

DAILY AND POSSESION 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.

Refer to district regulations for respective daily and

SEASONS

possession limits.

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.

FISHING HOURS

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

Than General Season

COLOR CODES

Closed To Fishing All Year Season More Restrictive

MEANS OF TAKING

regulations.

FISH AS BAIT

preserved or frozen.

entire year.

intake as posted.

All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout, Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service salmon, grayling and whitefish); all species of the as fish hatcheries and rearing ponds shall be closed to genus Stizostedion (sandpike or sauger and walleye fishing at all times. Waters in which the Department of pike or yellow pike-perch); all species of the genus Fish and Game is operating fish traps and other special Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all structures shall be closed to fishing as posted. Certain species of the genus Micropeterus (bass); all species of water supply lakes and streams and hazardous areas the genus Polyodon (paddlefish); all species of the family Acipenseridae (sturgeon); all species of the are closed as posted. genus Lota (burbot or ling); and the species Ictalurus

specified in district regulations. The pole or line must

regulations. Setlines are lines that may be unattended.

may be used to take sculpins (Cottus) for bait. Other-

wise, use or possession of minnow seines, snares, or fish

traps is unlawful except as provided under district

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

bait. Other fish may be used dead as bait if they have

their heads and entrails removed, or if they have been

wide. Otherwise live fish may not be used for bait

except as provided under district regulations.

Sculpins (Cottus) may be used live for bait state-

They may include poles and tipups.

Setlines may be used as provided under district

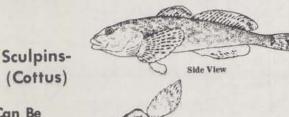
A screen or a net not to exceed four (4) feet in length

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS punctatus (channel catfish). Waters posted as Children's Fishing Waters are

closed to fishing during the entire year to persons thirteen (13) years of age and older. Only a single line with hook or hooks, with or without a pole, may be used for fishing unless otherwise

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.



Top View

Can Be Used As Live Bait Statewide

NATIONAL PARKS, INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND WILDLIFE REFUGES All waters operated by the Montana Department of

Certain waters on National Parks, Indian Reservations and National Wildlife Refuges may have special regulations or permits that apply to their individual areas. Specific information may be obtained from the headquarters of the park, reservation or refuge involved.

USE OF BOATS

The use of boats is prohibited or restricted on many waters. See Boating Regulations available from Montana Department of Fish and Game.

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Northwestern Montana FISHING DISTRICT 1

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

FISHING SEASONS

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.

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 (Yakinikak) 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 bove the intake for the Ronan water supply to its source. Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from Hot prings public water supply intake to its source. Flower reek 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

1/4) mile upstream as posted. Haskell Creek and

ributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS

ollowing exceptions:

Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

Open Entire Year - Clark Fork River below Warm Springs

Creek in Deer Lodge County, Clearwater River below the Lake

Inez fish barrier, Big Blackfoot River below Scotty Brown

Closed Entire Year - Rattlesnake Creek and tri-

butary streams from the Missoula water supply dam of

the Montana Power Company to its source. Basin Creek

from the lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to its

source, including all reservoirs and tributaries. Silver

Open third Saturday in June through November -

The Little Blackfoot Drainage above the Helena Lions

Sunshine Camp and the Clearwater Drainage above the

Open third Saturday in July through October -

Stuart Mill Creek. Flint Creek above Georgetown Lake

bridge, Bitterroot River below the bridge at Florence.

Creek above Saltese water supply intake.

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

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Open entire year with the following exceptions: Closed Entire Year - Cedar Creek impoundment, within one thousand (1,000) feet of Columbia Falls water

Closed from April 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 -Kilbrennan 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 December — All waters except those closed entire year.

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

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Closed Entire Year — Fred Burr Lake (Philipsburg

Open third Saturday in May through November -

Open third Saturday in May through October and

third Saturday in December through February of the

SPECIAL SEASONS

angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through

January of the following year — Clearwater Drainage. Open

September 1 through November - Georgetown Lake and

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

Open entire year with the following exceptions:

designated by signs and byoys.

following year — Georgetown Lake.

nongame fish.

West Central Montana FISHING DISTRICT 2

December 1 through March of the following year -Northern pike and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig

SPECIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS - LIBBY DAM -Fishing from boats or other floating craft is prohibited in Lake Koocanusa from Libby Dam upstream to the first log boom and in Kootenai River from Libby Dam approximately 500 yards downstream to the David Thompson bridge as posted. Fishing is prohibited from the Libby Dam structure as posted.

EXTENDED WHITEFISHING - Open December 1 through March of the following year - All waters except Kilbrennan 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, and Middle Fork of the Flathead River and their tributaries, the main Flathead River above Kerr Dam, Flathead Lake, 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

SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged

EXTENDED WHITEFISHING - Open December 1

through March of the following year - All waters, except

waters closed entire year and wtaers posted as closed to

SPECIAL ICE FISHING REGULATIONS

BAIT

(Use Of Live Fish For Bait)

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both

Sculpins (Cottus) are the only fish that may be used live as

Contact the Department of Fish and Game for details.

bait. See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations.

daily and possession limits.

Special regulations apply to Georgetown and Browns Lake.

may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-

propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

(Use of Live 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

daily and possession limits.

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

Trout, Lake Trout, Dolly Varden and Grayling — Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached

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

4. Salmon - Except at Lake Mary Ronan, Daily - Thirtyfive (35) salmon whether taken by angling or snagging. Possession — Seventy (70) salmon whether taken by angling or snagging.

(10) salmon daily and possession. During snagging season — Thirty-five (35) salmon daily, seventy (70) salmon possession.

6. Whitefish - Thirty (30) whitefish daily and sixty (60)

There is no limit on nongame fish or burbot (ling).

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Clark Fork

first in any combination.

any combination.

River Drainage above the mouth of the Flathead River)

NETS

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

1. Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden

Trout, Lake Trout, Dolly Varden and Grayling - Ten (10)

pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached

3. Bass, Walleye and Northern Pike - Fifteen (15) fish in

4. Salmon — Ten (10) fish, except during snagging season

when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) and possession

limit seventy (70). In Georgetown Lake and tributaries the

limit seventy (70) salmon, whether taken by angling or

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

NETS

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

snagging, during the entire open season.

There is no limit on nongame fish.

daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) salmon and the possession

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

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both

1. Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden

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

Lake Mary Ronan — During regular angling season — Ten

5. Sturgeon — Two (2) sturgeon per calendar year.

Lightning Lake.

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of

EXTENDED WHITEFISHING - Open December 1

propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

January of the following year — Dailey Lake.

through March of the following year. All waters except waters closed entire year.

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to

SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6)

unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the

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

Open December 1 through March of the following year -

Cut Bank Creek below Cut Bank city water intake dam.

Missouri River and mainstem impoundments from and

including Canyon Ferry Reservoir to Holter Dam (including

Lake Helena and Helena Valley Reservoir). Setline fishing

from shore prohibited on Holter and Hauser Reservoirs and

Open second Saturday in June through February of the

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through

January of the following year - Helena Valley Reservoir,

Pishkun Reservoir, Bynum Reservoir, including inlet and

outlet streams; Lake Frances, including inlet canal and outlet

SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged

Open December 1 through February of the following year -

Open December 1 through March of the following year -

SNAGGING FOR SALMON - September 1 through

SETLINE FISHING - Anglers may use up to six (6) un-

attended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the

Open Entire Year - Clarks Fork Yellowstone River below

SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged

may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-

Northern pike and nongame fish by spear or gig: Tiber

Reservoir Pishkun Reservoir Split Rock Lake and Lake

Northern pike and nongame fish by spear or gig: Eyraud

may take nongame fish and burbot (ling) with the aid of rubber

or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

following year — Eyraud (Arod) Lakes.

stream, except portion closed as posted.

Frances except portion closed as posted.

Tiber Reservoir), Split Rock Lake, Pishkun Reservoir.

angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of

paddlefish and nongame fish.

following waters:

Lake Helena.

(Arod) Lakes.

following waters:

the bridge at Bridger

OTHER - In the lakes of the Beartooth and Absaroka Mountain areas of Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass and Park Counties the daily and possession limit on golden, cutthroat, rainbow, brown and lake trout, and grayling shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish (no number limit), except for Cooney Reservoir, West Rosebud, East Rosebud, Emerald, Crater,

through March of the following year - All waters, except Eyraud (Arod) Lakes, and waters closed entire year.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS - The following waters as posted, will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under from the third Saturday in May through November -Spring Creek from the Milwaukee Bridge to Bryan Corbett ence below Choteau, Elk Creek (South Fork Sun River) from Auchard Bridge to Boone Bridge in the town of Augusta, and

FISHING DISTRICT 4

SPECIAL ICE FISHING REGULATIONS Special regulations apply to Lake Frances and Deadman's Basin Reservoir. Contact the Department of Fish and Game

BAIT

The use of sculpins (Cottus) is allowed in all waters. Other

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

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each

1. Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden Trout, Lake Trout and Grayling - Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first., in any combination, except in the Sun River Drainage above Gibson Reservoir and in the Smith River from its mouth to the mouth of Sheep Creek where not more than two (2) cutthroat and/or

Dailey, Wild Bill, Kersey, Rock Island, No Ketchum, Blue,

Picket Pin, Greenough Lakes and Lake Abundance where the

limit on these species shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish

BAIT

(Use Of Live Fish For Bait)

bait. See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations

fisherman may take all of the following limits.

Sculpins (Cottus) are the only fish that may be used live as

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Frout, Lake Trout and Grayling — Ten (10) pounds and one (1)

fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any

BAIT

(Use Of Live Fish For Bait)

The use of sculpins (Cottus) is allowed in all waters. Other

nongame fish (except carp or goldfish) may be used in the

Dredge Cut Trout Pond, Kuester Reservoir, Cole Ponds,

Frenchman Reservoir, McChesney Reservoir, Killenbeck

Reservoir, Fort Peck Reservoir (excluding Flat Lake),

Nelson Reservoir, Little Warm Reservoir, Ester Reservoir

McNeil Slough, Raymond Reservoir, Bainville Railroad

Ponds, Medicine Lake, Musselshell River below the bridge at

Lavina, Milk River and its impoundments below Fresno

Reservoir, Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments, and all

streams and rivers, except the Milk River and its tributaries

above Fresno Reservoir and streams south of Highway 2

which originate in the Bearpaw Mountains, and Flatwillow

Creek and tributaries and McDonald Creek and tributaries in

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits.

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both

not to exceed ten (10) fish.

EXTENDED WHITEFISHING - Open December

River and tributary drainages in Glacier County)

Fairgrounds Pond, Helena.

(Use Of Live Fish For Bait)

nongame fish (except carp or goldfish) may be used in the Missouri River downstream from Morony Dam and in the Marias River including Tiber Reservoir.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

fisherman may take all of the following limits:

rainbow trout may be included in this bag and possession limit.

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

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

MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri

River and tributary drainages from Three Forks to and

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

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER, UPPER MUSSELSHELL RIVER, DEARBORN RIVER, SUN RIVER, TETON RIVER, MARIAS RIVER, ST. MARY RIVER AND UPPER

> 5. Salmon — Ten (10) fish except during snagging seasons 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 between Holter Dam and Black Eagle Dam.

7. Paddlefish - Two (2) fish.

There is no limit on nongame fish, catfish, burbot (ling), shovelnose sturgeon or pallid sturgeon.

NETS

In waters where 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

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Yellowstone River Drainage above and including Clarks Fork Yellowstone River)

3. Walleye, Sauger, Bass and Northern Pike — Fifteen (15) fish in any combination. 4. Salmon — Ten (10) fish, except during the snagging season when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) fish and

whitefish possession. 6. Paddlefish - Two (2) fish.

There is no limit on nongame fish, catfish, burbot (ling),

(Cottus) is prohibited. This does not prohibit the use of a landing net for landing booked fish. A screen or a net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins



Northeastern Montana

FISHING DISTRICT 6

LOWER MISSOURI RIVER, LOWER MUSSELSHELL RIVER and MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri River Drainage below the Musselshell River, the Missouri River and all drainages from the north

3. Northern Pike — Five (5) fish.

4. Paddlefish - Two (2) fish.

NETS

A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be

used to take sculpins (Cottus). Hoon Nets — Hoon nets without wings or leads may be used the Missouri River below the mouth of the Milk River, Each

Minnow Seines and Traps — In all waters where the use of live fish other than sculpins (Cottus) is allowed for bait, non-

1. With a seine 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

following waters:

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(Defined as the Yellowstone River Drainage below and excluding the Clarks Fork Yellowstone River, and all other drainages in Montana southeast of the Yellowstone River)

to take nongame fish, catfish, burbot (ling), shovelnose sturgeon and pallid sturgeon in the Yellowstone River downstream from the mouth of Bighorn River (except for approximately two hundred (200) yards below all irrigation diversion name and address.

1. With a seine not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length and

2. With minnow traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in

length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

goldfish) will be allowed in Tongue River Reservoir, Bighorn Lake and its Afterbay Reservoir, Johnson's Reservoir (Dawson Co.), Lindsay Reservoir (Dawson Co.), Sportsmen's Reservoir (Fallon Co.), Tauck's Reservoir (Carter Co.), Spotted Eagle Pond (Custer Co.), Waddel's Pike Pond (Custer Co.), Westrope's Reservoir (Fallon Co.), Coldwell's Reservoir

BOAT FISHING

That portion of the Yellowstone River, (approximately onequarter (1/4) mile) downstream from the Intake Diversion, as posted, shall be closed to fishing or snagging from boats for the

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in all waters, the use of other nongame fish (except carp and

(Garfield Co.), Jordan's Pike Pond (McCone Co.), Killen's

daily and possession limits. Each fisherman may take all of the following limits.

1. All Trout, Salmon, Grayling and Whitefish — Ten (10) fish in any combination, except Bighorn River Drainage where the limit shall be twn (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed ten (10) fish.

3. Northern Pike - Five (5) fish

Pike Pond (Rosebud Co.), Zemple's Reservoir (Rosebud Co.), and all streams and rivers, except Pryor Creek, Sage Creek and Little Bighorn River upstream from the mouth of Lodge

2. Sauger and Walleye - Ten (10) fish in any combination.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both

used to take sculpins (Cottus). Hoop Nets - Hoop nets without wings or leads may be used

dams). Each net must be clearly marked with the owner's Minnow Seines and Traps — In all waters where the use of

shovelnose sturgeon or pallid sturgeon. NETS Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each Use of nets or traps for catching fish other than sculpins Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden

ALL WATERS

Open Entire Year with the following exceptions: Closed Entire Year - Wind Creek from Clear Creek road crossing to its source, excluding 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

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to

nattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the

Open Entire Year - Missouri River and dredge cuts

SPECIAL SEASONS

angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish.

(including jugs) must be clearly marked with the owner's name and address. Open December 1 through March of the following year -All lakes and reservoirs.

Reservoir south from and including Sand Arroyo and Box Elder Creek Bays. Setlines shall not be suspended from freefloating jugs or other devices. This does not prohibit the use of floats or bobbers attached to poles or bank lines.

Nonegame fish — all waters open to fishing.

Reservoirs.

Northern Pike, Walleye, Sauger and nongame fish may be

Game fish, except Bass - Fort Peck and Nelson Open December 1 through March of the following year -

1. All Trout, Salmon, Grayling and Whitefish — Ten (10) fish in any combination. 2. Walleye and Sauger — Ten (10) fish in any combination.

Petroleum and Fergus Counties.

daily and possession limits.

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER and LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER DRAINAGES

4. Paddlefish - Two (2) fish. There is no limit on nongame fish, bass, catfish, burbot (ling), shovelnose sturgeon or pallid sturgeon.

length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

NETS

A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be

live fish and other than sculpins (Cottus) is allowed for bait, nongame species may be taken:

four (4) feet in width; or

net must be clearly marked with the owner's name and

game species may be taken:

and Hardtla Creek.

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 Pipeorgan Bridge,

Alder Gulch Creek and Dredge Ponds from the mouth to

Virginia City, Mill Creek near Sheridan and Missouri River.

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS

Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

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

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS Open entire year with the following exceptions: Open third Saturday in May through February of the following year — Wade Lake.

SPECIAL SEASONS BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of

may take nongame fish and burbot (ling) with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

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

nongame fish. SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged

EXTENDED WHITEFISHING - Open December 1 through March of the following year. All waters, except waters closed entire year, Hidden Lake, Goose Lake and Otter Lake.

BROOK TROUT - 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.

the Madison River from McAtee Bridge to the bridge at Ennis State Recreation Area.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

fisherman may take all of the following limits. 1. Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Grayling, Golden Trout and Lake Trout — Ten (10) pounds and

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each

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

BOAT FISHING RESTRICTION Fishing from boats or other floating craft is prohibited in

BAIT

bait. See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations.

4. Whitefish - Twenty (20) fish daily and forty (40) (Use Of Live Fish For Bait) Sculpins (Cottus) are the only fish that may be used live as 5. Salmon — Ten (10) fish.

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

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

Open entire year with the following exceptions: Closed Entire Year - A portion of Lake Frances around the Conrad water supply outlet as posted, Sheffels Pond located in Cascade County, approximately two hundred (200) vards of Nilan Reservoir's shoreline as posted, Hauser Dam structure and adjacent

> water as posted, and Toston Dam structure as posted. Open second Saturday in June through February of

the following year - Eyraud (Arod) Lakes.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS

following exceptions

Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

Open Entire Year - Missouri River, Sun River below

Gibson Dam, Pondera Coulee, Judith River below its

confluence with Big Spring Creek, Cut Bank Creek below

Blackfeet 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

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 Neihart public water intake;

Willow Creek and its tributaries from the White Sulphur

Springs public water intake to its source; Missouri

River immediately below Morony Dam, and Canyon

Holter Dam; 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

Ferry Dam as posted; Missouri River 175 feet below

Highway, Teton River below U.S. Highway 89, Marias River,

Musselshell River below the bridge at Barber.

South Central Montana FISHING DISTRICT 5

FISHING SEASONS STREAMS Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

Open Entire Year - Clarks Fork Yellowstone River. Yellowstone River and Bluewater Creek, Boulder River, Stillwater River and Rock Creek. Closed Entire Year - West Fork of Rock Creek from

the Red Lodge city water intake to the mouth of Washoe

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS Open Entire Year with the following exception: open August 1 through April 30 of the following year -

(including Fresno Reservoir), Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments, Poplar River, Fort Peck Reservoir, (excluding Flat Lake, and the Big Dry Arm of Fort Peck

Reservoir south from and including Sand Arroyo and Box

Elder Creek Bays), Ester Reservoir, McNeil Slough, Medicine

Open April 1 through November — Anglers may use up to

SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged

may take fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears

Lake, and Nelson Reservoir. In Nelson Reservoir each setline

two (2) unattended setlines with not more than two (2) hooks per line in the following waters: The Big Dry Arm of Fort Peck

taken by spear or gig from all waters.

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

RESTRICTION

mouth of the Bighorn River

In addition to the use of sculpins (Cottus), which is allowed

4. Northern Pike - Five (5) fish.

used to take sculpins (Cottus).

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

possession limit seventy (70) fish. 5. Whitefish — Thirty (30) whitefish daily, and sixty (60)

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

There is no limit on nongame fish, bass, catfish, burbot (ling), shovelnose sturgeon or pallid sturgeon.

to take nongame fish, catfish, burbot (ling), shovelnose sturgeon and pallid sturgeon in the Milk River downstream from Highway 2 bridge below Dodson Dam except from Vandalia Dam to a point one-quarter (1/4) mile downstream in

JEFFERSON RIVER, MADISON RIVER AND GALLATIN

one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit.

3. Bass, Sauger, Walleye and Northern Pike — Fifteen (15)

NETS

There is no limit on nongame fish or burbot (ling).

(Use Of)

exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins

nongame fish.

Creek as posted.

FISHING SEASONS

Bearpaw Mountains, Flatwillow Creek and tributaries and McDonald Creek and tributaries in Petroleum and Fergus Countles.

SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6)

(excluding the Dredge Cut Trout Pond), Musselshell River below the bridge at Lavina, Milk River and its impoundments

FISHING SEASONS

ALL WATERS

Open entire year with the following exceptions:

SPECIAL SEASONS BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of ddlefish and nongame fish. SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6)

unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the

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

Open February 1 through October - Rush Hall Pond.

Leggins diversion dam, and all streams in the Yellowstone River Drainage downstream from the mouth of the Bighorn River, not including Tongue River Reservoir. Open December 1 through March of the following year -All lakes and reservoirs, except Broadview Pond and Bighorn

FISHING DISTRICT 7

Game fish — Tongue River Reservoir. Open December 1 through March of the following year -Northern Pike, Walleye, Sauger, and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from all waters downstream from the

period May 1 - July 31.

DAILY AND POSSESION 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.

Refer to district regulations for respective daily and

SEASONS

possession limits.

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.

FISHING HOURS

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

Than General Season

COLOR CODES

Closed To Fishing All Year Season More Restrictive

MEANS OF TAKING

regulations.

FISH AS BAIT

preserved or frozen.

entire year.

intake as posted.

All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout, Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service salmon, grayling and whitefish); all species of the as fish hatcheries and rearing ponds shall be closed to genus Stizostedion (sandpike or sauger and walleye fishing at all times. Waters in which the Department of pike or yellow pike-perch); all species of the genus Fish and Game is operating fish traps and other special Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all structures shall be closed to fishing as posted. Certain species of the genus Micropeterus (bass); all species of water supply lakes and streams and hazardous areas the genus Polyodon (paddlefish); all species of the family Acipenseridae (sturgeon); all species of the are closed as posted. genus Lota (burbot or ling); and the species Ictalurus

specified in district regulations. The pole or line must

regulations. Setlines are lines that may be unattended.

may be used to take sculpins (Cottus) for bait. Other-

wise, use or possession of minnow seines, snares, or fish

traps is unlawful except as provided under district

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

bait. Other fish may be used dead as bait if they have

their heads and entrails removed, or if they have been

wide. Otherwise live fish may not be used for bait

except as provided under district regulations.

Sculpins (Cottus) may be used live for bait state-

They may include poles and tipups.

Setlines may be used as provided under district

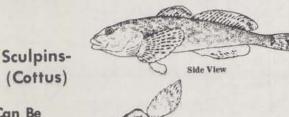
A screen or a net not to exceed four (4) feet in length

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS punctatus (channel catfish). Waters posted as Children's Fishing Waters are

closed to fishing during the entire year to persons thirteen (13) years of age and older. Only a single line with hook or hooks, with or without a pole, may be used for fishing unless otherwise

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.



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USE OF BOATS

The use of boats is prohibited or restricted on many waters. See Boating Regulations available from Montana Department of Fish and Game.

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Northwestern Montana FISHING DISTRICT 1

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

FISHING SEASONS

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.

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 (Yakinikak) 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 bove the intake for the Ronan water supply to its source. Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from Hot prings public water supply intake to its source. Flower reek 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

1/4) mile upstream as posted. Haskell Creek and

ributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS

ollowing exceptions:

Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

Open Entire Year - Clark Fork River below Warm Springs

Creek in Deer Lodge County, Clearwater River below the Lake

Inez fish barrier, Big Blackfoot River below Scotty Brown

Closed Entire Year - Rattlesnake Creek and tri-

butary streams from the Missoula water supply dam of

the Montana Power Company to its source. Basin Creek

from the lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to its

source, including all reservoirs and tributaries. Silver

Open third Saturday in June through November -

The Little Blackfoot Drainage above the Helena Lions

Sunshine Camp and the Clearwater Drainage above the

Open third Saturday in July through October -

Stuart Mill Creek. Flint Creek above Georgetown Lake

bridge, Bitterroot River below the bridge at Florence.

Creek above Saltese water supply intake.

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

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Open entire year with the following exceptions: Closed Entire Year - Cedar Creek impoundment, within one thousand (1,000) feet of Columbia Falls water

Closed from April 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 -Kilbrennan 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 December — All waters except those closed entire year.

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

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Closed Entire Year — Fred Burr Lake (Philipsburg

Open third Saturday in May through November -

Open third Saturday in May through October and

third Saturday in December through February of the

SPECIAL SEASONS

angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through

January of the following year — Clearwater Drainage. Open

September 1 through November - Georgetown Lake and

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

Open entire year with the following exceptions:

designated by signs and byoys.

following year — Georgetown Lake.

nongame fish.

West Central Montana FISHING DISTRICT 2

December 1 through March of the following year -Northern pike and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig

SPECIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS - LIBBY DAM -Fishing from boats or other floating craft is prohibited in Lake Koocanusa from Libby Dam upstream to the first log boom and in Kootenai River from Libby Dam approximately 500 yards downstream to the David Thompson bridge as posted. Fishing is prohibited from the Libby Dam structure as posted.

EXTENDED WHITEFISHING - Open December 1 through March of the following year - All waters except Kilbrennan 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, and Middle Fork of the Flathead River and their tributaries, the main Flathead River above Kerr Dam, Flathead Lake, 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

SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged

EXTENDED WHITEFISHING - Open December 1

through March of the following year - All waters, except

waters closed entire year and wtaers posted as closed to

SPECIAL ICE FISHING REGULATIONS

BAIT

(Use Of Live Fish For Bait)

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both

Sculpins (Cottus) are the only fish that may be used live as

Contact the Department of Fish and Game for details.

bait. See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations.

daily and possession limits.

Special regulations apply to Georgetown and Browns Lake.

may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-

propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

(Use of Live 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

daily and possession limits.

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

Trout, Lake Trout, Dolly Varden and Grayling — Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached

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

4. Salmon - Except at Lake Mary Ronan, Daily - Thirtyfive (35) salmon whether taken by angling or snagging. Possession — Seventy (70) salmon whether taken by angling or snagging.

(10) salmon daily and possession. During snagging season — Thirty-five (35) salmon daily, seventy (70) salmon possession.

6. Whitefish - Thirty (30) whitefish daily and sixty (60)

There is no limit on nongame fish or burbot (ling).

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Clark Fork

first in any combination.

any combination.

River Drainage above the mouth of the Flathead River)

NETS

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

1. Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden

Trout, Lake Trout, Dolly Varden and Grayling - Ten (10)

pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached

3. Bass, Walleye and Northern Pike - Fifteen (15) fish in

4. Salmon — Ten (10) fish, except during snagging season

when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) and possession

limit seventy (70). In Georgetown Lake and tributaries the

limit seventy (70) salmon, whether taken by angling or

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

NETS

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

snagging, during the entire open season.

There is no limit on nongame fish.

daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) salmon and the possession

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

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both

1. Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden

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

Lake Mary Ronan — During regular angling season — Ten

5. Sturgeon — Two (2) sturgeon per calendar year.

Lightning Lake.

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of

EXTENDED WHITEFISHING - Open December 1

propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

January of the following year — Dailey Lake.

through March of the following year. All waters except waters closed entire year.

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to

SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6)

unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the

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

Open December 1 through March of the following year -

Cut Bank Creek below Cut Bank city water intake dam.

Missouri River and mainstem impoundments from and

including Canyon Ferry Reservoir to Holter Dam (including

Lake Helena and Helena Valley Reservoir). Setline fishing

from shore prohibited on Holter and Hauser Reservoirs and

Open second Saturday in June through February of the

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through

January of the following year - Helena Valley Reservoir,

Pishkun Reservoir, Bynum Reservoir, including inlet and

outlet streams; Lake Frances, including inlet canal and outlet

SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged

Open December 1 through February of the following year -

Open December 1 through March of the following year -

SNAGGING FOR SALMON - September 1 through

SETLINE FISHING - Anglers may use up to six (6) un-

attended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the

Open Entire Year - Clarks Fork Yellowstone River below

SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged

may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-

Northern pike and nongame fish by spear or gig: Tiber

Reservoir Pishkun Reservoir Split Rock Lake and Lake

Northern pike and nongame fish by spear or gig: Eyraud

may take nongame fish and burbot (ling) with the aid of rubber

or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

following year — Eyraud (Arod) Lakes.

stream, except portion closed as posted.

Frances except portion closed as posted.

Tiber Reservoir), Split Rock Lake, Pishkun Reservoir.

angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of

paddlefish and nongame fish.

following waters:

Lake Helena.

(Arod) Lakes.

following waters:

the bridge at Bridger

OTHER - In the lakes of the Beartooth and Absaroka Mountain areas of Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass and Park Counties the daily and possession limit on golden, cutthroat, rainbow, brown and lake trout, and grayling shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish (no number limit), except for Cooney Reservoir, West Rosebud, East Rosebud, Emerald, Crater,

through March of the following year - All waters, except Eyraud (Arod) Lakes, and waters closed entire year.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS - The following waters as posted, will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under from the third Saturday in May through November -Spring Creek from the Milwaukee Bridge to Bryan Corbett ence below Choteau, Elk Creek (South Fork Sun River) from Auchard Bridge to Boone Bridge in the town of Augusta, and

FISHING DISTRICT 4

SPECIAL ICE FISHING REGULATIONS Special regulations apply to Lake Frances and Deadman's Basin Reservoir. Contact the Department of Fish and Game

BAIT

The use of sculpins (Cottus) is allowed in all waters. Other

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

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each

1. Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden Trout, Lake Trout and Grayling - Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first., in any combination, except in the Sun River Drainage above Gibson Reservoir and in the Smith River from its mouth to the mouth of Sheep Creek where not more than two (2) cutthroat and/or

Dailey, Wild Bill, Kersey, Rock Island, No Ketchum, Blue,

Picket Pin, Greenough Lakes and Lake Abundance where the

limit on these species shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish

BAIT

(Use Of Live Fish For Bait)

bait. See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations

fisherman may take all of the following limits.

Sculpins (Cottus) are the only fish that may be used live as

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Frout, Lake Trout and Grayling — Ten (10) pounds and one (1)

fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any

BAIT

(Use Of Live Fish For Bait)

The use of sculpins (Cottus) is allowed in all waters. Other

nongame fish (except carp or goldfish) may be used in the

Dredge Cut Trout Pond, Kuester Reservoir, Cole Ponds,

Frenchman Reservoir, McChesney Reservoir, Killenbeck

Reservoir, Fort Peck Reservoir (excluding Flat Lake),

Nelson Reservoir, Little Warm Reservoir, Ester Reservoir

McNeil Slough, Raymond Reservoir, Bainville Railroad

Ponds, Medicine Lake, Musselshell River below the bridge at

Lavina, Milk River and its impoundments below Fresno

Reservoir, Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments, and all

streams and rivers, except the Milk River and its tributaries

above Fresno Reservoir and streams south of Highway 2

which originate in the Bearpaw Mountains, and Flatwillow

Creek and tributaries and McDonald Creek and tributaries in

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits.

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both

not to exceed ten (10) fish.

EXTENDED WHITEFISHING - Open December

River and tributary drainages in Glacier County)

Fairgrounds Pond, Helena.

(Use Of Live Fish For Bait)

nongame fish (except carp or goldfish) may be used in the Missouri River downstream from Morony Dam and in the Marias River including Tiber Reservoir.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

fisherman may take all of the following limits:

rainbow trout may be included in this bag and possession limit.

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

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

MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri

River and tributary drainages from Three Forks to and

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

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER, UPPER MUSSELSHELL RIVER, DEARBORN RIVER, SUN RIVER, TETON RIVER, MARIAS RIVER, ST. MARY RIVER AND UPPER

> 5. Salmon — Ten (10) fish except during snagging seasons 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 between Holter Dam and Black Eagle Dam.

7. Paddlefish - Two (2) fish.

There is no limit on nongame fish, catfish, burbot (ling), shovelnose sturgeon or pallid sturgeon.

NETS

In waters where 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

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Yellowstone River Drainage above and including Clarks Fork Yellowstone River)

3. Walleye, Sauger, Bass and Northern Pike — Fifteen (15) fish in any combination. 4. Salmon — Ten (10) fish, except during the snagging season when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) fish and

whitefish possession. 6. Paddlefish - Two (2) fish.

There is no limit on nongame fish, catfish, burbot (ling),

(Cottus) is prohibited. This does not prohibit the use of a landing net for landing booked fish. A screen or a net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins



Northeastern Montana

FISHING DISTRICT 6

LOWER MISSOURI RIVER, LOWER MUSSELSHELL RIVER and MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri River Drainage below the Musselshell River, the Missouri River and all drainages from the north

3. Northern Pike — Five (5) fish.

4. Paddlefish - Two (2) fish.

NETS

A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be

used to take sculpins (Cottus). Hoon Nets — Hoon nets without wings or leads may be used the Missouri River below the mouth of the Milk River, Each

Minnow Seines and Traps — In all waters where the use of live fish other than sculpins (Cottus) is allowed for bait, non-

1. With a seine 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

following waters:

Southeastern Montana

(Defined as the Yellowstone River Drainage below and excluding the Clarks Fork Yellowstone River, and all other drainages in Montana southeast of the Yellowstone River)

to take nongame fish, catfish, burbot (ling), shovelnose sturgeon and pallid sturgeon in the Yellowstone River downstream from the mouth of Bighorn River (except for approximately two hundred (200) yards below all irrigation diversion name and address.

1. With a seine not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length and

2. With minnow traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in

length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

goldfish) will be allowed in Tongue River Reservoir, Bighorn Lake and its Afterbay Reservoir, Johnson's Reservoir (Dawson Co.), Lindsay Reservoir (Dawson Co.), Sportsmen's Reservoir (Fallon Co.), Tauck's Reservoir (Carter Co.), Spotted Eagle Pond (Custer Co.), Waddel's Pike Pond (Custer Co.), Westrope's Reservoir (Fallon Co.), Coldwell's Reservoir

BOAT FISHING

That portion of the Yellowstone River, (approximately onequarter (1/4) mile) downstream from the Intake Diversion, as posted, shall be closed to fishing or snagging from boats for the

BAIT (Use Of Live Fish For Bail

in all waters, the use of other nongame fish (except carp and

(Garfield Co.), Jordan's Pike Pond (McCone Co.), Killen's

daily and possession limits. Each fisherman may take all of the following limits.

1. All Trout, Salmon, Grayling and Whitefish — Ten (10) fish in any combination, except Bighorn River Drainage where the limit shall be twn (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed ten (10) fish.

3. Northern Pike - Five (5) fish

Pike Pond (Rosebud Co.), Zemple's Reservoir (Rosebud Co.), and all streams and rivers, except Pryor Creek, Sage Creek and Little Bighorn River upstream from the mouth of Lodge

2. Sauger and Walleye - Ten (10) fish in any combination.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both

used to take sculpins (Cottus). Hoop Nets - Hoop nets without wings or leads may be used

dams). Each net must be clearly marked with the owner's Minnow Seines and Traps — In all waters where the use of

shovelnose sturgeon or pallid sturgeon. NETS Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each Use of nets or traps for catching fish other than sculpins Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden

ALL WATERS

Open Entire Year with the following exceptions: Closed Entire Year - Wind Creek from Clear Creek road crossing to its source, excluding 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

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to

nattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the

Open Entire Year - Missouri River and dredge cuts

SPECIAL SEASONS

angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish.

(including jugs) must be clearly marked with the owner's name and address. Open December 1 through March of the following year -All lakes and reservoirs.

Reservoir south from and including Sand Arroyo and Box Elder Creek Bays. Setlines shall not be suspended from freefloating jugs or other devices. This does not prohibit the use of floats or bobbers attached to poles or bank lines.

Nonegame fish — all waters open to fishing.

Reservoirs.

Northern Pike, Walleye, Sauger and nongame fish may be

Game fish, except Bass - Fort Peck and Nelson Open December 1 through March of the following year -

1. All Trout, Salmon, Grayling and Whitefish — Ten (10) fish in any combination. 2. Walleye and Sauger — Ten (10) fish in any combination.

Petroleum and Fergus Counties.

daily and possession limits.

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER and LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER DRAINAGES

4. Paddlefish - Two (2) fish. There is no limit on nongame fish, bass, catfish, burbot (ling), shovelnose sturgeon or pallid sturgeon.

length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

NETS

A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be

live fish and other than sculpins (Cottus) is allowed for bait, nongame species may be taken:

four (4) feet in width; or

net must be clearly marked with the owner's name and

game species may be taken:

and Hardtla Creek.

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 Pipeorgan Bridge,

Alder Gulch Creek and Dredge Ponds from the mouth to

Virginia City, Mill Creek near Sheridan and Missouri River.

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS

Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

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

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS Open entire year with the following exceptions: Open third Saturday in May through February of the following year — Wade Lake.

SPECIAL SEASONS BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of

may take nongame fish and burbot (ling) with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

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

nongame fish. SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged

EXTENDED WHITEFISHING - Open December 1 through March of the following year. All waters, except waters closed entire year, Hidden Lake, Goose Lake and Otter Lake.

BROOK TROUT - 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.

the Madison River from McAtee Bridge to the bridge at Ennis State Recreation Area.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

fisherman may take all of the following limits. 1. Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Grayling, Golden Trout and Lake Trout — Ten (10) pounds and

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each

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

BOAT FISHING RESTRICTION Fishing from boats or other floating craft is prohibited in

BAIT

bait. See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations.

4. Whitefish - Twenty (20) fish daily and forty (40) (Use Of Live Fish For Bait) Sculpins (Cottus) are the only fish that may be used live as 5. Salmon — Ten (10) fish.

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

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

Open entire year with the following exceptions: Closed Entire Year - A portion of Lake Frances around the Conrad water supply outlet as posted, Sheffels Pond located in Cascade County, approximately two hundred (200) vards of Nilan Reservoir's shoreline as posted, Hauser Dam structure and adjacent

> water as posted, and Toston Dam structure as posted. Open second Saturday in June through February of

the following year - Eyraud (Arod) Lakes.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS

following exceptions

Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

Open Entire Year - Missouri River, Sun River below

Gibson Dam, Pondera Coulee, Judith River below its

confluence with Big Spring Creek, Cut Bank Creek below

Blackfeet 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

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 Neihart public water intake;

Willow Creek and its tributaries from the White Sulphur

Springs public water intake to its source; Missouri

River immediately below Morony Dam, and Canyon

Holter Dam; 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

Ferry Dam as posted; Missouri River 175 feet below

Highway, Teton River below U.S. Highway 89, Marias River,

Musselshell River below the bridge at Barber.

South Central Montana FISHING DISTRICT 5

FISHING SEASONS STREAMS Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

Open Entire Year - Clarks Fork Yellowstone River. Yellowstone River and Bluewater Creek, Boulder River, Stillwater River and Rock Creek. Closed Entire Year - West Fork of Rock Creek from

the Red Lodge city water intake to the mouth of Washoe

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS Open Entire Year with the following exception: open August 1 through April 30 of the following year -

(including Fresno Reservoir), Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments, Poplar River, Fort Peck Reservoir, (excluding Flat Lake, and the Big Dry Arm of Fort Peck

Reservoir south from and including Sand Arroyo and Box

Elder Creek Bays), Ester Reservoir, McNeil Slough, Medicine

Open April 1 through November — Anglers may use up to

SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged

may take fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears

Lake, and Nelson Reservoir. In Nelson Reservoir each setline

two (2) unattended setlines with not more than two (2) hooks per line in the following waters: The Big Dry Arm of Fort Peck

taken by spear or gig from all waters.

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

RESTRICTION

mouth of the Bighorn River

In addition to the use of sculpins (Cottus), which is allowed

4. Northern Pike - Five (5) fish.

used to take sculpins (Cottus).

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

possession limit seventy (70) fish. 5. Whitefish — Thirty (30) whitefish daily, and sixty (60)

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

There is no limit on nongame fish, bass, catfish, burbot (ling), shovelnose sturgeon or pallid sturgeon.

to take nongame fish, catfish, burbot (ling), shovelnose sturgeon and pallid sturgeon in the Milk River downstream from Highway 2 bridge below Dodson Dam except from Vandalia Dam to a point one-quarter (1/4) mile downstream in

JEFFERSON RIVER, MADISON RIVER AND GALLATIN

one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit.

3. Bass, Sauger, Walleye and Northern Pike — Fifteen (15)

NETS

There is no limit on nongame fish or burbot (ling).

(Use Of)

exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins

nongame fish.

Creek as posted.

FISHING SEASONS

Bearpaw Mountains, Flatwillow Creek and tributaries and McDonald Creek and tributaries in Petroleum and Fergus Countles.

SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6)

(excluding the Dredge Cut Trout Pond), Musselshell River below the bridge at Lavina, Milk River and its impoundments

FISHING SEASONS

ALL WATERS

Open entire year with the following exceptions:

SPECIAL SEASONS BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of ddlefish and nongame fish. SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6)

unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the

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

Open February 1 through October - Rush Hall Pond.

Leggins diversion dam, and all streams in the Yellowstone River Drainage downstream from the mouth of the Bighorn River, not including Tongue River Reservoir. Open December 1 through March of the following year -All lakes and reservoirs, except Broadview Pond and Bighorn

FISHING DISTRICT 7

Game fish — Tongue River Reservoir. Open December 1 through March of the following year -Northern Pike, Walleye, Sauger, and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from all waters downstream from the

period May 1 - July 31.