

1980-81 MONTANA Fishing Regulations

May 1, 1980 through April 30, 1981

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 1980-81 fishing season are adopted.

Montana Fish and Game Commission
Robert F. Wambach, Secretary
January 3, 1980

To be in full force and effect through April 30, 1981. 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.



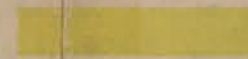

Free fishing permits are available from heads of respective institutions for patients at veterans' administration hospitals and for residents of state institutions other than the state penitentiary. Disabled residents who have a permanent physical or mental condition that prevents them from doing substantial gainful work may get free permits to fish from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks 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.

Livestock Enterprises

COLOR CODES

Coored 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, Wildlife & Parks
For A
Fisherman's Log



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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 legal 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.

Residency Statement (issued to persons who hold conservation cards)..... No Charge
Temporary Conservation License (for persons who do not have a conservation card)..... \$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, Wildlife and Parks 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 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.

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, Wildlife and Parks).

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.

