

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following dates and regulations for the 1982-1983 fishing season are adopted. Montana Fish and Game Commission

James W. Flynn, Secretary January 8, 1982

To be in full force and effect through April 30, 1983. All regulations are subject to change by the commission.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

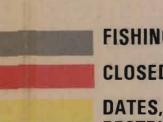
A fishing license is a permit for the lawful holder thereof to fish for and possess any fish within the state as authorized by fishing regulations. This includes commercial which fishing in which case the license must be validated by an authorized Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department employee. There is no charge for this valida-

- Residents Each resident 15 years and older must have a license to fish. Residents 14 years old or you ger 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 cn younger, accompanied by such licensed adult, shall not exceed one legal limit. However, a nonresident of any age may purch are a nonresident fishing license and be entitled to take a legal limit of fish.

COLOR CODES

Coloredportions of map indicate special regulations apply there. Fir 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 GIENERAL FISHING

INDIAN RESERVATIONS, NATIONAL PARKS AND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES



Department of

Fish, Wildlife & Parks

For A Fisherman's Log

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RESIDENT LICENSES RESIDENCY: In or fer 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. Excepting for holders of Resident Sportsman Licenses, conservation licenses are prerequisite to purchase Conservation License. Residents 62 or older need only conservation license to fish and hunt upland game birds other Resident Fishing License Resident Sportsman's License (includes Conservation License, 1 deer, 1 elk, 1 black bear, Paddlefish Tags (needed for Yellowstone River) limit of two in 1982 ...

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 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

LICENSE FEES NONREFUNDABLE

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 main-

tained. 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.

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

to hire or retain an unlicensed outfitter or guide; to waste any part of game fish suitable for food. It is unlawful to operate upsi Montana waters a boat which:

of stunning or killing fish.

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 not be used for bait except as provided under district regula

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 froz-

Persons fishing in waters closed to the use of live fish for bait may not have live bait fish in their immediate possession.

Fishermen and hunters are required to stop at checking stations on their routes of travel to and from fishing and hunt-

treated or processed natural baits or foods.

restrictive than general DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS: When weighing and measuring fish to determine limits, fish ay have entrails removed but must have their heads and tails

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 anytime in any form — fresh, stored in freezers or lockers, salted, smoked, dried, canned or otherwise preserved. Refer to district regulations for respective daily and posses-

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 speci-

except on Holter Lake and on other posted waters.

All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout, salmon, (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 cattleb).

Fishing is allowed at all hours during open fishing seasons

nly 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. These provisions also apply to commercial whitefish fishing

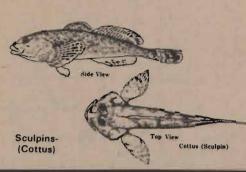
Setlines may be used as provided under district regulations. Setlines are lines that may be unattended. They may include used to take sculpins (Cottus) for bait. Otherwise, use or pos-session of minnow seines, snares, or fish traps is unlawful

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

lumbia Falls water supply.

All waters operated by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as man-made in imitation of or as a substitute for natural bait. fish hatcheries and rearing ponds shall be closed to fishing at all times. Water in which the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is operating fish traps and other special structures shall be closed to fishing as posted. Certain water supply lakes and Sculpins may be used live for bait statewide, except in waters limited to artificial lures and in the Madison River be-tween McAtee Bridge and Ennis Lake. Otherwise live fish may 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



BEAVER PONDS, IRRIGATION CANALS AND DITCHES med by beaver dams on streams are go erned 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.

NATIONAL PARKS, INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND 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 information may be obtained from the headquarters of the park, reservations. ervation or refuge involved.

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

SIZE OF HOLE FOR ICE FISHING: The maximum size hole that may be cut for ice fishing is 144 square inches. This does not apply to waters open to fishing

FISHING SEASON

Northwestern Montana

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 and Whitefish River from Whitefish Lake to Montana State Highway 40 Bridge,

Stillwater River between Upper and Lower Stillwater Lakes.

Open third Saturday in May through March of the following year - Kootenai River, except for burbot (ling), (See special

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 reeks and their tributaries. South Fork of Flathead River downstream from Hungry Horse Dam to "Devil's Elbow" as posted. Highway 40 Bridge over Flathead River as posted. Herrig Creek, tributary to Little Bitterroot Lake. Rand, Green Mountain and Fish Creeks, ributaries of Ashley Lake and Ashley Lake outlet creek from Ashley Dam for 300 feet downstream as posted. Elk Creek tributary to Swan River from above bridge NE1/4, SEC. 16, T20N, R17W to its source. Swan River below Swan River Dam for 300 feet as posted. Donaldson and Freeland Creeks, tributaries of Lake Mary Ronan. Ashley Creek from Thompson Falls public water supply intake to its source. Hell Roaring Creek, water supply for Polson, and its lakes from outlet of lower lake to its ource. Crow Creek and its tributaries above intake for Ronan water supply to its source. Hot Springs Creek and ts tributaries from Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source. Flower Creek and its artificial imadments from Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural lakes. O'Brien Creek from Troy city water ntake to a point one-fourth (1/4) mile upstream as posted. Haskell Creek and tributaries from Whitefish public water intake to its source. Libby Dam structure as post-

FISHING DISTRICT ONE

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE BELOW MOUTH OF FLAT-HEAD RIVER, FLATHEAD RIVER AND KOOTENAI RIVER DRAINAGES

Open entire year with following exceptions: Closed entire year - Cedar Creek impoundment, Co-Closed as posted from October 1 until spawn taking is completed - Hatchery Bay of Flathead Lake at Som-

Open third Saturday in May through September -Open third Saturday in May through March 15 of fol-

lowing year - Lake Mary Ronan. Open December 1 through September of following year — Loon Lake tributary to Pipe Creek, 15 miles northwest of Libby.

Also, see SPECIAL REGULATIONS for restrictions on certain species.

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 15 through October 15 — Flathead River above Flathead Lake, North Fork and Middle Fork of Flathead River and all their tributaries except those closed entire year. Open September 15 through November 15 — All waters except those open from September 15 through October 15, waters closed entire year, Hatchery Bay, and Whitefish Lake. Hatch-

ery Bay is closed as posted from October 1 until spawn taking is completed. Whitefish Lake is closed entire year. SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing except Lower and Middle hompson Lakes, Echo, Peterson, Abbott near Bigfork, Lake Blaine near Kalispell, Loon and Horseshoe Lakes near Ferndale, Murphy Lake near Fortine, Blanchard Lake near White-

fish, and Lake Mary Ronan.

December 1 through March of the following year - Northern pike and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig through the ice only from Echo Lake, Upper and Lower Still-

EXTENDED WHITEFISH SEASON - Open December 1 through March of following year — All waters except Kilbren-

> COMMERCIAL WHITEFISH FISHING - Open third Saturday in May through March of following year - for the catching of whitefish for commercial sale: those portions of Clark Fork River from mouth of Flathead to Idaho border including mainstream impoundments; Flathead Lake and Flathead River below from junction of North Fork and South Forks to Clark Fork, and Kootenai River from Libby Dam to

> > SPECIAL REGULATIONS KOOTENAI RIVER

Fishing for burbot (ling) shall be open only from March 1 through December.

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

> FISH SIZE LIMITS **Bull Trout (Dolly Varden)**

The minimum size bull trout (Dolly Varden) which may be taken in the North Fork, and Middle Fork of Flathead River and their tributaries and South Fork of Flathead River below Hungry Horse Dam, 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.

(Use of live Fish for Bait) Sculpins (Cottus) are the only fish that may be used live as

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 8.

1. Lake trout (except for Flathead Lake), brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, golden trout, bull trout (Dolly Varden) and grayling — Flathead Lake, Flathead River above Kerr Dam, Hungry Horse Reservoir all lakes and streams in the North Fork, South Fork, and Middle Fork drainages and the Swan River below Bigfork Dam - Five (5) fish, only one (1) of which may be a bull trout (Dolly Varden).

In all other waters ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed ten (10) fish whichever is reached first in any combina-

The combined daily and possession limit for a person fishing in both the above described areas is ten (10) fish. 2. Lake trout for Flathead Lake - One (1) fish.

3. **Brook trout** — Ten (10) pounds not to exceed twenty (20) 4. **Bass** — Five (5) fish.

5. Walleye and northern pike - Fifteen (15) fish in any 6. Salmon - Except at Lake Mary Ronan - Twenty (20)

fish daily or in possession whether taken by angling or snag-Lake Mary Ronan — During regular angling season - Ten (10) fish daily and in possession. During snagging season - Twenty (20) fish daily and in possession by

angling or snagging. . Whitefish — One Hundred (100) fish daily or in possession including fish taken for sale.

8. Burbot (ling) — Five (5) fish daily or in possession. It shall be unlawful to take or possess any sturgeon of the genus Acipenser (white sturgeon).

> NETS (Use of)

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

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

FISHING SEASONS

Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

Open entire year - Clark Fork River downstream from elow Lake Inez fish barrier, Big Blackfood River below Scotty Brown bridge, Bitterroot River downstream from Florence

West Central Montana

Closed entire year — Rattlesnake Creek and tributary streams from Missoula water supply dam of Montana Power Company to its source. Basin Creek from lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs and tributaries. Silver Creek above

Saltese water supply intake. **Open July 1 through November** — Stream tributary to Medicine Lake near Philipsburg.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Open entire year with the following exceptions: Closed entire year - Fred Burr Lake, Philipsburg

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

Open July 1 through April - Medicine Lake near Phil-

Also see SPECIAL REGULATIONS

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

FISHING SEASONS

Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

Open entire year - Gallatin River from Yellowstone Na-

ional Park boundary 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

Closed entire year - Madison River from mouth of

Squaw Creek to mouth of Wolf Creek. The following

streams are closed from city water supply intake to a

point one thousand (1,000) feet upstream as posted. Ir

dian Creek near Sheridan, Rattlesnake Creek near Dil-

lon, and Middle Fork Hyalite, Bozeman (Sourdough)

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

East Fork and West Fork of Hyalite Creek.

law Creek and from mouth of Wolf Creek to Ennis Lake.

Open third Saturday in July through November

Norwegian Creek, South Willow Creek and North Willow

Creek downstream from the Highway 287 bridges at

Open third Saturday In May through September —

Boulder River from its mouth upstream approximately

four airline miles to the bridge in T2N, R3W, S24.

to Virginia City, Mill Creek near Sheridan.

and Lyman Creeks near Bozeman.

Harrison to Willow Creek Reservoir

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through December — Georgetown Lake and tributaries and Clearwat-

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. COMMERCIAL WHITEFISH FISHING - open third Sa-

catching of whitefish for commercial sale: the mainstreams of Clark Fork, Blackfoot, and Bitterroot rivers. EXTENDED WHITEFISH SEASON - Open December through March of the following year - All waters, except waters closed entire year and waters posted as closed to fish

SPECIAL ICE FISHING REGULATIONS - Special regulations apply to Georgetown, Echo and Browns Lakes. Contact Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks for details. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

ANACONDA SETTLING POND All waters in Anaconda Company Settling Pond System near town of Warm Springs as posted, open third Saturday in May through September 15 for catch-and-release fishing. Artificial lures only.

CLARK FORK & BITTERROOT RIVERS Clark Fork River — from Anaconda settling pond system spillway to Perkins Lane Bridge and Bitterroot River from Stevensville Bridge to Florence Bridge and

from Darby Bridge to Como Bridge. Artificial lures only, third Saturday in May through

Limit No. 1 - Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, bull trout. Five (5) fish per day under 14 inches OR four (4) fish under 14 inches and one (1) over 18

ROCK CREEK Rock Creek from mouth of Butte Cabin Creek to mouth of Big Hogback Creek. Artificial lures only, third Saturday in May through November. (See Lures and

Bait under General Regulations) Limit No. 1 - Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainboy trout, bull trout (Dolly Varden) and grayling. Catch and release only.

fishing district. Rock Creek from its mouth to mouth of Butte Cabin Creek and from mouth of Big 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 use

Limit No. 1 — Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, bull trout (Dolly Varden) and grayling. Three (3) Limits 2 through 5 are the same as those listed under

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

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits 1 1. Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, golden trout, lake trout, bull trout (Dolly Varden) and grayling.

except where poundage limits are specified.

daily and possession limits. Limits are in numbers of fish,

On Streams - Five (5) fish, only one (1) of which may

Except: Clark Fork River downstream from Milltown Dam: Five (5) fish only one (1) of which may exceed 16

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

ten (10) fish. Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight 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. 3. Bass, walleye, and northern pike — Fifteen (15) fish in

4. Salmon - Ten (10) fish except during snagging season when daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) fish and possession limit seventy (70) fish. In Georgetown Lake and tributaries there shall be no daily or possession limit. 5. Whitefish - One Hundred (100) fish daily and in posses-

NETS

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

FISHING DISTRICT THREE JEFFERSON RIVER DISTRICT THREE

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Open entire year with following exceptions Open third Saturday in May through February of following year - Wade Lake and Willow Creek Arm of Harrison Reservoir as posted.

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

EXTENDED WHITEFISH SEASON - Open December 1 hrough 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 Divide Dam and Big Hole River and tributaries above bridge at Wisdom shall be open to fishing for brook trout entire year. POINDEXTER SLOUGH

Open December 1 to third Saturday in May for catch-and-release fishing only, artificial lures only.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS MADISON RIVER

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

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

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

GALLATIN & BIG HOLE RIVERS Gallatin River from mouth of Portal Creek to Willi-

ams Bridge - Artificial lures only. Big Hole River from Divide Dam to Melrose Bridge — Artificial lures only third Saturday in May through No-

Limit No. 1 — Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and grayling. Three (3) fish per day under 13 inches and one (1) fish per day over 22 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

CLOSED TO FISHING FROM BOATS Gallatin River from Yellowstone National Park boundary to its confluence with East Gallatin River. Madison River from

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

bait. See "Lures and Bait" under General Regulations.

Quake Lake outlet to mouth of Squaw Creek and from mouth of Wolf Creek to McAtee Bridge. (Use of Live Fish for Bait)

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

JEFFERSON RIVER, MADISON RIVER AND GALLATIN

1. Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, golden trout,

exceed 18 inches. On Lakes — Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed ten (10) fish. Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight

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. 3. Bass, sauger, walleye and northern pike — Ten (10) fish

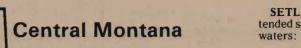
. Whitefish — One Hundred (100) fish daily and in posses-5. **Salmon** — Ten (10) fish.

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

NETS

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

FISHING DISTRICT FOUR



FISHING SEASONS

Open third Saturday in May through November, with the following exceptions: 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 ervation 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 nigh bridge on Highway 434, Teton River below U.S. Highway Marias River, Musselshell River below bridge at Barber.

Closed entire year - Midvale Creek and intake resrvoir from intake of Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to Glacier Park Boundary; O'Brien Creel above Neihart public water intake; Willow Creek and its tributaries from 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 including conrete abutments; that portion of Giant Springs at Great Falls enclosed by concrete walks and masonry work.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Open entire year with following exceptions: Closed entire year - A portion of Lake Frances round 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 12:00 midnight and 5:00 .m. Mountain Standard Time or Daylight Savings Time, whichever is in effect — Holter Reservoir. Open second Saturday in June through February of 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.

South Central Montana

FISHING SEASONS

Open third Saturday in May through November, with the

Open entire year - Clarks Fork Yellowstone River, Yellow-

stone River and Bluewater Creek, Boulder River (Main Boul-

der River), Stillwater River, Rock Creek and Red Lodge

SPECIAL SEASONS

angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and snagging of

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to

Open entire year — all lakes and reservoirs.

Open August 1 through November — Lightning Creek.

Closed entire year - West Fork of Rock Creek from

Red Lodge city water intake to mouth of Washoe Creek

Creek below Cooney Dam.

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

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

Open December 1 through March of following year - Canyon Ferry Reservoir, Hauser Lake, Lake Helena, Helena Valley Reservoir and Missouri River from Canyon Ferry Dam to Hauser Lake.

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

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through January of following year - Helena Valley Reservoir, Pishkun Reservoir, Bynum Reservoir, including inlet and outlet streams and Ackley Lake.

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.

From December 1 through February of following year -Northern pike, and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from Eyraud (Arod) Lakes.

From December 1 through March of following year -

Northern pike, walleye, sauger, burbot (ling), and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from: Tiber Reservoir, Marias River below Tiber Reservoir, Pishkun Reservoir, Split Rock Lake and Lake Frances except portion closed as posted. Commercial Whitefish Fishing — Open entire year for the catching of whitefish for commercial sale: Missouri River

from Holter Dam to Black Eagle Dam.

town of Augusta, and Fairgrounds Pond, Helena.

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 Milwaukee Bridge to Charles Fellows fence below Choteau, Elk Creek (South Fork Sun River) from Auchard Bridge to Boone Bridge in the

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

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

Open entire year — Clarks Fork Yellowstone River below

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may

take nongame fish with aid of rubber or spring-propelled

EXTENDED WHITEFISH SEASON — Open December

Commercial Whitefish Fishing — Open entire year for catching of whitefish for commercial sale: Yellowstone River.

OTHER — In the lakes of Beartooth and Absaroka Mountain

areas of Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass and Park Counties

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 Reser-

voir, West Rosebud, East Rosebud, Emerald, Crater, Dailey,

Wild Bill, Kersey, Rock Island, No Ketchum, Blue, Picket Pin,

Greenough Lakes and Lake Abundance where limit on these

species shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed

tended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in following

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Other species — no limit.

SPRING MEADOW LAKE Daily and possession limit — one (1) trout OR one (1)

BAIT

(Use of Live Fish for Bait)

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

nongame fish (except carp, goldfish or rainbow smelt) may be

used in Missouri River downstream from Morony Dam, in

Marias River including Tiber Reservoir, in Teton River below

Interstate 15 bridge near Dutton, in all streams and drainage

canals of Muddy Creek drainage near Vaughn and in Mussel-

shell River below bridge at Lavina and in Petrolia Reservoir.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

daily and possession limits. Limits are in numbers of fish,

except where poundage limits are specified.

fisherman may take all of the following limits:

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both

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

. Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, golden trout,

except Smith River where five (5) fish is allowed, and in

streams of Sun River Drainage above Gibson Reservoir

where not more than two (2) cutthroat and/or rainbow

except in Flatwillow Creek and tributaries and Mc-

Donald Creek and tributaries in Petroleum and Fergus

Bass, sauger, walleye - Ten (10) fish in any combina-

5. Salmon - Ten (10) fish except during snagging seasons

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

ARMSTRONG SPRING CREEK

BAIT

(Use of Live Fish for Bait)

bait. See "Lures and Bait" under General Regulations.

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

. Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, golden trout,

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

land Co..; Cole Ponds, Frenchman Reservoir, McChesney Res-

ervoir in Phillips Co.: Killenbeck and Whitetail reservoirs in

Daniels Co.; Flat Lake in McCone Co.; Engstrom Reservoir,

Wildlife Refuge in Sheridan Co.; Bainville Railroad Ponds in

Roosevelt Co.; Sam Lee Reservoir in Dawson Co.; Fort Peck

Reservoir, Milk River and its impoundments below Fresno

Reservoir, Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments, and all

streams and rivers, except Milk River and its tributaries

Raymond Reservoir & all waters on Medicine Lake Nationa

ervoir, Nelson Reservoir, Little Warm Reservoir, Ester Res-

Open December 1 to third Saturday in May for catch-and-re-

trout may be included in this bag and possession limit.

Brook trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit,

Counties where the limit is ten (10) fish.

1. Northern pike — Five (5) fish.

lease fishing only, artificial lures only.

FISHING DISTRICT FIVE

through 5.

lake trout and grayling.

lake trout and grayling — Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any combination,

BORN RIVER, SUN RIVER, TETON RIVER, MARIAS RIVER, ST. MARY RIVER AND UPPER MILK RIVER **DRAINAGES** (Defined as the Missouri River and Tributary drainages from Three Forks to and including Marias River, tributary drainages of Missouri River on south side from Marias to and including Musselshell Drainage, Closed to the use of any motor propelled water craft except the St. Mary River and tributary drainages for official patrol, search and rescue, or for scientific purand Milk River and tributary drainages in Glacier County.

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER, MUSSELSHELL RIVER, DEAR-

sion including those taken for sale.

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

FISH WEIGHT LIMIT (STURGEON): The maximum weight sturgeon (genus Scaphirhynchus) which may be taken

In waters where use of live fish other than sculpins (Cottus)

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

four (4) feet in width; or

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

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as Yel-

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.

in any combination.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS sion including those taken for sale. Each fisherman may take all of the following limits 1

The use of nets or traps for catching fish other than sculpins ing net for landing hooked fish. A screen or a net not to exceed

(Use of)

Northeastern Montana

FISHING SEASONS Open entire year with following exceptions: Closed entire year — Wind Creek from Clear Creek road crossing to its source, excluding Ross Reservoir. Missouri River below outlet tunnels of Fort Peck Dam

Open third Saturday in May through November -Streams south of Highway 2 which originate in Bearpaw

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) unat tended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in following Open entire year — Missouri River (excluding river and dredge cuts between Fort Peck Dam and mouth of Milk River), Milk River and its impoundments (including Fresno Reservoir), Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments, Poplar River Big Muddy Creek, Redwater River, Beaver Creek in Valley and Phillips Counties, Frenchman Creek (excluding French-

man Reservoir), Fort Peck Reservoir, (excluding Flat Lake,

and Big Dry Arm of Fort Peck Reservoir south from and in-

Southeastern Montana

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

spears in all waters open to fishing.

through March of following year — All waters.

cluding Dredge Cut Trout Pond) from Fort Peck Dam to mouth of Milk River. Setlines shall not be suspended from ree-floating jugs or other devices. This does not prohibit the use of floats or bobbers attached to poles or bank lines.

ake fish with aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears as fol-Nongame fish — All waters open to fishing.

Game fish, except bass - Fort Peck and Nelson Reservoirs. From December 1 through March of following year fish may be taken by spear or gig from all waters.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both

daily and possession limits. Limits are in numbers of fish. Each fisherman may take all of the following limits:

1. Salmon, grayling and whitefish and all trout, except lake trout — Ten (10) fish in any combination. 2. Lake trout — Five (5) fish

3. Walleye and sauger - Ten (10) fish in any combination. 4. Northern pike — Five (5) fish.

5. Paddlefish — One (1) fish daily and two (2) fish in posses-

above Fresno Reservoir and streams south of Highway 2 which originate in Bearpaw Mountains. used to take sculpins (Cottus).

species may be taken:

With a seine not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length and four (4) feet in width: or

There is no number limit on bass, catfish, burbot (ling),

That portion of the Yellowstone River, approximately

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits:

see Special Regulations. 2. Sauger and walleye - Ten (10) fish in any combination. 3. Northern pike - Five (5) fish.

5. Paddlefish - Two (2) fish per year. See special regulation for Yellowstone River.

FISH WEIGHT LIMITS (STURGEON): The maximum

(Cottus) is prohibited. This does not prohibit the use of a land-On Lakes — Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take scur

(Defined as Missouri River Drainage below Musselshell River,

which enter Missouri River between Marias River Drainage outside of Glacier County.)

Missouri River and all drainages from north

Use of landing nets for landing hooked fish is allowed.

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

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).

(except for approximately two hundred (200) yards below all rrigation diversion dams). Each net must be clearly marked with owner's name and address.

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

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 length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

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

rivers, except Pryor Creek, Sage Creek, and Little Bighorn River upstream from mouth of Lodge Grass Creek.

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

used to take sculpins (Cottus).

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

3. Walleye, sauger, bass and northern pike — Ten (10) fish

when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) fish and possession limit seventy (70) fish. 5. Whitefish — One Hundred (100) fish daily and in posses-

LOWER MISSOURI RIVER AND MILK RIVER DRAINAGES

FISH WEIGHT LIMIT (STURGEON): The maximum weight sturgeon (genus Scaphirhynchus) which may be taken

Hoop Nets — Hoop nets without wings or leads may be used to take nongame fish, catfish, burbot (ling), and sturgeon in Milk River downstream from Highway 2 bridge below Dodson Dam except from Vandalia Dam to a point one-quarter (1/4) mile downstream and in Missouri River below mouth of Milk River. Each net must be clearly marked with owner's name

sturgeon and nongame fish. FISHING DISTRICT SEVEN LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER AND LITTLE MISSOURI

> one-quarter (1/4) mile downstream from Intake Diversion, as posted, shall be closed to fishing or snagging from boats from May 1 through July 11

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both daily and possession limits. Limits are in numbers of fish ex-

1. **All trout, salmon, grayling** — Ten (10) fish in any combination, except Bighorn River on Crow Indian Reservation —

4. Smallmouth bass — Ten (10) fish

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

weight sturgeon (genus Scaphirhynchus) which may be taken is 16 pounds.

Hoop Nets — Hoop nets without wings or leads may be used

Minnow Seines and Traps — In all waters where the use of

in all waters; the use of other nongame fish (except carp, goldfish and rainbow smelt) will be allowed in Tongue River Reservoir, Bighorn Lake and its Afterbay Reservoir; Broad view Pond; Lindsay Reservoir in Dawson Co.; Tauck's Reservoir in Carter Co.; South Sandstone Reservoir and Baker Lake in Fallon Co.; Spotted Eagle Pond in Custer Co.; Coldwell's Reservoir in Garfield Co.; Castle Rock Lake in Rosebud Co.; Lame Steer Reservoir, Wibaux County; and all streams and

From December 1 through March of following year -FISHING RESTRICTIONS northern pike, walleye, sauger, and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from all waters downstream from mouth

SPECIAL REGULATIONS YELLOWSTONE RIVER

(a) From May 1 through July 11 snagging of paddlefish shall be allowed and the snagging of nongame fish

Limit No. 1 — all trout, salmon, grayling, three (3) fish Open December 1 through March of following year — All only one (1) of which may be over 18 inches. akes and reservoirs, except Broadview Pond and Bighorn Af-

> and possession limit for the rest of the fishing distr and rescue, or for scientific purposes.

(b) Paddlefish limit is two (2) per year. Any paddlefish caught must be tagged immediately and counted in this limit. Two (2) tags per licensed angler are available tor \$3 from all Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife

cept where poundage limits are specified.

Whitefish — One Hundred (100) fish daily and in posses-

nan Lake and waters closed entire year.

LIBBY DAM

pait. See "Lures and Bait" under General Regulations. DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS for the rest of the fishing district

Limits 2 through 5 are the same as those listed under

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

fish per day, only one (1) of which may exceed 14 inches. This is both a daily and possession limit. DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS for the rest of the

(Use of Live Fish for Bait)

Limit No. 1 - Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and grayling. Three (3) fish per day, only one (1) of which may exceed 18 inches. This is both

fishing district.

The use of nets or traps for catching fish other than sculpin

FISHING SEASONS On Streams - Five (5) fish, only one (1) of which may Open entire year with following exceptions: Open February 1 through October — Rush Hall Pond.

> tended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in following Open entire year - Yellowstone River below mouth of Clarks Fork, Litte Bighorn River from its mouth to mouth of Lodge Grass Creek, Bighorn River below Two Leggins diversion dam, and all streams in Yellowstone River Drainage ownstream from mouth of Bighorn River, not including

lefish and nongame fish.

Tongue River Reservoir.

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to

angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and snagging of

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

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

Nongame fish - All waters open to fishing. Game fish - Tongue River Reservoir.

FISHING DISTRICT SIX cluding Sand Arroyo and Box Elder Creek Bays), Ester Reservoir, all waters on Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

Open December 1 through March of following year - All Open April 1 through November - Anglers may use up to (2) unattended setlines with not more than two (2) hooks per line in the following waters: Big Dry Arm of Fort Peck Reservoir south from and including Sand Arroyo and Box Elder Creek Bays; and Missouri River and dredge cuts (ex-

SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged may

northern pike, walleye, sauger, burbot (ling), and nongame (Use of Live Fish for Bait)

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

Yellowstone River downstream from mouth of Big-

and Parks headquarters and from several license dealers in Miles City, Glendive and Sidney. See tagging instructions available at those locations **BIGHORN RIVER**

Limits 2 through 6 are the same as listed under daily Artificial lures only from cable approximately 600 feet pelow Afterbay Dam to Bighorn Access area. The operation of any motor, or engine of any description on any vessel is prohibited from Bighorn River Afterbay Dam to Bighorn Access area except for official patrol, search

(Use of Live Fish for Bait)

6. Whitefish - One Hundred (100) fish daily and in posses-7. Paddlefish — One (1) fish daily and two (2) fish in posses-

Use of landing nets for landing hooked fish is allowed. is allowed for bait, nongame species may be taken:

length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

lowstone River Drainage above and including Clarks Fork Yel**lowstone River**)

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

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

River and Musselshell River and the Milk

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

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

below and excluding Clarks Fork Yellowstone River, and all other drainages in Montana southeast of Yellowstone River)

length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

to take nongame fish, catfish, burbot (ling), and sturgeon in Yellowstone River downstream from mouth of Bighorn River