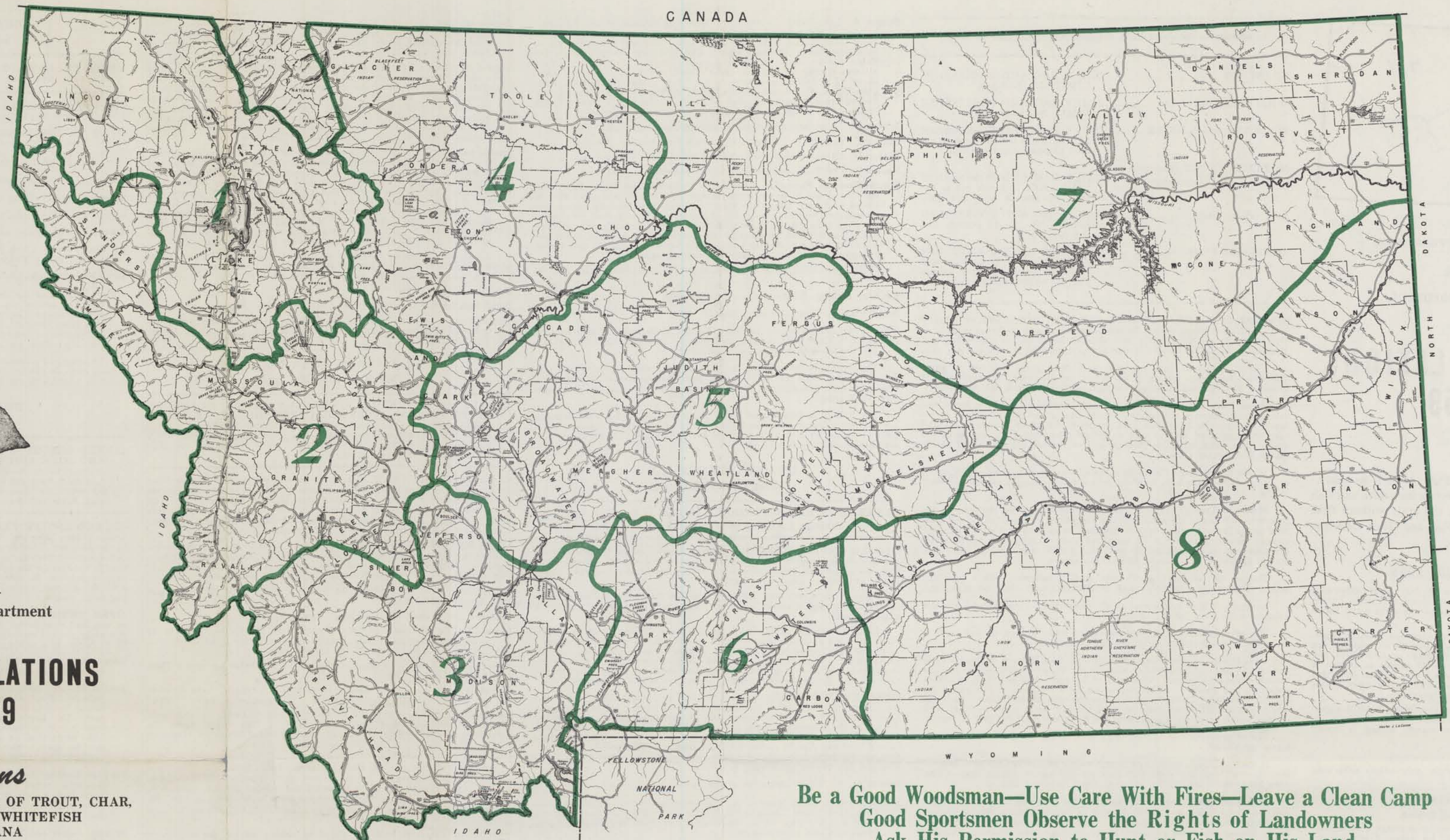
#### External Anatomy—



1. Head (length)
2. Dorsal Fin
3. Dorsal Fin Base (length)
4. Adipose Fin
5. Caudal Fin (tail fin)
6. Fin Ray
7. Anal Fin
8. Parr Mark
9. Pelvic or Ventral Fin
10. Lateral Line
11. Pectoral Fin
12. Operculum
13. Maxillary (upper jaw)

All of the trout, salmon, chars, and whitefish have an adipose fin (stubby, fleshy fin usually without rays).

This character alone will separate them from other Montana fishes, except the catfishes. Catfish bear whiskers (barbels) around the chin and mouth region, a character which immediately sets them apart from trout, salmon, chars, and whitefish.



Be a Good Woodsman—Use Care With Fires—Leave a Clean Camp  
Good Sportsmen Observe the Rights of Landowners  
Ask His Permission to Hunt or Fish on His Land

#### KEY

Before starting through this key, make certain that the fish you are using has an adipose fin, and has no barbels (whiskers).

- A. Jaw long, upper jaw extends beyond eye ..... C.  
AA. Jaw short, upper jaw does not extend beyond eye ..... B.  
B. Base of dorsal fin much shorter than head ..... Whitefish  
BB. Base of dorsal fin as long or longer than head ..... Grayling  
C. Anal fin with less than 13 principal rays ..... D.  
CC. Anal fin with more than 13 principal rays ..... Ray  
CC-1. Gill rakers long and filamentous ..... Kokanee (Sockeye)

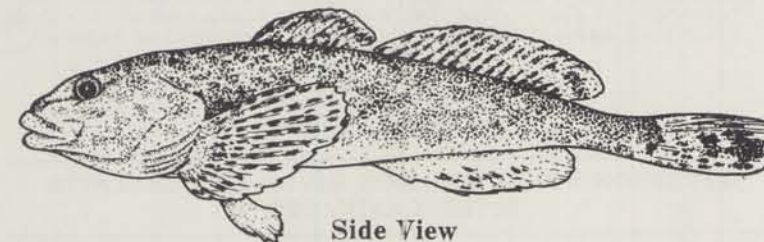
- CC-2. Gill rakers short and thick ..... Silver Salmon  
D. Body spotted with black ..... E.  
DD. Body without black spots  
DD-1. Tail weakly forked, or not forked; body spotted with red, orange, or pink.  
(a) Back covered with greenish mottlings or vermiculations, (worm tracked) ..... Eastern Brook Trout  
(b) Back not covered with greenish mottlings ..... Dolly Varden  
DD-2. Tail deeply forked, body spotted or mottled with gray ..... Lake Trout  
E. Sides of body without red, orange or pinkish spots; black spots sharp and strongly developed on tail fin ..... F.

- EE. Sides of body with red, orange, or pinkish spots; black splotchy spots, and spots not well developed on tail fin ..... Brown Trout  
F. No bright red slash on inner edge of lower jaw ..... G.

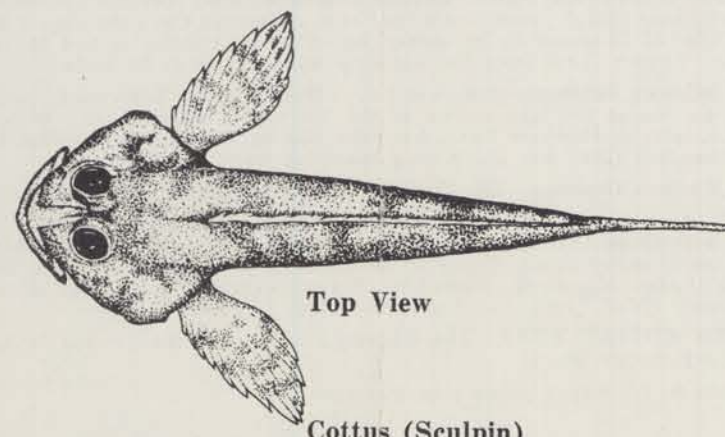


Area of red slash

- FF. Bright red slash on inner edge of jaw ..... Cutthroat  
NOTE—Since there is considerable crossing between the rainbow and cutthroat trout, some individuals may bear characteristics of both species. It is, therefore, often difficult to determine accurately if a specimen is a true cutthroat, rainbow, or a hybrid of the two species.  
G. Body, head and fins black spotted, no parr marks on adults; usually a broad orange or red band running lengthwise on either side; underparts not deep orange-red. Note: (In some waters, particularly deep lakes, the body sides may be silvery) ..... Rainbow Trout  
GG. Black spots confined mostly to tail region; parr marks remain in adults; red band running lengthwise on either side; underparts deep orange-red in adults ..... Golden Trout



Side View



Top View

Cottus (Sculpin)

#### IT IS UNLAWFUL

- To refuse to show license on demand.  
To use more than single pole and/or single line.  
To sell or offer for sale any game or game fish.  
To transport or ship game or game fish out of the State without a shipping permit.  
To empty a minnow bucket (release live fish) into any body of water.  
To use or have in possession salmon eggs or salmon spawn or any imitations thereof.  
To use set-lines except in such water as designated under proper order of the State Fish and Game Commission.  
To use or have in possession a fish spear.  
To shoot fish with rifle, gun, or bow and arrow, except that carp may be shot with bow and arrow.  
To use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite, or other explosive compounds, or any corrosive or narcotic poison or to have any of the same in one's possession within one hundred (100) feet of any stream where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.  
To loan or transfer your fishing or hunting license or any tags from said license to any person.  
To operate a boat upon Montana waters which is not carrying one adequate life preserver for each passenger.

#### FISHERMEN NOTICE!

Fishing cannot be greatly improved until the Fish and Game Commission has more information available. One of the greatest needs is catch data. Sportsmen interested in cooperating to improve fishing are requested to mail a card to the Helena Office asking for a Fisherman's Log in which they may enter their catch records. Please do not make this request out of curiosity, but only if you are truly interested in cooperating by keeping an account of your catch records.

#### Types of Licenses and Fees

Resident Bird and Fish License (Class A).....	\$ 3.00
Resident Big Game (Must be Holder of Class A License) .....	3.00
Non-resident Seasonal Fishing License.....	10.00
Non-resident 6-Day Limited Fishing.....	3.00
Non-resident Bird .....	25.00
Non-resident Big Game, Birds and Fishing.....	100.00
Non-resident Deer (Special Areas).....	20.00
Goat Permit (Special Areas Only).....	5.00
Non-resident Antelope (Special Areas).....	20.00
Trapper's License (Must be Holder of Class A License) .....	10.00
Land Owner's Trapping License.....	1.00
Resident Fur Dealer's License.....	10.00
Non-resident Fur Dealer's License.....	50.00
Fur Dealer's Agent's License.....	10.00
Taxidermist's License .....	15.00
Outfitter's License .....	10.00

All aliens may purchase non-resident licenses.

Shipping Permits ..... \$ .60

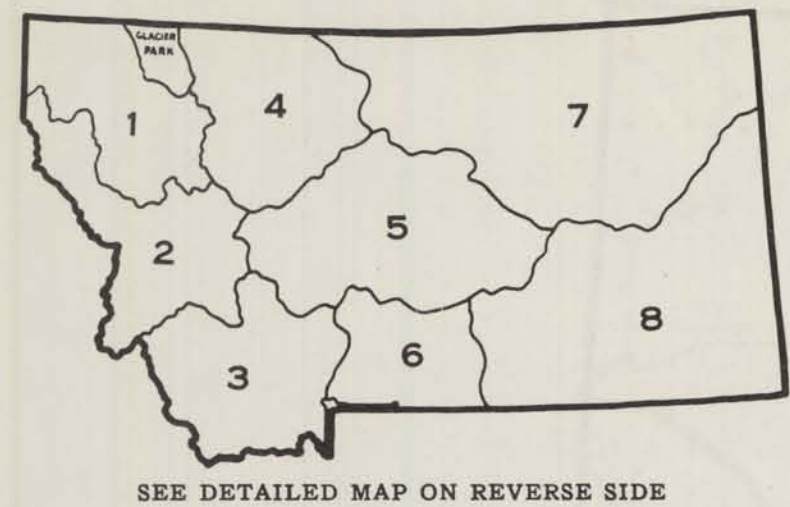
Shipping permits may be obtained from license dealer agents or from the Montana Fish and Game Department, Helena, Montana.

No person may remove game fish from the state without a shipping permit.

A non-resident person may not ship or transport more than one legal limit of fish from the State of Montana during a license year.

One shipping permit is attached to the non-resident fishing license.





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## NOTICE!

Introduction and Transplanting of Fish: It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any body of water in the state without first having obtained authorization from the Fish and Game Commission

## EFFECTIVE MAY 25, 1958

To be in full force and effect through May 23, 1959, unless otherwise specified. All regulations, except state laws, are subject to change by the Commission. For up-to-date information, inquire of the local State Game Warden.

General statewide provisions for creel limits, seasons, fishing hours, means of taking fish, etc., are specified below. Specific regulations are given herein under eight drainage areas. The drainage area in which you intend to fish may be determined from the map. If a lake or stream is not specifically mentioned within these regulations it is in Season A, except Drainage Area No. 1. The statewide regulations which follow apply except where otherwise specified under drainage area regulations.

**Definition of Seasons:** Under the drainage area regulations, letter designations are used for seasons. These are defined below. All dates given are inclusive dates. Where dates specify an open season, fishing is closed throughout the remainder of the year.

### SEASONS

Open Entire Year—During regular fishing hours only unless otherwise specified.

Season A—Open May 25 to November 30 for all species.

Season B—Open June 15 to November 30 for all species.

Season C—In addition to the seasons specified under drainage area regulations for all species of fish, waters designated for Season C are open to the fishing of whitefish only, from December 1 to March 31.

Season D—In addition to the season specified under drainage area regulations for all species of fish, waters designated for Season D will be open to the snagging of kokanee (sockeye salmon) as follows: From October 1 to December 15 snagging of kokanee with a combination of three hooks shall be permitted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time, and the limit of kokanee shall be thirty-five (35) fish per day and not more than two (2) days' limit will be allowed in possession from waters hereinafter enumerated under drainage area regulations, unless otherwise specified.

Season E—Waters so designated will be closed to fishing during the entire year to persons thirteen (13) years of age and over and will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under during Season A.

Special Seasons—Waters which require more specific regulations will be noted under this heading.

**Hours of Fishing:** Open from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time, in all waters unless otherwise specified.

**Daily Bag and Possession Limits:** One of each of the following seven bag and possession limits may be taken unless otherwise specified under drainage area regulations:

Limit Number 1. **Trout, char and salmon:** The bag and possession limit shall be fifteen (15) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. Not more than ten (10) rainbow and/or cutthroat trout may be included in this bag and possession limit, provided that two (2) fish may be caught regardless of weight limitation.

Limit Number 2. **Grayling:** The bag and possession limit shall be five (5) fish.

Limit Number 3. **Whitefish:** The bag and possession limit shall be twenty (20) fish.

Limit Number 4. **Walleye pike and sauger:** The bag and possession limit shall be fifteen (15) fish not to exceed fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish.

Limit Number 5. **Northern pike:** The bag and possession limit shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish, of which no northern pike shall be less than eighteen (18) inches in length.

Limit Number 6. **Bass:** The bag and possession limit shall be fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish.

Limit Number 7. **Non-game fish:** No limit. These may be taken in any quantity during the open season by angling, or with set lines in waters designated open to set line fishing.

FOR CLARITY, THE ABOVE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS ARE REWORDED GRAPHICALLY AS FOLLOWS:

RAINBOW TROUT and CUTTHROAT TROUT	10 fish not to exceed 10 pounds and one fish.	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMIT NO. 1—15 fish, not to exceed 10 pounds and one fish.
BROWN TROUT (loch leven), EASTERN BROOK TROUT, DOLLY VARDEN TROUT (bull trout), GOLDEN TROUT, LAKE TROUT (Mackinaw trout)	15 fish not to exceed 10 pounds and one fish.	
KOKANEE (sockeye salmon), SILVER SALMON		

In addition to the above limit, the following limits may be taken.

GRAYLING ..... DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT NO. 2—5 fish.

WHITEFISH (all species)..... DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT NO. 3—20 fish.

WALLEYE and SAUGER..... DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT No. 4—15 fish not to exceed 15 pounds and one fish.

NORTHERN PIKE (minimum size limit, 18 inches)..... DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT NO. 5—3 fish not to exceed 15 pounds and one fish.

Bass (all species)..... DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT NO. 6—15 pounds and one fish.

NON-GAME FISH ..... DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT No. 7—Any quantity may be taken during the open season. There is no limit on non-game fish.

**SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT NO. 1**—If a fisherman cannot distinguish rainbow and cutthroat trout from the other kinds of trout, char, and salmon, he should consider Bag and Possession Limit No. 1 to be 10 fish not to exceed 10 pounds and one fish.

These regulations shall apply to both fresh game fish and to game fish which have been frozen, dried, salted, or otherwise preserved, weight limits to be computed by dressed weight, with heads and tails intact.

**Game Fish:** All species of the family Salmonidae (charr, trout and salmon); all species of the family Thymallidae (grayling); all species of the family Coregonidae (whitefish); all species of the genus Stizostedion (sand pike or sauger, and walleye pike or yellow pike-perch); all species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all species of the genus Micropterus (bass).

**Warm Water Fish:** (Game fish) Bass, walleye pike, sauger, and northern pike; (Non-game fish) Sunfish, yellow perch, crappie, catfish and bullheads.

**Means of Taking:** "It is prohibited to use more than one line or one pole with one line to the pole, with the exceptions as provided for set lines. Said single line or single pole with line shall be in hand or within immediate control. Set lines shall not be permitted unless specifically stated under drainage area regulations and no more than six (6) lines with no more than six (6) hooks per line shall be allowed per person."

Fishing for (or hunting of) carp shall be allowed with a bow and arrow. The use of crossbows and mechanical bows shall be prohibited.

Snagging of fish is unlawful at all times except as provided for under kokanee fishing regulations (Season D).

Use or possession of minnow seines or traps, snares, or fish traps is unlawful unless specified under drainage regulations.

**Bait:** It shall be prohibited for any person to transport, possess, and/or use for fish bait any fish, dead or alive, except as hereinafter provided under drainage area regulations. All waters of the state shall be closed to fishing with carp and goldfish. (This regulation shall not apply to the use of carp bait for fish bait nor to the use of commercially canned fish). In areas where Sculpins (Cottus) may be used for bait, they may be taken with window screen or a piece of netting not to exceed four (4) feet in length.

Salmon or possession of salmon eggs or imitations thereof shall be absolutely prohibited.

It shall be prohibited for any person to introduce any food or substance into the waters of this state that may concentrate or attract fish. (This does not prohibit angling for fish with legal lures and baits).

**Closed Waters:** All waters operated by the Fish and Game Department and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as fish hatcheries, rearing ponds, and the fish culture stations within the state shall be closed to fishing at all times. Unless otherwise specified under drainage area, National Wildlife Refuges are closed to fishing.

**Penalty for Violations:** Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of any order, rule or regulations of the State Fish and Game Commission made pursuant to the authority given said Commission by any of the laws of Montana, particularly including Sections 26-101 to 26-1306, and all amendments thereof or supplemental thereto shall, unless a different punishment is expressly provided by law for such violation, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

## DRAINAGE AREA NO. 1

Northwestern Montana

### KOOTENAI RIVER AND FLATHEAD RIVER DRAINAGES

**NOTE:** Unless Otherwise Specified All Streams and Rivers in this Drainage are in Season B.

**CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: Flathead River Drainage**—South Fork of the Flathead River from Hungry Horse Dam to the "Devil's Elbow", as posted. Swan River from the hydroelectric plant to the old highway bridge. Herrig Creek, tributary of Little Bitterroot Lake. Smith Lake north of Whitefish Lake. Rogers Lake and Handkerchief Lake. Haskell Creek and tributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its source. Big Creek, Coal Creek, Whale Creek, and their tributary streams. Trail Creek (Yakinikak) from where it comes out of the ground, approximately five (5) miles above the North Fork Road, to the North Fork of the Flathead River. The shoreline of the East Shore of Flathead Lake near the Polson (Station Creek) Fish Hatchery from Dr. Richard's northern property line to the Thometz Boat Dock on the south and extending three hundred (300) feet into the lake. Hell Roaring Creek, water supply for Polson, and its lakes from the outlet of the lower lake to its source. Crow Creek and its tributaries above the intake for the Ronan water supply to its source. Mission Creek, from Mission Lake to the St. Ignatius public water supply intake. South Fork of Jocko River and all its tributaries, including Crazy Fish Lake.

**Kootenai River Drainage**—Flower Creek and its artificial impoundments from the Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural lakes. O'Brien Creek from the intake of the city water supply for Troy to its source.

**OPEN ENTIRE YEAR:** All lakes in Drainage Area No. 1, excluding lakes where a season is specified elsewhere under this drainage, shall be open the entire year, except for three hundred (300) feet in any direction into the lakes from stream mouths (excluding seepage areas) which shall be closed from March 1 to the day preceding Season B opening date.

Flathead Lake is excluded from the three hundred (300) foot provision, and instead that portion of the lake two thousand (2,000) feet into the lake in every direction from where the Flathead and Swan Rivers enter the lake shall be closed each year from March 1 to the day preceding Season B opening date. In addition, an area of shoreline seven hundred fifty (750) feet along Crescent Bay near Rollins Bay and five hundred (500) feet of shoreline along the Somers Hatchery Bay, as posted and extending three hundred (300) feet into the lake shall be closed to fishing during the kokanee (sockeye salmon) spawn taking operations from October 1 to December 15.

In addition the following waters will be open the entire year: Flathead River below Kerr Dam, and the Kootenai River.

**Season A:** Lake Mary Ronan. The following streams in the Kalispell-Whitefish area: Logan Creek (above the 4th bridge) tributary to Tally Lake, Little Bitterroot Creek below Hubbard Dam and all its tributaries below Hubbard Dam. The following streams below the Pablo Feeder Canal in the Polson-St. Ignatius area: Crow Creek, Mission Creek, Mud Creek, Post Creek and Spring Creek. Swan River. The following streams in the Troy, Libby and Eureka areas: Lake Creek, Pine Creek, Keeler Creek, Pinkham Creek, Dodge Creek, Young Creek, Pipe Creek, Bobtail Creek, Libby Creek, Swamp Creek (tributary to Libby Creek), Fisher River, and Wolf Creek.

**Season B:** All streams and rivers unless otherwise specified.

**Season C:** Yaak River. Fisher River below Highway No. 2 bridge.

**Season D:** All waters unless otherwise specified. See Other below.

**Season E:** The Troy Rod and Gun Club's annual kids pond.

**Special Seasons:** Except as noted below, Ninette and Pablo Reservoirs shall be closed to fishing from March 1 to July 15 and shall also be closed to fishing during the migratory waterfowl hunting season and open throughout the remainder of the year. Fishing shall be allowed from the main dikes and for a distance of approximately one and one-half (1½) miles of shoreline on the north end of Ninette Reservoir, as posted by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, during the entire year, excepting the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

Kilbrennan Lake shall be open from the last Sunday in May to October 1.

**Set Line Fishing:** Kootenai River for ling only.

**Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed.

**Other:** The minimum size of Dolly Varden (bull trout) which may be taken in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail left intact.

The daily limit of kokanee (sockeye salmon) shall be thirty-five (35) fish during the entire year and two days' limit shall be allowed in possession, except for Lake Mary Ronan to which the regular daily bag and possession limit shall apply.

The limit of cutthroat trout in the South Fork of the Flathead drainage above Hungry Horse Dam, the Middle Fork of the Flathead drainage above Bear Creek and Ashley Lake shall be five (5) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

## DRAINAGE AREA NO. 2

West Central Montana

**CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE** (Defined as the Clark Fork River Drainage Excluding the Flathead River Drainage).

**CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR:** Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from the Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source. Ashley Creek from the Thompson Falls public water supply intake to its source. Silver Creek and Packer Creek near Saltese.

Rattlesnake Creek and tributary streams from the Missoula water supply dam of the Montana Power Company to its source. Miller Creek near Missoula.

Fred Burr Lake, Phillipsburg water supply. Flint Creek from the Skalkaho Road upstream approximately one (1) mile to the irrigation weirs as posted. Big Spring in Georgetown Lake in an area designated by piles or buoys for a distance of two hundred (200) feet north and south on the shoreline out into the lake. Basin Creek from the lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs and tributaries.

**OPEN ENTIRE YEAR:** Salmon, Seeley, Inez, and Alva Lakes and the Clearwater River from the Rainy Lake fish barrier to Salmon Lake. Clark Fork River below Milltown Dam. Frenchtown gravel pits. Smiley Slough in the Thompson Falls area. Silver Lake near Anaconda. Rock Creek Lake near Deer Lodge. Lakes of the Thompson River drainage (along Highway No. 2) except for three hundred (300) feet in any direction into the lakes from stream mouths which shall be closed from March 1 to the day preceding Season A opening date.

**Season A:** All waters unless otherwise specified.

**Season B:** Rock Creek Meadow in Naxon area and tributaries of the Clark Fork River below Thompson Falls. In the Seeley Lake area, Cottonwood Lakes. The Little Blackfoot River from the Helena Lions Sunshine Camp to its source.

**Season C:** Thompson River from its mouth to Indian Creek. Bull River from Bonneville Power Line to the bridge on Ernie Snyder Property. St. Regis River and Fish Creek near Superior. Blackfoot River Drainage (below Lincoln). West Fork, East Fork and main Bitterroot Rivers. Little Blackfoot River below Elliston highway bridge. Rock Creek (east of Missoula) below the Skalkaho road.

**Season D:** Thompson Lakes.

**Season E:** The waters as posted located on the Ray E. Meadows property near Thompson Falls. Thompson and Flat Creeks near Superior. Two Mile Pond near St. Regis. The fish ponds within Greenough Park in Missoula. Bell Creek from Harrison Avenue to the Butte Country Club property line.

**Special Seasons:** The water adjacent to Cabinet Gorge Reservoir between Highway No. 10A and the Bonneville Power line on Bull River and between landheads and the Northern Pacific Railroad on Pilgrim Creek and Elk Creek shall be open to fishing from June 15 to March 1.

**Georgetown Lake:** (Except within a three hundred (300) foot radius of the mouth of Flint Creek, and except as specified under Closed Entire Year.) Open to fishing from June 29 through October 31; Open to fishing on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from December 14 through March 1; and closed the remainder of the year.

**Georgetown Lake Tributaries:** (Stewart Mill Creek, Hardtla Creek, Flint Creek above the lake and that portion of the lake within a three hundred (300) foot radius of the mouth of Flint Creek.) Open to fishing from August 3 through October 31 and closed the remainder of the year.

**Set Line Fishing:** None.

**Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed.

**Other:** There shall be no bag and possession limit and no closed season on eastern brook trout in Trask (Hidden) Lakes and Thompson (Goat) Lakes west of Deer Lodge, Fourmile Basin Lakes west of Anaconda, Silver Lake south of Saltese and Diamond Lake south of Superior.

## DRAINAGE AREA NO. 3

Southwestern Montana

### JEFFERSON RIVER, MADISON RIVER AND GALLATIN RIVER DRAINAGES

**CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: Gallatin Drainage**—That portion of Bozeman Creek (Sour Dough Creek) from the Settling Basin of the water supply for the City of Bozeman to its source, including all tributaries and Mystic Lake. Lyman Creek from the Bozeman water intake to its source.

**Jefferson Drainage**—Harrison Lake (Willow Creek Reservoir), except that portion of the lake known as the Norwegian Creek Arm. Willow Creek, inlet to Harrison Lake, from the lake to the weir approximately two hundred (200) feet above state spawning traps.

**Madison Drainage**—The Madison River from Hebgen Dam to Cabin Creek.

**Beaverhead Drainage**—Indian Creek and its tributaries from the Sheridan public water supply intake to its source. All waters within the Red Rock Lakes Migratory Waterfowl Refuge except Elk Springs Creek drainage, Odell Creek and Shambow Pond.

**OPEN ENTIRE YEAR:** The Gallatin River below the Trident Bridge (County Bridge No. 5).

**Season A:** All waters unless otherwise specified.

**Season C:** East, West and Main Gallatin Rivers. Ruby River below Ruby Dam. Madison River. Jefferson River. Big Hole River below Divide Dam. Beaverhead River. Red Rock River and Red Rock Creek below Lower Red Rock Lake.

**Season E:** Camp Creek between the bridge at Amsterdam and the third bridge upstream, a distance of two (2) miles. Lott's Slough or drain ditch from its source to the old road crossing one (1) mile north of Twin Bridges. Blacktail Creek from Highway No. 91 to the Beaverhead River. Little Boulder River from Whitetail Bridge to the first bridge above Crowley's Dam. Boomerang Creek Dam northwest of Boulder. Willow Creek Drainage Canal near Three Forks. Pond in Lindley Park, Bozeman. Scout Lake in Vigilante Camp.

**Special Seasons:** The South Fork of the Madison River and waters within the Manhattan Game Preserve shall open with Season A and close September 30. That portion of Harrison Lake (Willow Creek Reservoir) known as Norwegian Creek Arm from May 25 to July 15, and the daily limit shall be five (5) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. Meadow (Ennis) Lake, Hebgen Lake and Ruby Reservoir during Season A and from January 1 to March 1 on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays only, the winter limit to be five (5) fish. The east arm of Cliff Lake shall be open during Season A and to the taking of fifty (50) whitefish from October 16 to December 15.

All streams tributary to Upper and Lower Red Rock Lakes, except as provided above and the chain of Hidden, Goose and Otter Lakes shall be open from the last Sunday in June to November 30.

**Set Line Fishing:** None.

**Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

**Other:** Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft or device is prohibited in the Madison River from Cabin Creek to the Varney bridge.

## DRAINAGE AREA NO. 4

North Central Montana

**MARIAS RIVER, TETON RIVER, SUN RIVER, DEARBORN RIVER, ST. MARY RIVER AND UPPER MILK RIVER DRAINAGES** (Defined as the Missouri River and all drainages from the north which enter the Missouri River between and including the Marias River and the Dearborn River, the St. Mary River drainage and the Milk River drainage in Glacier County).

**CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR:** Midvale Creek and the intake reservoir from the intake of the Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to the Glacier Park Boundary. Freezout and Priest Lakes. Hannan Rearing Pond. Sun River from Gibson Dam and Diversion Dam to three hundred (300) feet below each dam. Inlet of main Nilan Reservoir to and including the small lake lying west of the reservoir, as posted, except as provided below:

**OPEN ENTIRE YEAR:** Marias River below Tiber Dam, Pondera Coulee, Duck Lake near Babb, Mission Lakes, Lower St. Mary's Lake, Bynum Reservoir, Nilan Reservoir, Aarod Reservoir, the Teton River below U. S. Highway No. 91. Tintinger Sloughs near Cascade and Missouri River.

All farm pond reservoirs. The Missouri River below Morony Dam shall be open at all hours.

**Season A:** All waters unless otherwise specified.

**Season B:** The inlet canal to Lake Francis from the Kunkle Drop to its mouth and a portion of Lake Francis included within a radius of three hundred (300) feet of the Mouth of said canal.

**Season C:** Sun River from three hundred (300) feet below Diversion Dam to the Missouri River.

**Season D:** Inlet canal from Kunkle Drop to Lake Francis, Lake Francis and the outlet stream for one-quarter (¼) mile below Lake Francis.

**Season E:** Spring Creek from the Milwaukee bridge to Bryan Corbett fence below Choteau. Elk Creek (South Fork of Sun River) from the bridge on Highway No. 21 east of Augusta to the bridge on Highway No. 33.

**Special Seasons:** Lower Two Medicine Lake during Season A and from December 1 to March 1. O'Haire Reservoir (near Sunburst) open from last Sunday in May to August 16 and from October 1 to November 30. Lake Francis except as provided above from the last Sunday in May to March 1. Split Rock Lake open from September 1 to April 30. Kipp Lake open from December 1 to March 31 and closed the balance of the year.

Pishkun Reservoir shall be closed to fishing during the migratory waterfowl hunting season and shall be open to shore fishing during the remainder of Season A, and the east pond shall be open to fishing from boats from July 1 to August 31, subject to change by order of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. That portion known as the "well" or inlet, including the inlet ditch below the well, shall be open to shore fishing from July 1 to November 30.

Willow Creek Reservoir (near Augusta) shall be closed to fishing during the migratory waterfowl hunting season. It shall be open to shore fishing during the remainder of Season, and shall be open to fishing from boats from July 1 to August 31, subject to change by order of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It shall be open to fishing from the day after the closing of the migratory waterfowl hunting season to March 1. The south shore of the small lake lying west of Nilan Reservoir on the A. B. Cobb, Jr., ranch shall be open to shore fishing only, during Season A.

**Set Line Fishing:** Teton River below U. S. Highway No. 91, the Marias River below Pugsley's Bridge (first bridge below Tiber Dam), and Missouri River from Cascade Bridge to Black Eagle Dam and below Morony Dam at all hours.

**Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

**Other:** None.

## DRAINAGE AREA NO. 5

Central Montana

**UPPER MISSOURI RIVER AND UPPER MUSSELHELL RIVER DRAINAGES** (Defined as the Missouri River and all its drainages from Three Forks to but not including the Dearborn River; drainages tributary to the Missouri River from the south from the Dearborn to but not including the Musselshell River; and the Musselshell River and tributary drainages above the bridge at Mosby).

**CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR:** Missouri River adjacent to Canyon Ferry Dam between the log boom and the upstream face of the dam and from the tailrace on the downstream face of the dam to three hundred (300) feet below, as posted by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. The Missouri River within three hundred (300) feet below Toston Dam. That portion of Giant Springs at Great Falls enclosed or surrounded by the concrete walks and masonry work.

**In the White Sulphur Springs area:** Crater Lake (Boundary Lake); Supply Canal from the concrete drop to its confluence with Martinsdale Lake; Flagstaff Creek, tributaries to Holiday Lake; and Willow Creek and its tributaries from the White Sulphur public water intake to its source.

**OPEN ENTIRE YEAR:** Missouri River and its main stem impoundments, Lake Helena. All farm pond reservoirs. Dead Man's Basin Lake, Crystal Lake in the Lewistown area. Judith River below its confluence with Big Springs Creek. Ackley Lake. Musselshell River from bridge at Barber to the mouth. Lebo Lake.

**Season A:** All waters unless otherwise specified.

**Season C:** Smith River below the North and South Forks.

**Season D:** Deadman's Basin Lake.

**Season E:** Isaac Walton Kids Pond, Helena Valley.

**Special Seasons:** In addition to Season A, Lakes Sutherland, Harris and Martinsdale shall be open to fishing from January 1 to March 1.

**Set Line Fishing:** Missouri River from three hundred (300) feet below Canyon Ferry Dam to Holter Dam from December 1 to March 1 at all hours. Musselshell River from bridge at Barber to the mouth open entire year.

**Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

**Other:** None.

## DRAINAGE AREA NO. 6

South Central Montana

**UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER DRAINAGE** (Defined as the Yellowstone River drainage above and including Clark Fork River).

**CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR:** The first West Fork of Rock Creek (Red Lodge water supply) from the mouth of Washoe Creek to Rock Creek.

**OPEN ENTIRE YEAR:** Yellowstone River, Lindsay Lakes, Bluewater Creek, Cooney Reservoir, and Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River in Carbon County during the regular fishing hours, except for the portion of the Clark Fork open to set line fishing which shall be open at all hours.

**Season A:** All waters unless otherwise specified.

**Season C:** Shields River below Wilsall.

**Season D:** Dailey Lake, and Lindsay Lake.

**Season E:** Ball's Pond, and Lions Ditch at Bridger.

**Set Line Fishing:** Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River from the bridge at Bridger to the Yellowstone River.

**Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

**Other:** In lakes of the Beartooth Mountain area of Carbon and Stillwater Counties, and of that portion of Park County lying within the Clark Fork drainage (Cooke City area) except Cooney Reservoir, East Rosebud, West Rosebud, Emerald, Crater, and No Ketchum Lakes the bag and possession limit on all species of trout, char, and grayling shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

The bag and possession limit on eastern brook trout shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish in all of Drainage Area No. 6. This limit may be taken in addition to the limits on other species of fish.

## DRAINAGE AREA NO. 7

Northeastern Montana

**LOWER MISSOURI RIVER, LOWER MUSSELHELL RIVER, AND MILK RIVER DRAINAGES** (Defined as the Missouri River drainage below the Musselshell River, the Missouri River and all drainages from the north which enter the Missouri River between the Marias River and the Musselshell River, the Milk River drainage, and Musselshell River and drainages below the bridge at Mosby).

**CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR:** Milk River within three hundred (300) feet below Fresno Dam and city water supply intake as posted. That portion of the Missouri River between the outlet tunnels and the channel marker below the concrete apron of Fort Peck Dam and that portion of the discharge channel of the spillway structure, Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir project, between the terminal concrete apron and the installed cable markers. Wind Creek, excluding Ross Reservoir, from Clear Creek road crossing to its source.

**OPEN ENTIRE YEAR:** All waters for all species at all hours, except as specified elsewhere. Waters associated with the Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir project area are subject to closure by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, as a safety or security measure.

**Season A:** All waters for the fishing of trout, except as specified elsewhere, during the regular fishing hours.

**Special Seasons:** Area above Fresno Dam as posted is closed April 15 to June 30. Black Coulee Reservoir and Hewitt Lake shall be open to fishing from July 16 to the opening of waterfowl hunting season each year. The Feeder Canal at Bowdoin Wildlife Refuge shall be open from July 16 to September 15. Such portions of the waters