

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

When weighing and measuring fish to determine limits, fish may have entrails removed but must have their heads and tails attached to their

Daily limits 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 possession limits. A person fishing on a water may possess only the limit allowed for that

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: rtificial 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

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 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

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

CHECKING STATIONS: Fishermen and hunters are required to stop at checking stations on their routes of travel to and from fishing and hunting areas. FISHING HOURS:

ishing is allowed at all hours during open fishing seasons except on

ICE FISHING SHIELTERS:

Special regulations on ide fishing shelters apply in: Bearpaw Lake Georg Georgetown Lake Hauser Lake Helena Valley Reservoir Beaver Creek Reservoir Browns Lake (near Ovando) Echo Lake (near Amaconda) Lake Helena

See ice fishing shelter regulations available from Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Park

GAME FISH: All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout, salmon, grayling and whitefish); all species of the genus Stizostedion (sandpike or sauger and walleye pike or yellow pike-perch); all species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all species of the genus Micropterus (bass); all species of the genus Polyodon (paddlefish); all species of th family Acipenseridae (sturgeon); all species of the genus Lota (burbot or

MEANS OF TAKING:

STANDARD STATEWIDE FISHING REGULATIONS

ly a single line with hook or hooks, with or without a pole, may be used fishing unless otherwise specified in district regulations. The pole or These provisions also apply to commercial whitefish fishing as provided

Setlines may be used as provided under district regulations. Setlines are 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 regula-

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 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 streams and hazardous areas are closed as posted. CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS: Waters posted as Children's Fishing Waters are closed to fishing during

BEAVER PONDS, IRRIGATION CANALS AND DITCHES:

the entire year to persons thirteen (13) years of age and older.

ndments formed by beaver dams on streams are governed by the same regulations as govern the streams. Man-made irrigation canals and ditches are open the year around unless shown otherwise under district 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, reservation or refuge involved. USE OF BOATS:

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

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 IT IS UNLAWFUL: Sculpers might where to the

to transport or introduce any fish or viable fish eggs into any water, 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 compounds, or any corrosive or narotic 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 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 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 26 feet long.

WESTERN FISHING DISTRICT

(also see Standard Statewide Regulations)

STANDARD 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: LIMIT 1.

Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, golden trout, lake trout, grayling, and bull trout (Dolly Varden), (note special bull trout restrictions on portion of district listed below). On Streams - Five (5) fish, only one (1) of which may

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

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

Flathead Lake and Hungry Horse Reservoir where Limit 1 is five (5) fish daily and in possession. Either one (1) bull trout (Dolly Varden) and one (1) lake trout or two (2) lake trout and zero (0) bull trout may be included

BULL TROUT SIZE AND CREEL LIMIT -

FLATHEAD DRAINAGE For Flathead Lake, Flathead River above Kerr Dam, Hungry Horse Reservoir, all streams of the North Fork, South Fork and Middle Fork drainages and the Swan River downstream from Bigfork Dam.

No more than one (1) bull trout (Dolly Varden) may be included in the daily catch. Bull trout kept shall be no less than eighteen (18) inches long with head and tail attached to body, except no size limit in South Fork Flathead River Drainage from Hungry Horse Dam to Wilderness boundary.

Brook trout — Ten (10) pounds not to exceed twenty

LIMIT 3. Bass - Five (5) fish except Carpenter (Therriault) Lake — twenty (20)

LIMIT 4. Northern pike — Fifteen (15) fish

LIMIT 5. Salmon — Twenty (20) fish daily or in possession by angling or snagging where permitted except in: Ashley, Little Bitterroot, Swan, Tally lakes — thirty-five

(35) daily and seventy (70) in possession. Flathead Lake, all streams in drainage north of lake, Swan River downstream from Big Fork Dam, Brenneman Slough, Whitefish Lake and Lake Mary Ronan ten (10) fish daily and in possession. On Lake Mary Ronan during snagging season the limit shall be twenty

(20) fish 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 posses-LIMIT 6. Whitefish - One hundred (100) fish daily and in posses-

sion including fish taken for sale LIMIT 7. Burbot (ling) — Five (5) fish daily and in possession It shall be unlawful to take or possess any sturgeon of the genus Acipenser (white strugeon)

FISHING SEASONS STANDARD SEASONS

Apply to all waters except those listed in Exceptions

—Restrictive or Special Regulations; these waters are marked with color on map.

STREAMS - Open third Saturday in May through LAKES - Open entire year.

EXCEPTIONS — RESTRICTIVE

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

Closed Entire Year:

STANDARD DAILY AND

POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, (see Special Regulations) the

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 River only one of the five

(5) fish may be a grayling. In the Big Hole River drain-

following limits are both daily and possession limits.

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits:

trout, lake trout and grayling.

Ashley Creek from Thompson Falls public water supply intake to its source All tributaries to Ashley Lake Crow Creek and its tributaries upstream of intake from Ronan water supply to its source

Donaldson Creek, tributary of Lake Mary Ronan Elk Creek, tributary to Swan River upstream from bridge NE1/4, Sec. 16, T2ON, R17W to its source Flower Creek and its artificial impoundments from Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural

Freeland Creek, tributary of Lake Mary Ronan Haskell Creek and tributaries from Whitefish public water intake to its source

Hell Roaring Creek, water supply for Polson, and its lakes from outlet of lower lake to its source Herrig Creek, tributary to Little Bitterroot Lake Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source Middle Fork Flathead River tributaries: Granite, Morrison, Lod gepole, Long creeks and their tribu-

North Fork Flathead River tributaries: Big Creek, Coal Creek and all their tributaries, Whale Creek and its tributaries downstream from Whale Creek Falls, Trail Creek (Yakinikak) and its tributaries ownstream from mouth of Thoma Creek O'Brien Creek from Troy city water intake to a point one-fourth (1/4) mile upstream as posted Rogers Lake spawning inlet outh Fork of Flathead River downstream from

Hungry Horse Dam to "Devil's Elbow" as posted

STREAMS IN CLARK FORK, BLACKFOOT AND BITTERROOT RIVER DRAINAGES:

Closed Entire Year: Basin Creek from lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs and

tary to Medicine Lake near Philipsburg

Rattlesnake Creek and tributary streams from Missoula water supply dam of Mountain Water Silver Creek up stream from Saltese water supply Open July 1 through November - Stream tribu-

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Closed Entire Year: Cedar Creek im poundment (Columbia Falls water

Libby Dam structure as posted and the buoyed area immediately upstream from the spillway 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

following year — Lake Mary Ronan 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 near Anaconda Open July 1 through April — Medicine Lake near

EXCEPTIONS — LIBERAL

Waters posted closed

STREAMS OPEN ENTIRE YEAR Ashley Creek below Smith Lake Big Blackfoot River downstream from Scotty Brown

Bitterroot River downstream from Florence Bridge Clark Fork River downstream from Anaconda Company Settling Pond System Spillway Clearwater River downstream from Lake Inez fish

Flathead River down stream of Kerr Dam Kootenai River Little Bitterroot River downstream from its tunnel

Stillwater River between Upper and Lower Stillwater Whitefish River from Whitefish Lake to Montana

State Highway 40 Bridge EXTENDED WHITEFISH SEASON — Open December through March of following year - All streams except Waters closed entire year

COMMERCIAL WHITEFISH FISHING - Open

third Saturday in May through March of the following

year — for the catching of whitefish for commercial sale: Bitterroot River Blackfoot River Clark Fork River, including mainstream impound-

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 nongame fish.
SNAGGING FOR SALMON Open September 15 through November Lake Mary Ronan

Open September 15 through December Lake Mary Ronan Flathead Lake, and all streams in drainage north of lake, Swan River below Big Fork Dam, Brenneman

year to snagging Waters 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:

Slough, and Whitefish Lake which are closed entire

Abbott Lake near Bigfork ABlanchard Lake near Whitefish Echo Lake near Bigfork Horseshoe Lake near Ferndale Lake Blaine near Kalispell Lake Mary Ronan

Loon Lake near Ferndale Lower, Middle and Upper Thompson lakes Murphy Lake near Forting Peterson Lake near Bigfork

Open through the ice only - Northern pike and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig: Blanchard Lake Echo Lake near Bigfork

Lion Lake Upper & Lower Stillwater Lakes

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

(waters marked with vellow on man) ANACONDA SETTLING POND All waters in Anaconda Company settling pond system near town of Warm Springs as posted, May ing. Artificial lures only. See "Lures and Bait" under Standard Statewide Regulations **BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS COMPLEX** All lakes and streams in the Blackfoot, South Fork Flathead and Middle Fork Flathead river drain-

ages within the boundaries of the Bob Marshall, Great Bear and Scapegoat Wilderness Areas.

Limit Number 1 — Three (3) fish (except bull trout) none of which may exceed 12 inches. Only one bull trout may be included in the three (3) fish limit and it must be over 18 inches.

Doctor, Flotilla, George, Koessler, Lena, Lick, Pendant, Sunburst, Terrace and Woodward lakes where the limit is ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed ten (10) fish. Two fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Limits 2 Through 7 are the same as those listed

under Daily and Possession limits for the rest of PORTIONS OF CLARK FORK AND BITTERROOT RIVERS

Clark Fork River — From Anaconda Company settling pond system spillway to Perkins Lane Bridge. Bitterroot River - from Stevensville Bridge to Florence Bridge and one (1) mile downstream from Darby Bridge to Como Bridge. Artificial lures only. See "Lures and Bait" under Standard Statewide 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. LIBBY DAM Fishing from boats or other floating craft is prohibited in Kootenai River from Libby Dam approximately 500 yards downstream to David Thompson bridge as posted.

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 Standard Statewide Regulations. Limit Number 1 — Brown trout, cutthroat trout,

rainbow trout, and bull trout (Dolly Varden). Catch and Release Only. Limits 2 Through 7 are the same as those listed under Daily and Possession limits for the rest of 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 and younger may use bait. See "Lures and Bait" under Standard Statewide Regu-

Limit Number 1 — Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, and bull trout (Dolly Varden). Three (3) fish per day, only one (1) of which may exceed 14 inches. This is both a daily and posses-Limits 2 Through 7 are the same as those listed

under Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of SOUTH FORK FLATHEAD RIVER South Fork Flathead River from Meadow Creek

bridge down to Spotted Bear footbridge Third Saturday in May through November catch and release for cutthroat trout only with artificial lures only. See "Lures and Bait" under Standard Statewide Regulations. Limit Number 1. Brown trout, rainbow trout,

golden trout, lake trout, grayling and bull trout (Dolly Varden) - five (5) fish only one of which may exceed 14 inches. No more than one (1) bull trout (Dolly Varden) may be included in the daily Limits 2 Through 7 are the same as those listed

under Daily and Possession limits for the rest of

the fishing district. SWAN RIVER

Swan River from Ferndale bridge to mouth of Bear Creek December 1 to third Saturday in May - eatch

and Bait" under Standard Statewide Regula-Limit Number 1 — Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, golden trout, lake trout, grayling

and release with artificial lures only. See "Lures

and bull trout (Dolly Varden) catch and release Limits 2 Through 7 are the same as those listed under Daily and Possession limits for the rest of

the fishing district.
THOMPSON RIVER Thompson River from mouth of West Fork Thompson River to mouth of Deerhorn Creek Third Saturday in May through November — catch and release with artificial lures only. See

"Lures and Bait" under Standard Statewide Limit Number 1 — Brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, golden trout, lake trout, grayling and bull trout (Dolly Varden) catch and release

Limits 2 Through 7 are the same as those listed under Daily and Possession limits for the rest of WOODS LAKE

Entire year - catch and release with artificial lures only. See "Lures and Bait" under Standard Statewide Regulations. Limit Number 1 - Brown trout, cutthroat trout,

rainbow trout, golden trout, lake trout, grayling and bull trout (Dolly Varden) catch and release Limits 2 Through 7 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 Standard Statewide Regulations. (Apply to all waters except those listed in Exceptions

-Restrictive or Special Regulations; these waters are

NETS

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 Statewide Regulations)

age only one of the five (5) fish may be a grayling which must be over 13 inches

On Lakes — Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed ten (10) fish except in Clark Canyon Reservoir and Harrison Reservoir where the limit is five (5) fish. Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Brook trout - Ten (10) pounds not to exceed twenty

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

Samuel America and other properties Salmon - Ten (10) fish except during snagging season when daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) and seventy (70)

LIMIT 6. 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.

FISHING SEASONS STANDARD SEASONS

EXCEPTIONS — RESTRICTIVE (waters marked with color on map)

Streams - Open third Saturday in May through

Lakes - Open entire year.

Closed Entire Year Missouri River immediately downstream of Canyon Ferry Dam as posted Missouri River — fishing from Holter Dam, abutment and spillway structures below the Dam

STREAMS

Between Carryon herry Hauser it is considered lake

Central Fishing District Continued

Midvale Creek and Intake Reservoir from intake of Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to Glacier Park boundary O'Brien Creek upstream of Neihart public water

Toston Dam structure as posted. Willow Creek and its tributaries from White Sulphur Springs public water intake to its source The following streams are closed from city water supply intake to a point one thousand (1,000) feet upstream as posted: Bozeman (Sourdough), near Bozeman Indian Creek near Sheridan

Lyman Creek near Bozeman Middle Fork Hyalite near Bozeman Rattlesnake Creek near Dillon West Fork of Rock Creek at Red Lodge 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. Open August 1 through November:

Lightning Creek

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS Closed Entire Year: A portion of Lake Frances around Conrad water supply outlet as posted Hauser Dam structure and adjacent water as

Open third Saturday in May through February of Wade Lake (Madison County) Willow Creek Arm of Harrison Reservoir as

posted (also, see restrictions above on North and South Willow creeks) Open third Saturday in June through November Goose Lake (Madison County) Hidden Lake (Madison County) Otter Lake (Madison County) Open second Saturday in June through February

of following year: Eyraud (Arod) Lakes Closed between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time or Daylight Savings Time, whichever is in effect:

EXCEPTIONS LIBERAL STREAMS OPEN ENTIRE YEAR Alder Gulch Creek and Dredge Ponds from the mouth to Virginia City Beaverhead River downstream of Pipeorgan Bridge

Belt Creek downstream of bridge at Riceville Big Spring Creek (Main Stem) Fergus Co. Bluewater Creek Boulder River (Main Stem) Park and Sweet Grass Co. Clarks Fork Yellowstone River

Cut Bank Creek downstream of Blackfeet Indian Reservation boundar Dearborn River downstream from bridge on Highway East Gallatin River downstream from mouth of Bozeman (Sourdough) Creek

Salmon, grayling and whitefish and all trout, except lake

Walleye and sauger — ten (10) fish in any combination,

except for a portion of Fort Peck Reservoir - see Spe-

Northern pike - five (5) fish, except Nelson Reservoir

Bass (largemouth and smallmouth) — ten (10) fish in

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

session, except for Yellowstone River - see Special

There is no number limit on catfish, burot (ling), stur-

STANDARD SEASONS

EXCEPTIONS — RESTRICTIVE

(waters marked with color on map)

Closed entire year:

Giant Springs at Great Falls that portion enclosed

Missouri River downstream from outlet tunnels of

Missouri River immediately downstream from

Wind Creek (Blaine County) from Clear Creek

road crossing to its source, excluding Ross Reser-

Closed May 1 through July 8 to fishing or snagging

Yellowstone River from Intake Diversion to ap-

proximately one-quarter (1/4) mile downstream as

Open third Saturday in May through November:

Streams south of Highway 2 which originate in

by concrete walks and masonry work

posted. Also see Special Regulations.

Open February through October:

Rush Hall Pond (Fallon County)

Fort Peck Dam as posted

Morony Dam as posted

Bearpaw Mountains

from boats:

trout — ten (10) fish in any combination.

where there will be no number limit

LIMIT 2.

LIMIT 3.

LIMIT 4.

LIMIT 5.

LIMIT 6.

any combination

Regulations below

geon and nongame fish

marked with color on map.)

All waters open entire year

Lake trout — five (5) fish

Gallatin River Jefferson River Little Bighorn River

Special Catel a Release on Bighow R.

Mill Creek in Madison Co. Missouri River Red Lodge Creek downstream from Cooney Dam Rock Creek (Main Stem) Carbon Co. Ruby River downstream from Ruby Dam Smith River downstream from the confluence of North and South Forks Smith River

downstream of Ennis Lake

Madison River from Hebgen Dam to Varney Bridge and

Stillwater River (Main Stem) Stillwater Co. Sun River downstream from Gibson Dam Teton River downstream from U.S. Highway 89 Warm Springs Creek in Fergus Co. Yellowstone River

Open third Saturday in May through February of the Madison River from Varney Bridge to Ennis Lake Open December 1 to third Saturday in May - for catchand-release fishing only, artificial lures only; see "Lures and Bait" under Standard Statewide Regulations. Armstrong Spring Creek Poindexter Slough EXTENDED WHITEFISH SEASON - Open Decem-

ber I to the third Saturday in May: Big Hole River North Fork Big Hole River Red Rock River downstream from Lima Reservoir Steel Creek Yellowstone River drainage, all waters

COMMERCIAL WHITEFISH FISHING — Open en-

tire year for the catching of whitefish for commercial Missouri River from Holter Dam to Black Eagle Dam Yellowstone River OPEN YEAR-AROUND FOR BROOK TROUT -Tributaries of Big Hole River upstream from Divide Dam and Big Hole River and tributaries upstream from bridge at Wisdom

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and SNAGGING FOR SALMON - Open September 1 through December: Ackley Lake Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir

Pishkun Reservoir 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

Clarks Fork Yellowstone River downstream of bridge at Lake Frances, except portion closed as posted Little Bighorn River Marias River Pishkun Reservoir

Split Rock Lake

Yellowstone River downstream of mouth of Clarks Fork Open through the ice only: Canyon Ferry Reservoir Hauser Lake Helena Valley Reservoir Holter Reservoir — setline fishing prohibited from 12 midnight to 5 a.m.

Lake Helena Open second Saturday in June through February of following year — Eyraud (Arod) Lakes SPEAR FISHING - Persons swimming or submerged may take certain fish with rubber- or spring-propelled spears in waters open to fishing as follows:

Five (5) whitefish daily - Missouri River between bridges at Craig and Sheep Creek. Open December 1 through February of following year - Northern pike, and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from Eyraud (Arod) Lakes.

Nongame fish and burbot (ling) — All waters open to

Open through the ice only - Northern pike, walleye. sauger, burbot (ling), and nongame fish may be taken by

Lake Frances except portion closed as posted Pishkun Reservoir Split Rock Lake

and under the entire year:

plies to Spring Meadow Lake)

Fellows fence below Choteau

BIG HOLE RIVER

13 inches

the fishing district

may be a rainbow

BIGHORN RIVER

or for scientific purpose

GALLATIN RIVER

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS

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

Elk Creek (South Fork Sun River) from Auchard

Spring Creek from Milwaukee Bridge to Charles

Big Hole River from Divide Dam to Melrose

Bridge - Third Saturday in May through No-

vember. Artificial lures only. See "Lures and Bait'

Trout — Three (3) fish per day under 13 inches and

Grayling — one (1) fish per day and it must be over

Limits 2 through 6 are the same as those listed

under Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of

Limit No. 1 — five (5) trout only one (1) of which

may be over 18 inches, and only one (1) of which

Limits 2 through 6 are the same as listed under

Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of the

ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY (See "Lures and

Bait" under Standard Statewide Regulations) from

cable crossing the river approximately 600 feet

downstream from 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 and rescue,

Gallatin River from Yellowstone National Park

boundary to its confluence with East Gallatin

Madison River from Quake Lake outlet to McAtee

Bridge — catch-and-release fishing only for trout and grayling. Artificial lures only. See "Lures and

Madison River from McAtee Bridge to Ennis Lake

Trout and grayling - Five (5) fish per day, only

one (1) of which may exceed 18 inches, and only

one (1) of which may be a rainbow and only one (1)

Limits 2 through 6 are the same as those listed

under Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of

Darlington Ditch (Darlinton Spring Creek) on

Cobblestone Fishing Access Site (near Logan) -

Catch-and-release fishing only for trout and gray-

Madison River from Earthquake Lake outlet to

Lyon Bridge (New West Fork Madison River

Bridge) and from McAtee Bridge to Varney Bridge

SILVER CREEK — Silver Creek in Lewis and

Clark County is open to catch and release fishing

shall be closed to fishing from boats.

Bait" under Standard Statewide Regulations.

Limit No. 1 — Daily and Possession Limit

River shall be closed to fishing from boats.

MADISON RIVER DRAINAGE

- sculpins not allowed for bait

fish may be a grayling.

ling. Artificial lures only

the fishing district.

under Standard Statewide Regulations.

one (1) fish per day over 22 inches.

Afterbay Dam to 1-90 at Hardin:

Limit No. 1 — Daily and Possession Limit

Bridge to Boone Bridge in the town of Augusta

Fairgrounds Pond, Helena (yellow color also ap-

craft except for official patrol, search and rescue, or for scientific purposes SUN RIVER DRAINAGE (STREAMS AND LAKES) UPSTREAM FROM GIB-SON RESERVOIR Limit No. 1 - Catch and release only for grayling.

Meadow Drive

One (1) trout or bass.

Other species — no limit

Rainbow trout, and cutthroat trout, three (3) f none of which may be over 12 inches. Wood Lake where the limit will be ten (10) fish.

only from Gold Sil Mine, as posted, to Green

SPRING MEADOW LAKE (yellow color

Closed to the use of any motor propelled water

also applies to Fairgrounds Pond, Helena)

Limits 2 through 6 are the same as listed under Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of the fishing district. YELLOWSTONE RIVER

Yellowstone National Park boundary to Emigrant Limit No. 1 - Rainbow or brown trout five (5) fish with only one (1) over 18 inches. Catch and release only for cutthroat trout. Limits 2 through 7 are the same as those listed under Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of

Emigrant Bridge to Pine Creek Bridge. Artificial lures only (See "Lures and Bait") under Standard Statewide Regulations. Limit Number 1 — Daily and Possession Limit brown and rainbow trout — four (4) fish per day under 13 inches and one (1) fish per day over 22

Artificial lures only Limits 2 through 5 are the same as those listed under Daily and Possession limits for the rest of

Limit 6 - Whitefish - one hundred (100) fish daily and in possession including those taken for sale. Whitefishing, with bait will be allowed December I through third Saturday in May.

BAIT

(Use of Live Fish for Bait)

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

inches. Catch and release only for cutthroat trout.

except Madison River between McAtee Bridge and Ennis Lake. Other nongame fish (except carp, goldfish or rainbow smelt) may be used in: Bighorn Lake and its Afterbay Reservoir Bighorn River (except portion with artificial lures only,

see Special Regulations Clarks Fork Yellowstone River downstream from bridge Little Bighorn River from its mouth to mouth of Lodge Grass Creek

Muddy Creek drainage near Vaughn in all streams and Musselshell River downstream from irrigation diversion near Cushman Yellowstone River downstream from mouth of Clarks

Marias River

NETS

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 taken: 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 used to take sculpins (Cottus).

EASTERN FISHING DISTRICT (also see Standard Statewide Regulations)

STANDARD DAILY AND EXCEPTIONS - LIBERAL **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: BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING - All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and

Arapooish Pond near Hardin

snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish except a portion of Yellowstone River, see Special Regulations. SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6) unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in following waters: Open Entire Year:

Big Muddy Creek Ester Reservoir a portion of Fort Peck Reservoir (see Special Regula-Frenchman Creek (excluding Frenchman Reservoir)

Beaver Creek in Valley and Phillips counties

Lake Elwell (Tiber Reservoir) — see note below Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments in Valley Co. Marias River Milk River and its impoundments (including Fresno Missouri River downstream from Morony Dam (exclud-

ing river and dredge cuts between Fort Peck Dam and

mouth of Milk River) Musselshell River Fish Weight Limits (Sturgeon): Nelson Reservoir (see note below) The maximum weight sturgeons (genus Scaphirhynchus) which may be taken is 16 pounds. Poplar River Redwater River Teton River FISHING SEASONS

reservoirs.

All streams in Yellowstone River Drainage, (not including Tongue River Reservoir) Note: In Lake Elwell (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

lines are allowed. Open through the ice only -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: 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. 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 Game fish - Fort Peck, Nelson, and Tongue River

Open through the ice only - northern pike, walleye, sauger, burbot (ling), and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from all waters open to fishing.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

FORT PECK RESERVOIR

Fort Peck Reservoir downstream from a line between Haxby Point and number 6 navigation sign at South Fork Duck Creek including Big Dry Limit 3. Walleye and sauger — five (5) fish daily and in possession in any combination. Limits 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 are the same as listed under

fishing district. Anglers may use up to two (2) attended or unattended lines with not more than two (2) hooks per line 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 bank lines are allowed. In remainder of reservoir the daily and possession limit for walleye and sauger shall be ten (10) fish in

any combination and six (6) setlines (including

Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of the

jugs) are allowed. MISSOURI RIVER Missouri River from Fort Peck Dam to Milk

Limit 1. Rainbow trout — two (2) fish daily and in possession. Salmon, grayling, whitefish and all trout except rainbow trout and lake trout — ten (10) fish in any combination. Limits 2 through 6 are the same as listed under Daily and Possession Limits for the rest of the fishing district.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER Yellowstone River downstream from mouth of From May 1 through July 8 snagging of paddlefish shall be allowed and the snagging of nongame fish

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 tagging instructions available at those locations. Also see Exceptions Restrictive

> 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 Drainage Bainville Railroad Ponds in Roosevelt County Cole Ponds in Phillips County

Dredge Cut Trout Pond Engstrom Reservoir in Sheridan County Ester Reservoir in Phillips County Flat Lake in McCone County Fort Peck Reservoir Frenchman Reservoir in Phillips County Killenbeck Reservoir in Daniels County Kuester Reservoir in Richland County Little Warm Reservoir in Phillips County Lone Tree Creek impoundments in Valley Co. McChesnev Reservoir in Phillips County Milk River and its impoundments below Fresno Res. Nelson Reservoir in Phillips County Petrolia Reservoir Raymond Reservoir in Sheridan County Sam Lee Reservoir in Dawson County Tiber Reservoir

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

Yellowstone River Drainage Arapooish Pond near Hardin Baker Lake in Fallon County Castle Rock Lake in Rosebud County Coldwell's Reservoir in Garfield County Lame Steer Reservoir in Wibaux County Lindsay Reservoir in Dawson County South Sandstone Reservoir in Fallon County Spotted Eagle Pond in Custer County Tauck's Reservoir in Carter County Tongue River Reservoir all streams and rivers

Whitetail Reservoir in Daniels County

NETS

Landing nets may be used for landing hooked fish. 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 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 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.

Apply to all waters except those listed in Exceptions

-Restrictive or Special Regulations; these waters are marked with color on map.