

FISH DIVISION  
MONTANA FISH & GAME DEPT.  
HELENA, MONTANA 59601

# 1973-74 MONTANA Fishing Regulations

May 19, 1973 through May 17, 1974

The accompanying map is an aid only. Regulations and legal descriptions of fishing districts follow in print.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following dates and regulations for the 1973-74 fishing season are adopted.  
Montana Fish and Game Commission  
Don L. Brown, Secretary  
December 19, 1972

To be in full force and effect through May 17, 1974. All regulations are subject to change by the Commission.

## LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

A fishing license is a permit for the lawful holder thereof to fish for and possess any fish within the state as authorized by fishing regulations.

**Residents** — Each resident 15 years and older must have a license to fish. Residents 14 years old or younger may fish without a license but must observe limits and all other fishing regulations. Special licenses and permits are available for patients at veterans' administration hospitals and for residents of certain state institutions.

**Nonresidents** — All nonresidents 15 years and older must have a fishing license to fish. Nonresidents 14 years old or younger may fish without a license when accompanied by an adult with a valid Montana fishing license. The total number of pounds of all fish taken by the licensed adult and all persons 14 or younger, accompanied by such licensed adult, shall not exceed one legal limit. However, a nonresident of any age may purchase a nonresident fishing license and be entitled to take a legal limit of fish.

## LEGEND

- FISHING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
- CLOSED TO FISHING ENTIRE YEAR
- DATES MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN GENERAL FISHING DATES

## SEE OPPOSITE SIDE FOR REGULATIONS BY DISTRICT

### LICENSE FEES

License Fees Are Not Refundable

#### RESIDENT FISHING LICENSES

A Wildlife Conservation License is required before any fishing or hunting license may be purchased. You may apply for other licenses at the same time that you apply for a conservation license.

Resident Conservation License	.25
Resident Fishing License (stamp)	4.00
Resident Sportsman's License (includes Wildlife Conservation License)	20.25
Residents 65 or older need only a Pioneer License to fish (available only from State Fish & Game offices and wardens)	.15
Combination Pioneer and Wildlife Conservation License (available from license dealers)	.40

#### NONRESIDENT FISHING LICENSES

A Wildlife Conservation License is required before any fishing or hunting license may be purchased. You may apply for other licenses at the same time you apply for a conservation license.

Nonresident Conservation License	1.00
Nonresident Season Fishing License (stamp)	15.00
Nonresident Temporary Fishing License (6-day stamp)	5.00
Nonresident Temporary Fishing License (1-day stamp)	1.00
Nonresident Fish, Bird, and Big Game License (includes Wildlife Conservation License)	151.00

### IT IS UNLAWFUL

- to release any fish or viable fish eggs into any waters;
- to refuse to show one's license upon demand;
- to loan or transfer your fishing or hunting license or tags to any person;
- to sell game fish except as prescribed by Montana Fish and Game Commission regulations;
- to leave or dump any dead animal, fish, garbage or litter in or on any state or private property where public recreation is permitted;
- 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 streams where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.
- to operate upon Montana waters a boat which:
  - is not properly licensed and numbered with registration card carried in boat;
  - is not carrying equipment required by the Montana Water Safety Law (copies available from Montana Department of Fish and Game);
  - does not have one serviceable, Coast Guard approved life preserver for each passenger. Preservers must be of a type approved by U. S. Coast Guard. Persons under 13 years old must wear life preservers when boat is in motion and is less than 26 feet long.



# STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

## DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

When weighing fish to determine limits, fish may have entrails removed but must have their heads and tails attached to their bodies.

Daily limit shall mean the numbers or pounds of fish that may be legally taken during a calendar day. No person shall take or possess more than the daily limit of fish unless otherwise specified under district regulations.

Possession limit shall mean the numbers or pounds of fish which may be in one person's possession at any time in any form — fresh, stored in freezers or lockers, salted, smoked, dried, canned or otherwise preserved.

The STATEWIDE daily and possession limit of any species of game fish shall not exceed the most liberal district limit for that species.

## SEASONS

All dates given are inclusive dates. Where dates specify an open season, fishing is closed throughout the remainder of the year. An open season is for all species unless otherwise specified.

## COLOR CODES

- Fishing District Boundaries
- Closed To Fishing All Year
- Season More Restrictive Than General Season

## FISHING HOURS

Fishing is allowed at all hours during open fishing seasons except where waters are posted otherwise.

## GAME FISH

All species of the genus *Acipenser* (sturgeon); all species of the genus *Esox* (northern pike); all species of the genus *Micropterus* (bass); all species of the genus *Polyodon* (paddlefish); all species of the family *Salmonidae* (char, trout, salmon, grayling, and whitefish); and all species of the genus *Stizostedion* (sauger and walleye).

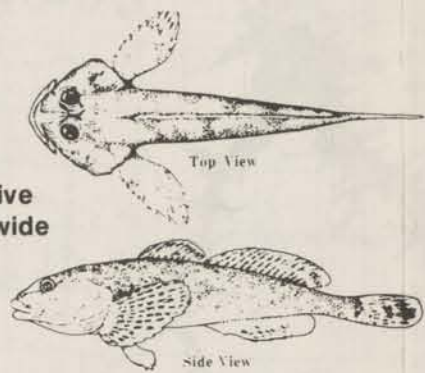
## MEANS OF TAKING

Only a single line with hook or hooks, with or without a pole, may be used for fishing unless otherwise specified in district regulations. The pole or line must be in immediate control.

A screen or a net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (*Cottus*) for bait. Otherwise, use or possession of minnow seines, snares, or fish traps is unlawful except as provided under district regulations.

## COTTUS (Sculpins)

Can Be Used As Live Bait Statewide



## FISH AS BAIT

Carp or goldfish may not be used in any form as fish bait.

Sculpins (*Cottus*) may be used live for bait statewide. Otherwise, fish may not be used or transported for bait except as provided under district regulations.

Fish that may be used dead as bait, but which may not be used live, must have their heads or entrails removed, or must have been preserved or frozen.

It shall be prohibited for any person to introduce into any water any food or substance that may concentrate or attract fish. (This does not prohibit angling for fish with legal lures and baits or placing bait inside hoop nets where hoop nets are permitted.)

## CLOSED WATERS

All waters operated by the Montana Department of Fish and Game and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as fish hatcheries and rearing ponds shall be closed to fishing at all times. Waters in which the Department of Fish and Game is operating fish traps and other special structures shall be closed to fishing as posted. Certain water supply lakes and streams and hazardous areas are closed as posted.

## CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS

Waters posted as Children's Fishing Waters are closed to fishing during the entire year to persons thirteen (13) years of age and older.

## BEAVER PONDS, IRRIGATION CANALS AND DITCHES

Impoundments formed by beaver dams on streams are governed by the same regulations as govern the streams. Man-made irrigation canals and ditches are open the year around unless shown otherwise under district regulations.

## INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND WILDLIFE REFUGES

Certain waters on Indian reservations and national wildlife refuges may have special regulations that apply to their individual areas. Specific information may be obtained from the headquarters of the reservation or refuge involved.

## MOTORBOAT CLOSURES

It is illegal to operate motor-propelled boats or other motor-propelled craft on the following bodies of water:

Arapoosh Access Area — Big Horn County  
Athman Reservoir — Toole County  
Bearpaw Lake — Hill County  
Beaumont Res. Area Pond — Granite County  
Big Hole River — in its entirety  
Branum Lake (Miles City Fish Pond) — Custer County  
Broadview Pond — Yellowstone County  
Cedar Creek Impoundment — Flathead County  
Coe Ponds — Phillips County  
Fey Reservoir — Toole County  
Fitzpatrick Reservoir — Toole County  
Frenchtown Pond — Missoula County  
Forest Lake — Meagher County  
Gartside Reservoir — Richland County  
Happers Lake — Missoula County  
O'Brien Creek above the Neuhart public water intake; Willow Creek and its tributaries from the White Sulphur Springs public water intake to its source; Missouri River immediately below Holter Dam, Morony Dam, and Canyon Ferry Dam as posted; that portion of Giant Springs at Great Falls enclosed by the concrete walks and masonry work; Big Spring Creek in Fergus County at the state fish hatchery as posted.

All rivers and streams east of the Continental Divide in the following counties are closed to the use of boats propelled by machinery of over 10 horsepower: Beaverhead, Broadwater, except Missouri River, downstream from Toston Dam, Gallatin, Jefferson, Madison, Park (except Yellowstone River, downstream from Interstate 90 Bridge at Livingston), and Silver Bow.

For additional regulations on controlled speed, operation, and safety standards contact the Montana Department of Fish and Game.



## FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS — Open third Saturday in May through November, with the following exceptions:

Open Entire Year — Missouri River, Sun River below Gilsdon Dam, Pondera Coulee, Judith River below its confluence with Big Spring Creek, Cut Bank Creek below Blackfoot Indian Reservation Boundary, Belt Creek below bridge at Riceville, Smith River below the confluence of North and South Forks Smith River, Big Spring Creek near Lewistown, Dearborn River and that portion of North Fork Dearborn River below the high bridge on the Sterns-Augusta Highway, Teton River below U. S. Highway 89, Marias River, Musselshell River below the bridge at Barber.

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; O'Brien Creek above the Neuhart public water intake; Willow Creek and its tributaries from the White Sulphur Springs public water intake to its source; Missouri River immediately below Holter Dam, Morony Dam, and Canyon Ferry Dam as posted; that portion of Giant Springs at Great Falls enclosed by the concrete walks and masonry work; Big Spring Creek in Fergus County at the state fish hatchery as posted.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS — Open entire year with the following exceptions:

Closed Entire Year — A portion of Lake Frances around the Conrad water supply outlet as posted, Shafels Pond located in Cascade County, approximately two hundred (200) yards of Nilan Reservoir's shoreline as posted, Hansen Dam structure and adjacent water as posted, and Toston Dam structure as posted.



## FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS — Open third Saturday in May through November, with the following exceptions:

Open Entire Year — Clarks Fork Yellowstone River, Yellowstone River and Bluewater Creek.

Closed Entire Year — West Fork of Rock Creek from the Red Lodge city water intake to the mouth of Washoe Creek as posted.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS — Open Entire Year.

## SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of nongame fish.

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — September 1 through January of the following year — Dailey Lake.



## FISHING SEASONS

ALL WATERS — Open Entire Year with the following exceptions:

Closed Entire Year — Wind Creek from Clear Creek road crossing to its source, including Ross Reservoir, Missouri River below the outlet tunnels of Fort Peck Dam as posted.

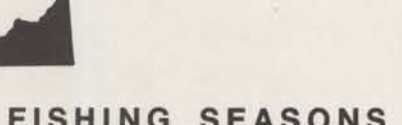
Open third Saturday in May through November — Streams south of Highway 2 which originate in the Bearpaw Mountains, Flatwillow Creek and tributaries and McDonald Creek and tributaries in Petroleum and Fergus Counties.

## SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish.

SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6) unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the following waters:

Open Entire Year — Yellowstone River below the mouth of the Clarks Fork, Little Bighorn River from its mouth to the mouth of Lodge Grass Creek, Bighorn River below Two Leggings diversion dam, and all streams in the Yellowstone River Drainage downstream from the mouth of the Bighorn River.



## FISHING SEASONS

ALL WATERS — Open entire year with the following exceptions:

Open February 1 through October — Rush Hall Pond.

## SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish.

SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6) unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the following waters:

Open Entire Year — Yellowstone River below the mouth of the Clarks Fork, Little Bighorn River from its mouth to the mouth of Lodge Grass Creek, Bighorn River below Two Leggings diversion dam, and all streams in the Yellowstone River Drainage downstream from the mouth of the Bighorn River.

## Central Montana FISHING DISTRICT 4

Open January 1 through March — Priest Butte Lake.

Open second Saturday in June through February of the following year — Eyrand (Arod) Lakes.

## SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of nongame fish.

SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6) unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the following waters:

Open Entire Year — Lake Frances, except portion closed as posted, Missouri River from bridge at Cascade to Black Eagle Dam, Missouri River below Morony Dam, Teton River below U. S. Highway 89, Marias River in its entirety (including Tiber Reservoir), Split Rock Lake, Pishkun Reservoir.

Open December 1 through March of the following year — Missouri River and mainstem impoundments from and including Canyon Ferry Reservoir to Holter Dam (including Lake Helena and the Helena Valley Reservoir), Cut Bank Creek below Cut Bank city water intake dam.

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through January of the following year — Helena Valley Reservoir, Ackley Lake, Pishkun Reservoir, Inlet Canal from the Kinkle Drop to Lake Frances, except portion closed as posted, Lake Frances and the outlet stream, and Bynum Reservoir.

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

## South Central Montana FISHING DISTRICT 5

Abundance where the limit on these species shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed ten (10) fish.

## FISH SIZE LIMIT

None.

## BAIT (Use Of Fish For Bait)

Sculpins (*Cottus*) are the only fish that may be used live as bait. See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations.

## DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each fisherman may take all of the following limits:

1. Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any combination of the following species — Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Grayling, Golden Trout and Lake Trout.

## UPPER MISSOURI RIVER, UPPER MUSSELHELL RIVER, DEARBORN RIVER, SUN MARIAS RIVER, ST. MARY RIVER AND UPPER MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri River and tributary drainages from Three Forks to and including the Marias River, tributary drainages of the Missouri River on the south side from the Marias to but not including the Musselshell Drainage, the Musselshell River and tributary drainages above the bridge at Lavina, the St. Mary River and tributary drainages and the Milk River and tributary drainages in Glacier County)

2. Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit.

3. Bass, Sauger, Walleye — Fifteen (15) fish in any combination.

4. Northern Pike — Three (3) fish.

5. Salmon — Ten (10) fish except during snagging season when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) fish and the possession limit seventy (70) fish.

6. Whitefish — Twenty (20) whitefish daily and forty (40) in possession, except a daily limit of thirty (30) whitefish and a possession limit of sixty (60) whitefish are allowed from the Missouri River downstream from Holter Dam and Black Eagle Dam.

7. Paddlefish — Two (2) fish.

There is no limit on nongame fish.

## NETS (Use Of)

In waters where the use of live fish other than sculpins (*Cottus*) is allowed for bait, nongame species may be taken:

1. With seines not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length and four (4) feet in width; or

2. With minnow traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (*Cottus*).



## FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS — Open third Saturday in May through November, with the following exceptions:

Open Entire Year — Little Bitterroot River below its tunnel, Ashley Creek below Smith Lake, Flathead River below Kerr Dam, Kootenai River, Clark Fork River below Warm Springs Creek.

Closed Entire Year — Rogers Lake spawning inlet. The following tributaries of North Fork Flathead River: Big Creek, Coal Creek and all their tributaries, Whale Creek and its tributaries below Whale Creek Falls, Trail Creek (Yakinkak) and its tributaries below mouth of Thoma Creek. The following tributaries of Middle Fork Flathead River: Granite, Morrison, Lodgepole, Long Creeks and their tributaries, South Fork of Flathead River downstream from Hungry Horse Dam to "Devil's Elbow" as posted, Herrig Creek, tributary of Little Bitterroot Lake, Rand, Green Mountain and Fish Creeks, tributaries of Ashley Lake, Donaldson and Freeland Creeks, tributaries of Lake Mary Ronan. Ashley Creek from the Thompson Falls public water supply intake to its source, 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 Roman water supply to its source, Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source, Flower Creek and its artificial impoundments from the Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural lakes, O'Brien Creek from Troy city water intake to a point one-fourth (¼) mile upstream as posted, Haskell Creek and tributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its source, South Fork of Joeko River and all its tributaries.

## Northwestern Montana FISHING DISTRICT 1

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE BELOW THE MOUTH OF THE FLATHEAD RIVER, FLATHEAD RIVER AND KOOTENAI RIVER DRAINAGES

Open third Saturday in June through November — South Fork of Flathead River above Hungry Horse Reservoir, its tributaries and all tributaries of Hungry Horse Reservoir. Tributaries of the North Fork and Middle Fork of Flathead River, except those closed entire year, Joeko River and its tributaries above the mouth of the South Fork of Joeko River, Swan River from Big Fork Dam to a point three hundred (300) feet downstream.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS — Open entire year with the following exceptions:

Closed Entire Year — Lakes in the South Fork of the Joeko Drainage on the Flathead Indian Reservation, Cedar Creek impoundment, within one thousand (1,000) feet of Columbia Falls water intake as posted.

Closed from March 1 to the opening date of streams — All lake and reservoir areas within three hundred (300) feet of stream mouths.

Open third Saturday in May through September — Kibrennan Lake.

Open third Saturday in May through March of the following year — Lake Mary Ronan.

## SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of nongame fish.

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1, through January of the following year — All waters except those closed the entire year.

## SPEAR FISHING

Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

December 1 through March of the following year — Northern pike and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from Echo Lake.

SETLINE FISHING — Open February 15 through June — Anglers may use up to six (6) unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the Kootenai River for burbot (Ling) only.

WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON (in addition to other seasons) — Open December 1 through March of the following year — All waters except Kibrennan Lake and waters closed entire year.

## FISH SIZE LIMITS (Dolly Varden and Sturgeon)

The minimum size of Dolly Varden (bull trout) which may be taken in the North Fork, Middle Fork and South Fork of the Flathead River and their tributaries, the main Flathead River above Kerr Dam, Flathead Lake, Hungry Horse Reservoir, and that portion of the Swan River below Big Fork Dam shall be no less than eighteen (18) inches long with head and tail attached to body.

It shall be unlawful to keep or possess any sturgeon of the genus *Acipenser* (white sturgeon) under forty (40) inches or over seventy-two (72) inches in total length.

## BAIT (Use Of Fish For Bait)

Sculpins (*Cottus*) are the only fish that may be used live as bait. See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations.



## FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS — Open third Saturday in May through November, with the following exceptions:

Open Entire Year — Clark Fork River below Warm Springs Creek, Clearwater River below the Lake Inlet fish barrier, Big Blackfoot River below Scotty Brown bridge, Bitterroot River below the bridge at Florence.

Closed Entire Year — Rattlesnake Creek and tributary streams from the Missoula water supply dam of the Montana Power Company to its source, Basin Creek from the Juvet Butte water supply reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs and tributaries, Silver Creek above Salsese water supply intake.

Open third Saturday in June through November — The Little Blackfoot Drainage above the Helena Lions Sunshine Camp and the Clearwater Drainage above the Lake Inlet fish barrier.

Open third Saturday in July through October — Stuart Mill Creek, Flint Creek above Georgetown Lake and Hardtla Creek.

## West Central Montana FISHING DISTRICT 2

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Clark Fork River Drainage above the mouth of the Flathead River)

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS — Open entire year with the following exceptions:

Closed Entire Year — Fred Burr Lake (Philipsburg water supply) and Georgetown Lake pump station area approximately three hundred (300) feet along the shore and one hundred (100) feet out into the lake as designated by signs and buoys.

Open third Saturday in May through November — Echo Lake.

Open third Saturday in May through October and third Saturday in December through February of the following year — Georgetown Lake.

## SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of nongame fish.

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through January of the following year — Georgetown Lake and Clearwater Drainage.

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

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WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON (in addition to other seasons) — Open December 1 through March of the following year — All waters, except waters closed entire year and waters posted as closed to fishing.

## FISH SIZE LIMIT

None.

## BAIT (Use Of Fish For Bait)

Sculpins (*Cottus*) are the only fish that may be used live as bait. See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations.

## DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both daily and possession limits.

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each fisherman may take all of the following limits:

1. Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any combination of the following species — Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden Trout, Lake Trout, Dolly Varden and Grayling.

2. Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit.

3. Bass, Walleye and Northern Pike — Fifteen (15) fish in any combination.

4. Salmon — Ten (10) fish, except during snagging season when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) and possession limit seventy (70).

5. Whitefish — Twenty (20) fish daily and forty (40) possession.

There is no limit on nongame fish.

## NETS (Use Of)

Use of nets or traps for catching fish other than sculpins (*Cottus*) is prohibited. This does not prohibit the use of a landing net for landing hooked fish. A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (*Cottus*).



## FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS — Open third Saturday in May through November, with the following exceptions:

Open Entire Year — Gallatin River from Gallatin Gateway bridges to confluence with Missouri River, East Gallatin River below mouth of Bozeman (Sourdough) Creek, Jefferson River, Ruby River below Ruby Dam, Madison River below Ennis Lake, Beaverhead River below Clark Canyon Dam, Alder Gulch Creek and Dredge Ponds from the mouth to Virginia City, Mill Creek near Sheridan and Missouri River.

Closed Entire Year — Indian Creek from Sheridan city water intake to a point one thousand (1,000) feet upstream as posted, Rattlesnake Creek from each Dillon city water intake to a point one thousand (1,000) feet upstream as posted, Middle Fork Hyalite Creek, Bozeman (Sourdough) Creek and Lyman Creek from the Bozeman city water intakes to a point one thousand (1,000) feet upstream as posted.

Open third Saturday in May through February of the following year — Madison River from Hebgen Dam to Ennis Lake.

## Southwestern Montana FISHING DISTRICT 3

JEFFERSON RIVER, MADISON RIVER AND GALLATIN RIVER DRAINAGES

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS — Open entire year with the following exceptions:

Open third Saturday in May through February of the following year — Hebgen Lake, Wade Lake and Quake Lake.

Open third Saturday in June through November — Hidden Lake, Goose Lake and Otter Lake.

## SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of nongame fish.

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON (in addition to other seasons) — Open December 1 through March of the following year — All waters, except waters closed entire year, Hidden Lake, Goose Lake and Otter Lake.

OTHER — The Big Hole River Drainage above Divide Dam shall be open to fishing for brook trout the entire year, except that portion of the Big Hole River from the bridge at Wisdom to Divide Dam.

## BOATING RESTRICTION

Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft is prohibited in the Madison River from Quake Lake to McAttee Bridge.

## FISH SIZE LIMIT

None.

## BAIT (Use Of Fish For Bait)

Sculpins (*Cottus*) are the only fish that may be used live as bait. See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations.

## DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both daily and possession limits.

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each fisherman may take all of the following limits:

1. Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any combination of the following species — Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Grayling, Golden Trout and Lake Trout.

2. Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit.

3. Bass, Sauger, Walleye and Northern Pike — Fifteen (15) fish in any combination.

4. Whitefish — Twenty (20) fish daily and forty (40) possession.

5. Salmon — Ten (10) fish except during snagging season when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) fish and the possession limit seventy (70) fish.

There is no limit on nongame fish.

## NETS (Use Of)

Use of nets or traps for catching fish other than sculpins (*Cottus*) is prohibited. This does not prohibit the use of a landing net for landing hooked fish. A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (*Cottus*).

## 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 outside of Glacier County, and Musselshell River and drainage below the bridge at Lavina)