

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 possession limits.

SEASONS: All dates given are inclusive dates. Where dates specify an open season, fishing is closed throughout the remainder of the year. An open season is for all species unless otherwise specified.

LURES AND BAIT: Artificial lures shall include any lure (including flies) that is man-made in imitation of or as a substitute for natural bait. Artificial lures do not include fish eggs or other chemically treated or processed natural baits or foods. Sculpins may be used live for bait statewide, except in waters limited to artificial lures and in the Madison River between McAtee Bridge and Ennis ake. Otherwise live fish may not be used for balt except as provided under

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

STANDARD STATEWIDE FISHING REGULATIONS

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

ICE FISHING SHELTERS:

Beaver Creek Reservoir

Ishermen and hunters are required to stop at checking stations on their outes of travel to and from fishing and hunting areas. FISHING HOURS: ishing is allowed at all hours during open fishing seasons except on Holter

I regulations on ice fishing shelters apply in: Georgetown Lake Hauser Lake

Lake Frances Browns Lake (near Ovando) Echo Lake (near Anaconda) See Ice Fishing Shelter Regulations available from Montana Department of

GAME FISH: species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout, salmon, grayling and whitefish); all species of the genus Stizostedion (sandpike or sauger and whitensh; an species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all species of the genus Micropterus (bass); ll species of the genus Polyodon (paddlefish); all species of the family idae (sturgeon); all species of the genus Lota (burbot or ling); and

the species lctalurus punctatus (channel catfish). MEANS OF TAKING: only a single line with hook or hooks, with or without a pole may be used for Ishing unless otherwise specified in district regulations. The pole or line These provisions also apply to commercial whitefish fishing as provided

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 balt. Otherwise, use or possession of minnow seines, nares, or fish traps is unlawful except as provided under district regulations.

CLOSED WATERS: All waters operated by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as fish hatcheries and rearing ponds nall 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 streams and

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS: Waters posted as Children's Fishing Waters are closed to fishing during the entire year to persons thirteen (13) years of age and older. BEAVER PONDS, IRRIGATION CANALS AND

DITCHES: ions as govern the streams. Man-made irrigation canals and ditches, ss shown otherwise under district regulations, are open year around and have the same limits as streams in that district

NATIONAL PARKS, INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND WILDLIFE REFUGES: ain waters on National Parks, Indian Reservations and National Wildlife defuges may have special regulations or permits that apply to their individual areas. Specific information may be obtained from the headquarters of park. reservation or refuge involved.

he use of boats is prohibited or restricted on many waters. See Boating ns 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 through the ice with spear or gig.

IT IS UNLAWFUL:

sport 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

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 power, dynamite, or other explosive empounds, 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 ound, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish:

to waste any part of game fish suitable for food. is not properly licensed and numbered with registration card carried in is not carrying equipment required by the Montana Water Safety Law copies available from Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.)

to hire or retain an unlicensed outfitter or guide

does not have one serviceable. Coast Guard approved personal flotation evice for each passenger plus one type IV PFD in boats over 16 feet. Persons under 12 years old must wear PFD's when boat is in motion and is less than

WESTERN FISHING DISTRICT (also see Standard Regulations) Whitefish Lake and Lake Mary Ronan - ten (10) fish

STANDARD REGULATIONS FOR DISTRICT

DISTRICT BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION ON

(Apply to all waters except those listed in Exceptions -Restrictions or Special Regulations below; these are marked with color on map.)

FISHING SEASON Streams - Open third Saturday in May through

November Lakes - Open entire year.

MAP SIDE

FISH SIZE LIMIT — 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

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS Unless otherwise specified, (see Special Regulations) the following limits are both daily and possession limits: Each fisherman may take only one of Limit 1, depending upon the drainage, plus all of Limits 2 through 7.

Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, golden trout, lake trout, bull trout (Dolly Varden), and

For Blackfoot, Bitterroot and Clark Fork drainages upstream from the mouth of the Flathead River.

exceed 14 inches. Except: Clark Fork River downstream from Milltown Dam where Limit 1 is five (5) fish only one (1) of which may exceed 16 inches.

For Streams — Five (5) fish, only one (1) of which may

OR For Lakes — Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to

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

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

downstream from the mouth of the Flathead River.

daily and in possession.

Bass - Five (5) fish.

Northern pike - Fifteen (15) fish.

LIMIT 3.

LIMIT 4

LIMIT 5.

November.

Lakes — Open entire year.

Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed ten (10)

fish, whichever is reached first in any combination

Brook trout — Ten (10) pounds, not to exceed 20 fish.

Salmon — Twenty (20) fish daily or in possession by

Flathead Lake, all streams in drainage north of lake,

angling or snagging where permitted except in:

STANDARD REGULATIONS

FISHING SEASON

Streams - Open third Saturday in May through

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, (see Special Regulations) the

following limits are both daily and possession limits.

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits:

For Flathead Lake, Flathead River above Kerr Dam, Hungry Horse Reservoir, all lakes and streams of 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) daily and in possession. Except for Flathead Lake where the lake trout limit shall be one one-fourth (1/4) mile upstream as posted.

Open third Saturday in May through March of the For other streams and lakes of the Kootenai and Flathead drainage and the Clark Fork drainage (ling). (Also see Special Regulations.)

> STREAMS IN CLARK FORK, BLACKFOOT AND BITTERROOT RIVER DRAINAGES

Closed Entire Year: Company to its source.

and tributaries. Silver Creek above Saltese water supply intake.

Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, golden

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

exceed 18 inches, except for Warm Springs Creek near

Lewistown, and Little Bighorn River where the limit is

ten (10) fish. On the Madison, Big Hole and Gallatin

River only one of the five fish may be a grayling.

trout, lake trout and grayling.

taken regardless of weight limit.

daily and in possession by angling or snagging. Clearwater Drainage — Ten (10) fish except during snagging season when daily limit shall be thirty-five

(35) and seventy (70) in possession. Georgetown Lake and tributaries - No daily or possession limit.

daily and in possession. On Lake Mary Ronan during

snagging season the limit shall be twenty (20) fish

Whitefish - One hundred (100) fish daily and in possession including fish taken for sale.

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

EXCEPTIONS — RESTRICTIVE

(waters marked with color on map) STREAMS IN FLATHEAD, KOOTENAI AND SWAN RIVER DRAINAGES

Closed Entire Year:

Rogers Lake spawning inlet. The following tributaries of North Fork Flathead River; Big Creek, Coal Creek and all their ibutaries. Whale Creek and its tributaries below Whale Creek Falls, Trail Creek (Yakinikak) and its ibutaries below mouth of Thoma Creek.

The following tributaries of Middle Fork Flathead River: Granite, Morrison, Lodgepole, Long Creeks and their tributaries.

South Fork of Flathead River downstream from lungry 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, tributaries 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 ridge NE%, Sec. 16, 120N, R1/W to its source. 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 source.

Crow Creek and its tributaries above intake from Ronan water supply to its source. Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source.

Flower Creek and its artificial impoundments from Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural

O'Brien Creek from Troy city water intake to a point Haskell Creek and tributaries from Whitefish public water intake to its source.

following year — Kootenai River, except for burbot

Rattlesnake Creek and tributary streams from Missoula water supply dam of Mountain Water Basin Creek from lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs

Open July 1 through November - Stream tributary to Medicine Lake near Philipsburg.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Closed Entire Year: Libby Dam structure as posted and the buoyed area mediately upstream from the spillway. Cedar Creek impoundment (Columbia Falls water

Fred Burr Lake (Philipsburg water supply) Closed as posted from October 1 until spawn taking is completed — Hatchery Bay of Flathead

Open third Saturday in May through September -Kilbrennan Lake. Open third Saturday in May through March 15 of

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

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

KOOTENAI RIVER

Fishing from boats or other floating craft is prohibited in Kootenai River from Libby Dam

ANACONDA SETTLING POND All waters in Anaconda Company settling ponds system near town of Warm Springs as posted, May

PORTIONS OF CLARK FORK AND BITTERROOT Bitterroot River — from Stevensville Bridge

to Florence Bridge and one (1) mile downstream from Darby Bridge to Como Bridge. Third Saturday in May through November.

General Regulations. Limit Number 1 — Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, bull trout (Dolly Varden), Five (5) fish per day under 14 inches OR four (4) fish under 14 inches and one (1) over 18 inches.

Limits 2 through 7 are the same as those listed under Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of the fishing district.

ROCK CREEK Rock Creek near Clinton from mouth of Butte Cabin Creek to mouth of Big Hogback Creek. Third Saturday in May through November. Artificial lures only. See "Lures and Bait" under General Regulations.

Limit Number 1 - Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, bull trout (Dolly Varden) and grayling. Catch and release only. Limits 2 through 7 are the same as those listed

the 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. Third Saturday in May through November, artificial lures only, for persons 15 years and older. Fisherman 14 years

Limit Number 1 — Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, bull trout (Dolly Varden) and grayling. Three (3) fish per day, only one (1) of which may exceed 14 inches. This is both a daily and possession limit.

March 1 through December.

approximately 500 yards downstream to David Thompson bridge as posted.

fishing. Artificial lures only. See "Lures and Bait" under General Regulations.

Artificial lures only. See "Lures and Bait" under

under General Regulations.

Lake at Somers.

following year - Lake Mary Ronan.

(waters marked with yellow on map)

Fishing for burbot (ling) shall be open only from

25 through September for catch-and-release

Clark Fork River - From Anaconda Company settling pond system spillway to Perkins Lane

under Daily and Possession limits for the rest of

and younger may use bait. See "Lures and Bait"

Limits 2 through 7 are the same as those listed under Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of the fishing district.

EXCEPTIONS — LIBERAL STREAMS OPEN ENTIRE YEAR:

Ashley Creek below Smith Lake. Flathead River below Kerr Dam. Whitefish River from Whitefish Lake to Montana State

Little Bitterroot River downstream from its tunnel.

Highway 40 Bridge. Stillwater River between Upper and Lower Stillwater

Clark Fork River downstream from Perkins Lane Bridge in Deer Lodge County. Clearwater River below Lake Inez fish barrier.

Big Blackfoot River downstream from Scotty Brown Bitterroot River downstream from Florence bridge. EXTENDED WHITEFISH SEASON — Open December 1

Waters closed entire year Waters posted closed. COMMERCIAL WHITEFISH FISHING - Open third Saturday in May through March of the following year —

through March of following year — all streams except:

for the catching of whitefish for commercial sale: Clark Fork River, including mainstream impoundments Blackfoot River

Flathead Lake and Flathead River from junction of North Fork and South Forks to Clark Fork. Kootenai River from Libby Dam to Idaho border. BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and snagging

SNAGGING FC SALMON Open Septeml 3, 15 through November Lake Mary man. Open Septem 5 through December

nongame fish.

Georgetow ke and tributaries. all waters ... he Clearwater, Flathead and Kootenai River drainages except: Lake Mary Ronan. Flathead Lake, and all streams in drainage north of

Slough, and Whitefish Lake which are closed entire year to snagging. Water closed entire year. SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with rubber- or spring-propelled

spears in all waters open to fishing except: Lower and Middle Thompson lakes. Echo, Peterson, and Abbott lakes near Bigfork. Lake Blaine near Kalispell. Loon and Horseshoe lakes near Ferndale.

Murphy Lake near Fortine.

Echo Lake near Bigfork.

Upper and Lower Stillwater lakes.

Blanchard Lake near Whitefish. 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:

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.

NETS (Use of)

Landing nets may be used for landing hooked fish. The 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).

CENTRAL FISHING DISTRICT (also see Standard Regulations)

DISTRICT BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION ON MAP SIDE.

FOR DISTRICT (Apply to all waters except those listed in Exceptions-Restrictive or Special Regulations; these waters are On Lakes — Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to marked with color on map.) exceed ten (10) fish except in Clark Canyon Reservoir where the limit is five (5) fish. Two (2) fish may be

> fishing both lakes and streams is ten (10) fish. Brook trout — Ten (10) pounds, not to exceed twenty

The combined daily and possession limit for a person

LIMIT 3. Bass, sauger, walleye - Five (5) fish in any Northern pike - Five (5) fish.

Salmon - Ten (10) fish except during snagging season when daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) and seventy (70) in possession.

Whitefish - One hundred (100) fish daily and in possession including those taken for sale. There is no number limit on catfish, burbot (ling), sturgeon and nongame fish.

> RESTRICTIVE (waters marked with color on map) STREAMS

EXCEPTIONS —

Closed Entire Year: Missouri River immediately below Canyon Ferry Missouri River 175 feet below Holter Dam including concrete abutments.

That portion of Giant Springs at Great Falls enclosed by concrete walks and masonry work. West Fork of Rock Creek from Red Lodge city water intake to mouth of Washoe Creek as posted.

The following streams are closed from city water supply intake to a point one thousand (1,000) feet stream as posted: Indian Creek near Sheridan.

Rattlesnake Creek near Dillon.

Middle Fork Hyalite, Bozeman (Sourdough). and Lyman creeks near Bozeman. Midvale Creek and Intake Reservoir from intake of Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to Glacier Park boundary.

O'Brien Creek above Neihart public water intake. Willow Creek and its tributaries from White Sulphur Springs public water intake to its source. Central Fishing District Continued

Open third Saturday in July through November -East Fork and West Fork of Hyalite 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 (also see restriction below on Willow Creek Arm of Harrison

Open third Saturday in May through September -Boulder River from its mouth (near Cardwell) upstream approximately four airline miles to the bridge in T2N, R3W, S24.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Open August 1 through November:

Lightning Creek.

Closed Entire Year: A portion of Lake Frances around Conrad water

supply outlet as posted. Hauser Dam structure and adjacent water as posted, and Toston Dam structure as posted. Open third Saturday in May through February of

following year: Wade Lake (Madison County)

Willow Creek Arm of Harrison Reservoir as posted (also, see restrictions above on North and South

Open third Saturday in June through November Hidden Lake (Madison County). Goose Lake (Madison County). Otter Lake (Madison County)

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

Savings Time, whichever is in effect: Holter Reservoir. CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS

Open as posted to persons twelve (12) years of age

Closed between the hours of 12:00 midnight and

5:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time or Daylight

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 town of Augusta. Fairgrounds Pond, Helena (Yellow color also

SPECIAL REGULATIONS (waters marked with yellow on map)

applies to Spring Meadow Lake).

MADISON RIVER DRAINAGE Madison River from Quake Lake outlet to McAtee Bridge - catch-and-release fishing y for trout and grayling. Artificial lures only. Se Lures and Bait" under General Regulations. Madison River from McAtee Brid

- sculpins not allowed for bait. LIMIT NO. 1 — Daily and Possession | mit. Trout and grayling — Five (5) fish per day, only

DISTRICT BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION ON

STANDARD REGULATIONS

FOR DISTRICT

(Apply to all waters except those listed in Exceptions-

Restrictive or Special Regulations; these waters are

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marked with color on map.)

one (1) of which may exceed 18 inches, and only one (1) of which may be a rainbow, and only one fish may be a grayling.

LIMITS 2 THROUGH 6 are the same as those listed under Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of the fishing district.

Madison River from Earthquake Lake outlet to Lyon Bridge (New West Fork Madison River Bridge) and from McAtee Bridge to Varney Bridge shall be closed to fishing from boats. Darlington Ditch (Darlinton Spring Creek) on

Cobblestone Fishing Access Site (near Logan) -Catch-and-release fishing only for trout and grayling. Artificial lures only.

GALLATIN AND BIG HOLE RIVERS Gallatin River from mouth of Portal Creek to

Williams Bridge — Artificial lures only. See "Lures and Bait" under General Regulations. Gallatin River from Yellowstone National Park boundary to its confluence with East Gallatin River shall be closed to fishing from boats.

Big Hole River from Divide Dam to Melrose Bridge Third Saturday in May through November. Artificial lures only. See "Lures and Bait" under General Regulations. LIMIT NO. 1 — Daily and Possession Limit Trout and grayling - Three (3) fish per day

under 13 inches and one (1) fish per day over 22 inches, only 1 fish may be a grayling. LIMITS 2 THROUGH 6 are the same as those listed

under Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of the fishing district. SPRING MEADOW LAKE (Yellow color also

applies to Fairgrounds Pond, Helena) One (1) trout or bass. Other species — no limit

except for official patrol, search and rescue, or for scientific purposes. **BIGHORN RIVER**

Afterbay Dam to Reservation Boundary: LIMIT NO. 1 — all trout, salmon, grayling, three (3) fish only one (1) of which may be over 18

Closed to the use of any motor propelled water craft

LIMITS 2 THROUGH 6 are the same as listed under Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of the fishing district. Artificial lures only (See "Lures and Bait" under

from bridge at Springdale. General Regulations) from cable approximately 600 feet below Afterbay Dam to Bighorn Access COMMERCIAL WHITEFISH FISHING — Open entire year area. The operation of any motor, or engine of for the catching of whitefish for commercial sale: any description on any vessel is prohibited from Missouri River from Holter Dam to Black Eagle Dam. Bighorn River Afterbay Dam to Bighorn Access Yellowstone River. area except for official patrol, search and rescue, or for scientific purposes. OPEN YEAR-AROUND FOR BROOK TROUT -SUN RIVER DRAINAGE ABOVE GIBSON Tributaries of Big Hole River above Divide Dam and Big

RESERVOIR LIMIT NO. 1 - Rainbow trout and cutthroat over 18 inches.

EXCEPTIONS LIBERAL

Madison River from Hebgen Dam to Varney Bridge and below Ennis Lake Gallatin River from Yellowstone National Park boundary to confluence with Missouri River.

Streams Open Entire Year

Closed May 1 through July 10 to fishing or

From May 1 through July 10 snagging of paddle-

fish shall be allowed and the snagging of nongame

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 for \$3 from all Montana Department of

Fish, Wildlife and Parks headquarters and from

several license dealers in Eastern Montana. See

Fort Peck Reservoir downstream from a line

between Haxby Point and number 6 navigation

sign at South Fork Duck Creek including Big Dry

The daily and possession limit for walleye and

Anglers may use up to two (2) attended or

unattended lines with not more than two (2) hooks

from April 1 through November. These lines shall

not be suspended from free-floating devices such as

jugs; however, floats or bobbers attached to poles or

In remainder of reservoir the daily and possession

any combination and six (6) setlines (including

EXCEPTIONS — LIBERAL

Open Entire Year:

Missouri River below Morony Dam (excluding river and

dredge cuts between Fort Peck Dam and mouth of Milk

Milk River and its impoundments (including Fresno

limit for walleye and sauger shall be ten (10) fish in

sauger shall be five (5) fish in any combination.

tagging instructions available at those locations.

Also see Exceptions Restrictive.

bank lines are allowed.

jugs) are allowed.

Marias River.

Musselshell River.

Teton River.

FORT PECK RESERVOIR

Yellowstone River from Intake Diversion to approximately one-quarter (1/4) mile downstream as posted. Also see Special Regulations. Open third Saturday in May through November:

Streams south of Highway 2 which originate in Bearpaw Mountains. Open February 1 through October: Rush Hall Pond (Fallon County)

Bighorn River:

fish prohibited.

snagging from boats:

SPECIAL REGULATIONS All waters open entire year. (waters marked with yellow on map) YELLOWSTONE RIVER Fish Weight Limits (Sturgeon): The maximum weight sturgeon (genus Scaphirhynchus) Yellowstone River downstream from mouth of which may be taken is 16 pounds.

Unless otherwise specified, (see Special Regulations) the following limits are both daily and possession limits. Each fisherman may take all of the following limits: LIMIT 1. Salmon, grayling and whitefish and all trout, except

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

LIMIT 2. Lake trout - five (5) fish. LIMIT 3. Walleye and sauger — ten (10) fish in any combination. except for a portion of Fort Peck Reservoir - see Special

lake trout — ten (10) fish in any combination.

Northern pike - five (5) fish, except Nelson Reservoir where there will be no number limit. Bass (largemouth and smallmouth) — ten (10) fish in

possession, except for Yellowstone River - see Special There is no number limit on catfish, burbot (ling), sturgeon and nongame fish.

EXCEPTIONS —

RESTRICTIVE

Paddlefish - one (1) fish daily and two (2) fish in

(waters marked with color on map) Closed entire year: Wind Creek (Blaine County) from Clear Creek road crossing to its source, excluding Ross Reservoir. Missouri River below outlet tunnels of Fort Peck Dam as posted.

Missouri River immediately below Morony Dam as

trout, three (3) fish only one (1) of which may be LIMITS 2 THROUGH 6 are the same as listed under Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of the fishing district.

> Bynum Reservoir, including inlet and outlet streams, Ackley Lake. SETLINE FISHING - Anglers may use up to six (6) unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the following waters, each overnight setline must be clearly marked with owners name and address.

Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir.

(Sourdough) Creek.

Ruby River below Ruby Dam.

Mill Creek near Sheridan.

Sun River below Gibson Dam.

Belt Creek below bridge at Riceville.

River below high bridge on Highway 434.

Teton River below U.S. Highway 89.

Clarks Fork Yellowstone River.

Boulder River near Big Timber.

Rock Creek near Red Lodge.

Red Lodge Creek below Cooney Dam.

Beaverhead River below Pipeorgan Bridge.

Cut Bank Creek below Blackfeet Indian Reservation

Smith River below the confluence of North and South

Big Spring Creek and Warm Springs Creek near

Dearborn River and that portion of North Fork Dearborn

Open Third Saturday in May through February of the

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

and-release fishing only, artificial lures only; see

EXTENDED WHITEFISH SEASON — Open December 1

All waters in Yellowstone River drainage downstream

Hole River and tributaries above bridge at Wisdom.

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to

angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and snagging

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through

Madison River from Varney Bridge to Ennis Lake.

"Lures and Bait" under General Regulations:

Jefferson River.

Virginia City.

Boundary.

Marias River.

Yellowstone River.

Bluewater Creek.

Stillwater River

Bighorn River.

following year:

Poindexter Slough.

Big Hole River.

Steel Creek.

of nongame fish.

Pishkun Reservoir.

Armstrong Spring Creek.

to the third Saturday in May:

Red Rock River below Lima Reservoir.

North Fork Big Hole River.

Little Bighorn River.

Missouri River.

Forks Smith River.

East Gallatin River below mouth of Bozeman Open entire year:

Lake Frances, except portion closed as posted. Marias River. Split Rock Lake Alder Gulch Creek and Dredge Ponds from the mouth to Pishkun Reservoir.

Clarks Fork Yellowstone River below bridge at Bridger. Yellowstone River below mouth of Clarks Fork. Little Bighorn River.

Bighorn River below Two Leggins diversion dam. Open December 1 through March of following year: Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

Holter Reservoir — setline fishing prohibited from 12 midnight to 5 a.m. and from shore.

Helena Valley Reservoir. Missouri River from Canyon Ferry Dam to Hauser Lake. Open Second Saturday in June through February of

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take certain fish with rubber- or spring-propelled spears in waters open to fishing as follows: Nongame fish and burbot (ling) - All waters open to

Open December 1 through February of following year —

fishing. Five (5) whitefish daily — Missouri River between bridges at Craig and Sheep Creek.

following year — Eyraud (Arod) Lakes.

Northern pike, and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from Eyraud (Arod) Lakes. Open December 1 through March of following year -Northern pike, walleye, sauger, burbot (ling), and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from:

Pishkun Reservoir. Split Rock Lake.

BAIT

Lake Frances except portion closed as posted.

(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:

In all streams and drainage canals of Muddy Creek drainage near Vaughn. Bighorn Lake and its Afterbay Reservoir. Little Bighorn River from its mouth to mouth of Lodge Grass Creek.

Bighorn River (except portion with artificial lures only, see Special Regulations). Musselshell River below irrigation diversion near

NETS (Use of)

Landing nets may be used for landing hooked fish. In waters where use of live fish other than sculpins (Cottus) is allowed for bait, nongame species may be

1. With seines not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length and four (4) feet in width; or 2. With minnow traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

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

EASTERN FISHING DISTRICT (also see Standard Regulations)

> Poplar River. Big Muddy Creek. Redwater River.

> > Beaver Creek in Valley and Phillips counties.

Frenchman Creek (excluding Frenchman Reservoir).

Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments.

All streams in Yellowstone River Drainage, (not including Tongue River Reservoir). A portion of Fort Peck Reservoir (see Special

Ester Reservoir.

lines are allowed.

following waters:

may be used in:

Tiber Reservoir — (see note below). Nelson Reservoir (see note below). NOTE: In Tiber Reservoir each overnight setline must be clearly marked with owner's name and address. In Nelson Reservoir each setline must be clearly marked with owners name, address and setlines may not be suspended from free-floating devices such as jugs, however, floats or bobbers attached to poles or bank

All lakes and reservoirs. Open April 1 through November -Anglers may use up to two (2) attended or unattended lines with not more than two (2) hooks per line in:

Open December 1 through March of Following Year —

The Missouri River and dredge cuts (including Dredge

Cut Trout Pond) from Fort Peck Dam to mouth of Milk

River. These lines shall not be suspended from free-

floating devices such as jugs. However, floats or bobbers attached to poles or bank lines are allowed. BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish except a portion of

Yellowstone River, see Special Regulations.

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take certain fish with rubber- or spring-propelled spears in waters open to fishing as follows: Nongame fish and burbot (ling) - All waters open to

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

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

Game fish - Fort Peck, Nelson, and Tongue River 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 all

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)

Missouri River Drainage. Tiber Reservoir.

Petrolia Reservoir.

Reservoir.

Dredge Cut Trout Pond.

used to take sculpins (Cottus).

Kuester Reservoir in Richland County. Cole Ponds, Frenchman, McChesney, Nelson, Little Warm, and Ester reservoirs in Phillips County. Killenbeck and Whitetail reservoirs in Daniels County. Flat Lake in McCone County.

Engstrom and Raymond reservoirs in Sheridan County. Bainville Railroad Ponds in Roosevelt County. Sam Lee Reservoir in Dawson County. Fort Peck Reservoir. Milk River and its impoundments below Fresno

Impoundments on Lone Tree Creek

Yellowstone River Drainage.

All streams and rivers except: Milk River and its tributaries above Fresno Streams south of Highway 2 which originate in Bearpaw Mountains, Missouri River upstream from Morony Dam.

Lindsay Reservoir in Dawson County. Tauck's Reservoir in Carter County. South Sandstone Reservoir and Baker Lake in Fallon Spotted Eagle Pond in Custer County. Coldwell's Reservoir in Garfield County.

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), and sturgeon in Yellowstone River downstream from mouth of Bighorn River (except for approximately two hundred (200) yards below all irrigation diversion dams), 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

in length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

four (4) feet in width: or

nongame species may be taken:

Castle Rock Lake in Rosebud County. Lame Steer Reservoir in Wibaux County. All streams and rivers except Yellowstone River above

NETS (Use of) Landing nets may be used for landing hooked fish.

live fish other than sculpins (Cottus) is allowed for bait. 1. With a seine not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length and

of Milk River. Each net must be clearly marked with owner's name and address. Minnow Seines and Traps - In all waters where use of

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

Tongue River Reservoir.

Huntley Diversion.