

1979 - 80 MONTANA Fishing Regulations

May 19, 1979 through April 30, 1980

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 1979 - 80 fishing season are adopted.

Montana Fish and Game Commission
Robert F. Wambach, Secretary
January 4, 1979

To be in full force and effect through April 30, 1980. All regulations are subject to change by the Commission.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

A fishing license is a permit for the lawful holder thereof to fish 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.

Free fishing permits are available from heads of respective institutions for patients at veterans' administration hospitals and for residents of state institutions other than the state penitentiary. Disabled residents who have a permanent physical or mental condition that prevents them from doing substantial gainful work may get free permits to fish from the Department of Fish and Game upon certification of disability by a doctor licensed to practice medicine in Montana.

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 or 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.

COLOR CODES

Colored portions of map indicate special regulations apply there. For details refer to matched colors under regulations by district.

- FISHING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
- CLOSED TO FISHING ALL YEAR
- DATES, HOURS, OR LIMITS MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THOSE FOR GENERAL FISHING
- INDIAN RESERVATIONS, NATIONAL PARKS AND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

If You Fish Regularly in Montana, Help Gather Fishing Information Write The Department of Fish And Game For A Fisherman's Log



SEE OPPOSITE SIDE FOR REGULATIONS BY DISTRICT LICENSES

MONTANA RESIDENTS — BE SURE TO CARRY YOUR CONSERVATION CARD WHEN YOU INTEND TO BUY HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSES.

RESIDENT LICENSES

In order to apply for a resident Montana hunting or fishing license, one must be a resident of Montana for a period of six months immediately prior to making Application.

EXPLANATION, CONSERVATION LICENSES

Excepting for holders of Resident Sportsman Licenses, conservation licenses are prerequisite to purchase of fishing or hunting licenses. A conservation license is composed of two parts: part 1 is a plastic conservation card valid through April 30, 1981; part 2 is a *Residency Statement*, essentially a 3" x 5" license.

Conservation Card - valid 2 license years if purchased before May 1, 1980. \$2.00
Valid 1 license year if purchased May 1, 1980 or later. \$1.00
Residency Statement (issued to persons who hold conservation card). No Charge
Temporary Conservation License (for persons who do not have a conservation card) if purchased before May 1, 1980. \$2.00
if purchased May 1, 1980 or later. \$1.00
A PLASTIC CONSERVATION CARD WILL BE MAILED TO YOU AFTER YOU PURCHASE A TEMPORARY CONSERVATION LICENSE.

Residents 62 or older need only a Conservation (Part 1 & 2) License to fish. See explanation above.

Resident Fishing License \$5.00
Resident Sportsman's License (includes Conservation License, 1 deer, 1 elk, 1 black bear, game birds and fishing. \$35.00

NONRESIDENT FISHING LICENSES

A Wildlife Conservation License is required before fishing licenses 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 \$20.00
Nonresident Temporary Fishing License (6 days) \$10.00
Nonresident Temporary Fishing License (1 Day) \$2.00
Nonresident Combination Bird and Fish (serves as a prerequisite to application for several Montana big game licenses). \$50.00
Nonresident Fish, Bird, and Big Game License (available from Helena, Montana Fish and Game office only) includes an elk tag, deer "A" tag, black bear tag, authorizes hunting of game birds and fishing. Quota of 17,000. \$225.00

LICENSE FEES NONREFUNDABLE

RELEASING FISH

The following steps will insure that a released fish has the best chance for survival:

- 1 Play fish as rapidly as possible — do not play to total exhaustion.
- 2 Keep fish in water as much as possible when handling and removing hook.
- 3 Remove hook gently — do not squeeze fish or put fingers in gills.
- 4 If deeply hooked — cut line — do not pull hook out. Most fish survive with hooks left in them.
- 5 Release fish only after its equilibrium is maintained. If necessary gently hold fish upright facing upstream and move fish slowly back and forth.
- 6 Release fish in quiet water close to the area where it was hooked.

CHECKING STATIONS

Fishermen and hunters are required to stop at checking stations on their routes of travel to aid from fishing and hunting areas.

TO REPORT VIOLATIONS

If you are unable to contact a local warden or member of the sheriff's office, call toll-free 800-332-6117.

IT IS UNLAWFUL

to transport or introduce 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 hire or retain an unlicensed outfitter or guide;

to waste any part of game fish suitable for food.

It is unlawful 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 personal flotation device for each passenger. Persons under 12 years old must wear PFD's when boat is in motion and is less than 26 feet long.

1979-80 GENERAL REGULATIONS

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

When weighing and measuring 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 number 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 possession limits.

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.

FISHING HOURS
Fishing is allowed at all hours during open fishing seasons except on Hatter Lake and on other posted waters.

COLOR CODES

- Closed To Fishing All Year
- Dates, hours or limits more restrictive than general
- Special requirements and/or regulations

GAME FISH

All species of the family Salmonidae (charrs, trout, salmon, grayling and whitefish); all species of the genus *Stizostedion* (sandpike or sauger and walleye pike or yellow pike-perch); all species of the genus *Esox* (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all species of the genus *Micropterus* (bass); all species of the genus *Polyodon* (paddlefish); all species of the family *Acipenseridae* (sturgeon); all species of the genus *Lota* (burbot or ling); and the species *Ictalurus punctatus* (channel catfish).

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.

Selines may be used as provided under district regulations. Selines are lines that may be unattended. They may include poles and lures.

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, snare, or fish trap is unlawful except as provided under district regulations.

LURES AND BAIT

Artificial lures shall include any lure (including flies) that is man-made in imitation of or as a substitute for natural bait. Artificial lures do not include fish eggs or other chemically treated or processed natural baits or foods.

Sculpins (see illustration) may be used live for bait statewide, except in waters limited to artificial lures and in the Madison River between McAtee Bridge and Ennis Lake. Otherwise live fish may not be used for bait except as provided under district regulations.

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 preserved or frozen, except in waters limited to artificial lures only.

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.

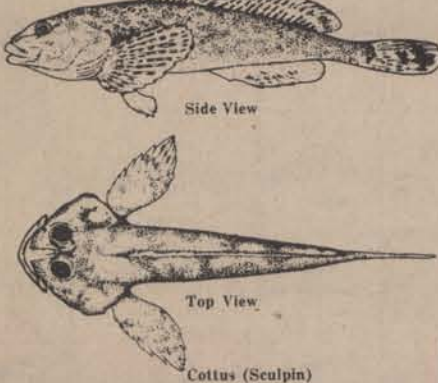
CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS

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.

Sculpins (Cottus)



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FISHING DISTRICT 1

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

stream as posted. Haskell Creek and tributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its source. Libby Dam structure as posted.

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 intake as posted.

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 snagging nongame fish.

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through December — All waters except those closed entire year and Hatchery Bay of Flathead Lake near the State Fish Hatchery at Somers as posted until spawn taking is completed.

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, Upper and Lower Stillwater Lakes.

SPECIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS — LIBBY DAM — Fishing from boats or other floating craft is prohibited in Lake Kootenai 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 WHITEFISH SEASON — Open December 1 through March of the following year — All waters except Kilbrennan Lake and waters closed entire year.

FISH SIZE LIMITS

(Dolly Varden)

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 and the South Fork of the Flathead River below Hungry Horse Dam, 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.

BAIT

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

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both daily and possession limits. Limits are in numbers of fish, except where poundage limits are specified.

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

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 first in any combination.
2. Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit.
3. Bass, Walleye and Northern Pike — Fifteen (15) in any combination.

Salmon — Except at Lake Mary Ronan. Daily — Thirty-five (35) whether taken by angling or snagging. Possession — Seventy (70) whether taken by angling or snagging.

Lake Mary Ronan — During regular angling season — Ten (10) daily and possession. During snagging season — Thirty-five (35) daily, seventy (70) possession.

Whitefish — Thirty (30) daily and sixty (60) possession. It shall be unlawful to take or possess any sturgeon of the genus *Acipenser* (white sturgeon).

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

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*).

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

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

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 first in any combination. Exception: See Rock Creek Special Regulations.
2. Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit.

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

Salmon — Ten (10) except during snagging season when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) and possession limit seventy (70). In Georgetown Lake and tributaries the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) and possession limit seventy (70), whether taken by angling or snagging.

Whitefish — Thirty (30) daily and sixty (60) in possession.

There is no limit on nongame fish.

NETS

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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*).

JEFFERSON RIVER, MADISON RIVER AND GALLATIN RIVER DRAINAGES

1. Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden Trout, Lake Trout and Grayling.

On Streams — Five (5) fish, only one (1) of which may exceed 18 inches.

OR

On Lakes — Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed ten (10) fish. Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit.

The combined daily and possession limit for a person fishing both lakes and streams is ten (10) fish.

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

Bass, Sauger, Walleye and Northern Pike — Ten (10) fish in any combination.

Whitefish — Thirty (30) fish daily and sixty (60) fish in possession.

Salmon — Ten (10) fish.

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

NETS

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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*).

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

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

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits 1 through 5.

Northwestern Montana

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.

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 (Yaknikak) 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 to 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 Ronan 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 up-

West Central Montana

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS

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

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 bridge, Bitterroot River below the Stevensville bridge.

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 lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs and tributaries, Silver Creek above Saltese water supply intake.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Open entire year with the following exceptions:

Closed entire year — Fred Burr Lake (Phillipsburg 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.

Southwestern Montana

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS

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

Open entire year — Gallatin River from Squaw Creek 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.

Closed entire year — Madison River from mouth of Squaw Creek to mouth of the Missouri water supply dam of the Montana Power Company, the following streams are closed from the city water supply intake to a point one thousand (1,000) feet upstream as posted. Indian Creek near Sheridan, Rattlesnake Creek near Dillon and Middle Fork Hyalite, Bozeman (Sourdough) and Lyman Creeks near Bozeman.

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

Open third Saturday in July through November — East Fork and West Fork of Hyalite Creek.

Open third Saturday in June through November — Newport Creek, South Willow Creek and North Willow Creek downstream from the Highway 287 bridges at Harrison to Willow Creek Reservoir.



Central Montana

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS

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

Open entire year — Missouri River, Sun River below Gibson Dam, Fondera Creek 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 Highway 434, Teton River below U.S. Highway 89, Marias River, Musselshell River below the bridge at Barber.

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, approximately two hundred (200) yards of Nilan Reservoir's shoreline as posted, Hauser Dam structure and adjacent water as posted, and Toston Dam structure as posted.

Closed between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., Mountain Standard Time or Daylight Savings Time, whichever is in effect — Holter Reservoir.

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, Boulder River, (Main Boulder River), Stillwater River, Rock Creek and Red Lodge Creek below Cooney Dam.

Open August 1 through November — Lightning 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 with the following exception: Open August 1 through April 30 of the following year — Lightning Lakes.

SPECIAL SEASONS

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

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 (*Cottus*).

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both daily and possession limits. Limits are in numbers of fish, except where poundage limits are specified.

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits 1 through 6.

1. Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden Trout, Lake Trout and Grayling.

On Streams — Five (5) fish, only one (1) of which may exceed 18 inches.



Northeastern Montana

FISHING SEASONS

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 Bearpaw Mountains.

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and 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 — Missouri River and dredge cuts (excluding the Dredge Cut Trout Pond), Milk River and its impoundments (including Fresno Reservoir), Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments, Poplar River, Redwater 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, all waters on Medicine Lake National Wildlife



Southeastern Montana

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 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 the mouth to the mouth of Lodge Grass Creek, Bighorn River below Two Leggin 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 Afterbay.

FISHING DISTRICT 4

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

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and 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 — 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, Fishkum Reservoir, Musselshell River below bridge at Lavinia.

Open December 1 through March of the following year — Missouri River and mainstem impoundments from and including Canyon Ferry Reservoir to Hauser Dam (including Lake Helena and Helena Valley Reservoir).

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

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through January of the following year — Helena Valley Reservoir, Fishkum Reservoir, Bynum Reservoir, including inlet and outlet streams.

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

Open December 1 through February of the following year — Northern pike and nongame fish by spear or gig: Eyraud (Arod) Lakes.

Open December 1 through March of the following year — Northern pike, walleye, sauger and nongame fish by spear or gig:

Tiber Reservoir, Fishkum Reservoir, Split Rock Lake and Lake Frances except portion closed as posted.

South Central Montana

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, Boulder River, (Main Boulder River), Stillwater River, Rock Creek and Red Lodge Creek below Cooney Dam.

Open August 1 through November — Lightning 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

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Northeastern Montana

FISHING SEASONS

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 Bearpaw Mountains.

SPECIAL SEASONS

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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 — Missouri River and dredge cuts (excluding the Dredge Cut Trout Pond), Milk River and its impoundments (including Fresno Reservoir), Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments, Poplar River, Redwater 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, all waters on Medicine Lake National Wildlife



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