

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 for and possess any fish within the state as authorized by fishing regulations.

Residents - Each resident 15 years and older must have a license to fish. Residents 14 years old or younger may fish without a license but must observe limits and all other fishing regulations.

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**

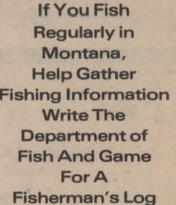
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FISHING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES CLOSED TO FISHING ALL YEAR

DATES, HOURS, OR LIMITS MORE **RESTRICTIVE THAN THOSE FOR GENERAL FISHING**

INDIAN RESERVATIONS, NATIONAL PARKS AND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES





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. Valid 1 license year if purchased May 1, 1980 or later \$1.00 Residency Statement (issued to persons who hold conservation cards). . No Charge Temporary Conservation License (for persons who do not have a conservation card) if purchased before May 1, 1980... if purchased May 1, 1980 or later. 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

Resident Sportsman's License (includes Conservation License, 1 deer, 1 elk, 1 black bear, game birds and fishing . . 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 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. . LICENSE FEES NONREFUNDARI F

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

6 Release fish in quiet water close to the area where it was hooked.

CHECKING STATIONS

Fishermen and hunters are required to stop at clecking stations on their routes of travel to and 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.

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

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.

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.

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

FISHING HOURS Fishing is allowed at all hours during open fishing seasons except on Holter 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

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS

Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

Open entire year - Little Bitterroot River below its tunnel,

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

Middle Fork Flathead River; Granite, Morrison

mouth of Thoma Creek. The following tributaries of

Lodgepole, Long Creeks and their tributaries. South

Fork of Flathead River downstream from Hungry

Horse Dam to "Devil's Elbow" as posted. Herrig

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

take to its source. Flower Creek and its artificial im-

luding the natural lakes. O'Brien Creek from Troy

city water intake to a point one-fourth (1/4) mile up-

itaries from Hot Springs public water supply in-

iments from the Power Dam to its source, ex-

Creek, tributary to Little Bitterroot Lake. Rand, Green

Ashley Creek below Smith Lake, Flathead River below Kerr

Dam, Kootenai River, Clark Fork River.

All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout, salmon,

grayling and whitefish); all species of the genus Stizostedion pike or sauger and walleye pike or yellow pike-perch) all species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all species of the genus Micropterus (bass); 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

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

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

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

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.

NATIONAL PARKS, INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND 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

BEAVER PONDS, IRRIGATION CANALS AND DITCHES

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.

indments formed by beaver dams on streams are

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS

WILDLIFE REFUGES Certain waters on National Parks, Indian Reservations and National Wildlife Refuges may have special regulations or permits that apply to their individual areas. Specific intimes. Waters in which the Department of Fish and Game is formation may be obtained from the headquarters of the operating fish traps and other special structures shall be park, reservation or refuge involved. closed to fishing as posted. Certain water supply lakes and streams and hazardous areas are closed as posted.

The use of boats is prohibited or restricted on many waters. See Boating Regulations available from Montana Depart-Waters posted as Children's Fishing Waters are closed to ment of Fish and Game. fishing during the entire year to persons thirteen (13) years

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following exceptions

Northwestern Montana

FISHING DISTRICT 1

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE BELOW THE MOUTH OF THE FLATHEAD RIVER, FLATHEAD 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 impoundme 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 non-

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 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

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

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 at-

> BAIT (Use of Live Fish for 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 irst in any combination.

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

4. Salmon - Except at Lake Mary Ronan. Daily - Thirtyfive (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) 5. 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

FISHING DISTRICT 2

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

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

Closed entire year - Rattlesnake Creek and ributary 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 ributaries. Silver Creek above Saltese water supply

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS Open entire year with the following exceptions:

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

Open third Saturday in May through November -

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

SPECIAL SEASONS

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

November - Georgetown Lake and tributaries and Gearwater Drainage. SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged

propelled spears in all waters open to fishing. EXTENDED WHITEFISH SEASON - Open December 1 through March of the following year - All waters, except

SPECIAL ICE FISHING REGULATIONS Special regulations apply to Georgetown and Browns Lake.

ROCK CREEK-SPECIAL REGULATIONS Rock Creek from mouth of Butte Cabin Creek to mouth of Hogback Creek. Artificial lures only, third

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through

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

waters closed entire year and waters posted as closed to

Contact the Department of Fish and Game for details

Saturday in May through November. (See Lures & Bait under General Regulations)

Boulder River from its mouth upstream ap-

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Open entire year with the following exceptions:

following year - Wade Lake.

proximately four airline miles to the bridge in T2N,

Open third Saturday in May through February of the

Limit No. 1 - Brown trout, Cutthroat trout, Rainbow trout, Dolly Varden and Grayling. Catch and release

> DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS for the rest of the Rock Creek from its mouth to mouth of Butte Cabin Creek and from mouth of Hogback Creek to mouth of West Fork of Rock Creek, Artificial lures only, third Saturday in May through November for persons 15 years and older. Fishermen 14 years and younger may

Limits 2 through 5 are the same as those listed under

Limit No. 1 - Brown trout, Cutthroat trout, Rainbow trout, Dolly Varden and Grayling, Three (3) fish per day, only one of which may be over 14 inches. This is both a daily and possession limit. Limits 2 through 5 are the same as those listed under DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS for the rest of the fishing district.

BAIT (Use of Live Fish for 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,

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each fisherman may take all of the following limits. . Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden

Trout, Lake Trout, Dolly Varden and Grayling — Ten (10) bounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first in any combination. Exception: See Rock Creek Special 2. Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit.

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

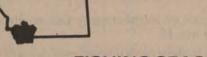
4. Salmon — Ten (10) except during snagging season when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) and possession limit seventy (70). In Georgetown Lake and tributaries the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) and possession limit seventy (70), whether taken by angling or snagging.

5. Whitefish - Thirty (30) daily and sixty (60) in There is no limit on 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

JEFFERSON RIVER, MADISON RIVER AND GALLATIN



FISHING DISTRICT 3 Open third Saturday in May through September -

RIVER DRAINAGES

Trout, Lake Trout and Grayling.

Madison River from McAtee Bridge to Ennis Lake -Sculpins not allowed for bait.

Limit No. 1 - Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Lake Trout and Grayling. Three fish per day, only one of which may be over 18 inches. This is both a daily and possession limit.

Limits 2 through 5 are the same as those listed under DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS for the rest of the fishing

from Yellowstone National Park boundary to its confluence with East Gallatin River. Madison River from Quake Lake outlet to mouth of Squaw Creek and mouth of Wolf Creek to

BAIT (Use of Live Fish for 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.

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

1. Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden On Streams - Five (5) fish, only one (1) of which may

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

Open entire year with the following exceptions: The combined daily and possession limit for a person fishing both lakes and streams is ten (10) fish. Open February 1 through October - Rush Hall Pond.

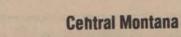
SPECIAL SEASONS

angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and snagging of 4. Whitefish — Thirty (30) fish daily and sixty (60) fish in paddlefish and nongame fish. SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6) 5. Salmon — Ten (10) fish. unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the

following waters:

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

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



FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS

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 con-

fluence with Big Spring Creek, Cut Bank Creek below Black-

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 the bridge at Barber.

masonry work.

structure as posted.

following exceptions:

nongame fish.

Lodge Creek below Cooney Dam.

Washoe Creek as posted.

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

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 Ferry Dam as posted: Missouri River 175 feet

below Holter Dam; that portion of Giant Springs at

Great Falls enclosed by the concrete walks and

Closed entire year - A portion of Lake Frances

approximately two hundred (200) yards of Nilan

Reservoir's shoreline as posted, Hauser Dam structure

and adjacent water as posted, and Toston Dam

Closed between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

South Central Montana

Mountain Standard Time or Daylight Savings Time,

whichever is in effect - Holter Reservoir.

FISHING SEASONS

Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

Open entire year - Clarks Fork Yellowstone River

Yellowstone River and Bluewater Creek, Boulder River

(Main Boulder River), Stillwater River, Rock Creek and Red

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

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

August 1 through April 30 of the following year -

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to

around the Conrad water supply outlet as posted,

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Open entire year with the following exceptions:

feet Indian Reservation Roundary Relt Creek below bridge

FISHING DISTRICT 4

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

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

SPECIAL SEASONS

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, Pishkur Reservoir, Musselshell River below bridge at Lavina. Open December 1 through March of the following year

Missouri River and mainstem impoundments from and including Canvon 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, Pishkun 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

Open December 1 through February of the following year Northern pike and nongame fish by spear or gig: Eyraud

Tiber Reservoir, Pishkun Reservoir, Split Rock Lake and

Open December 1 through March of the following year -

Northern pike, walleye, sauger and nongame fish by spear or

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS — The following waters as posted, will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under the entire year. — Spring Creek from the Milwaukee Bridge to Charles Fellows fence below Choteau, Elk Creek (South Fork Sun River) from Auchard Bridge to Boone Bridge in the town of Augusta, and Fairgrounds Pond.

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

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 Missouri River downstream from Morony Dam, in the Marias River including Tiber Reservoir, in Teton River below Interstate 15 bridge near Dutton, in all streams and drainge canals of the Muddy Creek drainage near Vaughn

and in Musselshell River below the bridge at Lavina

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 and Grayling - Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any combination, except the Smith River where five (5) fish is allowed and in streams of the Sun River Drainage above Gibson Reservoir where not more than two (2) cutthroat and-or rainbow trout may be included in this bag and possession limit.

Forks to and including the Marias River, tributary drainages of the Missouri River on the south side from the Marias to and including the Musselshell Drainage, the St. Mary River and tributary drainages and the Milk River and tributary drainages in Glacier

> 2. Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit, except in Flatwillow Creek and tributaries and McDonald

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER, MUSSELSHELL RIVER, DEARBORN RIVER, SUN RIVER, TETON

RIVER, MARIAS RIVER, ST. MARY RIVER AND UPPER MILK RIVER DRAINAGES

3. Bass, Sauger, Walleye - Ten (10) in any combination.

counties where the limit is ten (10) fish.

Creek and tributaries in Petroleum and Fergus

(Defined as the Missouri River and tributary drainages from Three

4. Northern Pike - Five (5). 5. Salmon — Ten (10) except during snagging seasons when

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

the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) and seventy (70) in

7. Paddlefish — One (1) daily and two (2) in possession. There is no limit on nongame fish, catfish, burbot (ling), shovelnose sturgeon or pallid sturgeon.

NETS (Use of)

Use of landing nets for landing hooked fish is allowed. In waters where use of live fish other than sculpins (Cot-

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

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

FISHING DISTRICT 5

January of the following year — Dailey Lake. SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6) unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the

following waters:

not to exceed ten (10) fish.

Lake Frances except portion closed as posted.

Open entire year - Clarks Fork Yellowstone River below the bridge at Bridger.

SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged

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

SNAGGING FOR SALMON - September 1 through

propelled spears in all waters open to fishing. EXTENDED WHITEFISH SEASON. - Open December 1

through March of the following year. All waters. OTHER - In the lakes of the Beartooth and Absaroka Open entire year with the following exception: Open 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) ounds and one (1) fish (no number limit), except for Coone Reservoir, West Rosebud, East Rosebud, Emerald, Crater Dailey, Wild Bill, Kersey, Rock Island, No Ketchum, Blue, Picket Pin, Greenough Lakes and Lake Abundance where the angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and snagging of limit on these species shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish

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

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

On Lakes - Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed

The combined daily and possession limit for a person

Dredge Cut Trout Pond; Kuester Reservoir in Richland Co.;

Cile Ponds, Frenchman Reservoir, McChesney Reservoir,

Nelson Reservoir, Little Warm Reservoir, Ester Reservoir

and McNeil Slough in Phillips Co.; Killenbeck Reservoir in

Daniels Co.; Engstrom Reservoir, Raymond Reservoir & all waters on Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge in

Sieridan Co.; Bainville Railroad Ponds in Roosevelt Co.;

Sim Lee Reservoir in Dawson Co.; Fort Peck Reservoir

(excluding Flat Lake), Milk River and its impoundments

below Fresno Reservoir, Lone Tree Creek and its im-

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

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

6. Paddlefish — One (1) fish daily and two (2) fish in

shovelnose sturgeon or pallid sturgeon.

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 a net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins

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)

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

Refuge, and Nelson Reservoir. In Nelson Reservoir each setline (including jugs) must be clearly marked with owner's

Open December 1 through March of the following year -All lakes and reservoirs. Open April 1 through November - Anglers may use up to two (2) unattended setlines with not more than two (2) hooks

Box Elder Creek Bays. Setlines shall not be suspended from free-floating jugs or other devices. This does not prohibit the use of floats or bobbers attached to poles or bank lines. SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged

may take fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears as follows: Nongame fish — all waters open to fishing.

Open December 1 through March of the following year -Northern Pike, Walleye, Sauger and nongame fish may be

BAIT

pundments, and all streams and rivers, except the Milk Rver and its tributaries above Fresno Reservoir and steams south of Highway 2 which originate in the Bearpaw

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.

1. All Trout, Salmon, Grayling and Whitefish — Ten (10) in ary combination.

2. Walleye and Sauger - Ten (10) in any combination. 3. Northern Pike — Five (5). 4. Paddlefish - One (1) daily and two (2) in possession.

Each net must be clearly marked with the owner's name and Each fisherman may take all of the following limits.

nongame species may be taken: 1. With a seine not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length and

four (4) feet in width; or

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the Yellowstone River Drainage below and excluding the Clarks Fork Yellowstone River, and all other drainages in Montana southeast of the Yellowstone River) Dawson Co.; Tauck's Reservoir in Carter Co.; Sportsmen's

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

NETS

Use of landing nets for landing hooked fish allowed.

HOOP NETS - Hoop nets without wings or leads may be used 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 dams). Each net must be clearly marked with the owner's name and address.

nongame species may be taken:

four (4) feet in width; or

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

quarter (1/4) mile downstream from the Intake Diversion, as posted, shall be closed to fishing or snagging from boats for the period May 1-July 31, unless opened earlier by special

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(Use of Live Fish for Bait)

BOAT FISHING RESTRICTION

daily and possession limits. Limits are in numbers of fish except where poundage limits are specified.

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

3. Northern Pike - Five (5).

from the mouth of Lodge Grass Creek DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Reservoir, Westrope's Reservoir; South Sandstone Reser-

veir & Baker Lake in Fallon Co.; Spotted Eagle Pond &

Garfield Co.; Jordan's Pike Pond in McCone Co.; Killen's

Pke Pond in Rosebud Co.; and all streams and rivers, except

Pryor Creek, Sage Creek and Little Bighorn River upstream

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits.

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

4. Paddlefish - One (1) daily and two (2) in possession

(Use of)

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER and LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as

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

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

tus) is allowed for bait, nongame species may be taken:

ength and ten (10) inches in diameter.

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

BAIT (Use of Live Fish for Bait)

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS Each fisherman may take all of the following limits 1

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

ten (10) fish. Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight

fishing both lakes and streams is ten (10) fish.

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per line in the following waters: The Big Dry Arm of Fort Peck Reservoir south from and including Sand Arroyo and

Game fish, except Bass - Fort Peck and Nelson Reserunattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the

taken by spear or gig from all waters.

(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

Nongame fish - All waters open to fishing.

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

That portion of the Yellowstone River, approximately one-

In addition to the use of sculpins (Cottus), which is allowed in all waters, the use of other nongame fish (except carp and goldfish) will be allowed in Tongue River Reservoir, Bighorn Lake and its Afterbay Reservoir; Lindsay Reservoir in

3. Walleye, Sauger, Bass and Northern Pike - Ten (10) 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 possession limit seventy (70) fish.

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

NETS

north which enter the Missouri River between the Marias River and the Musselshell River and the Milk River Drainage outside

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

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

> > (Use of)

Use of landing nets for landing hooked fish allowed.

A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (Cottus). Hoop Nets — Hoop nets without wings or leads may be used 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 the Missouri River below the mouth of the Milk River.

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

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

Open entire year - Gallatin River from Squaw Creek bridge 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

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

Open third Saturday in June through November -

Norwegian Creek, South Willow Creek and North

Willow Creek downstream from the Highway 287

bridges at Harrison to Willow Creek Reservoir.

Fork and West Fork of Hyalite Creek.

Southwestern Montana

West Central Montana

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

mouth to Virginia City, Mill Creek near Sheridan and Closed entire year - Madison River from mouth of Squaw Creek to mouth of Wolf Creek. The following streams are closed from the city water supply intake to point one thousand (1.000) feet upstream as posted ndian Creek near Sheridan, Rattlesnake Creek near Dillon and Middle Fork Hyalite, Bozeman (Sourdough)

Open third Saturday in July through November - East

Open third Saturday in June through November-Hidden Lake, Goose Lake and Otter Lake. SPECIAL SEASONS BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and snagging of

SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerge

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

rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to

Divide Dam and Big Hole River and tributaries above bridge

at Wisdom shall be open to fishing for brook trout the entre

MADISON RIVER — SPECIAL REGULATIONS

EXTENDED WHITEFISH SEASON - Open December through the third Saturday in May - Big Hole River, North Fork Big Hole River, Steel Creek and Red Rock River below BROOK TROUT - Tributaries of Big Hole River above

Madison River from Quake Lake outlet to mouth of

Squaw Creek (mouth of Squaw Creek to mouth of Wolf Creek closed to fishing) and from mouth of Wolf Creek to McAtee Bridge - catch and release fishing only for trout and grayling. Artificial lures only (see definition under Lures and Bait)

except where poundage limits are specified.

CLOSED TO FISHING FROM BOATS - Gallatin River

exceed 18 inches.

2. Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit. 3. Bass, Sauger, Walleye and Northern Pike - Ten (10) fish

> NETS (Use of)

Open December 1 through March of the following year -

FISHING SEASONS All Waters

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to

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 Leggins diversion dam, and all streams in the Yellowstone River Drainage downstream from the mouth of the Bighorn River, not including Tongue River Reservoir.

All lakes and reservoirs, except Broadview Pond and

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SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears as follows:

mouth of the Bighorn River.

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