

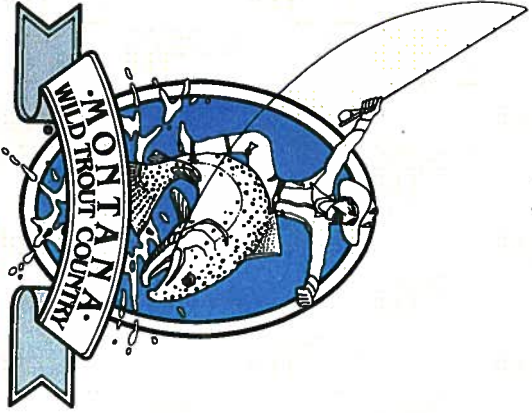


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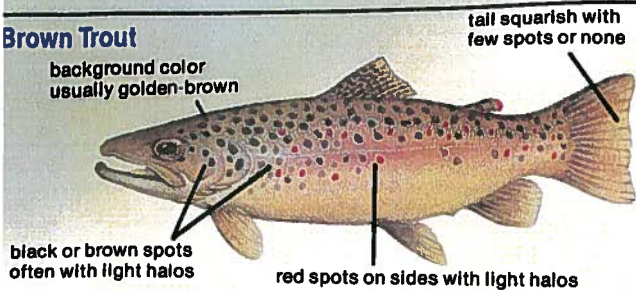
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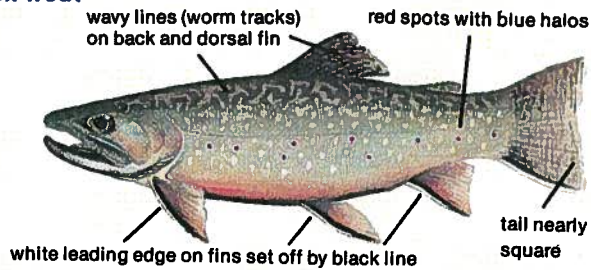
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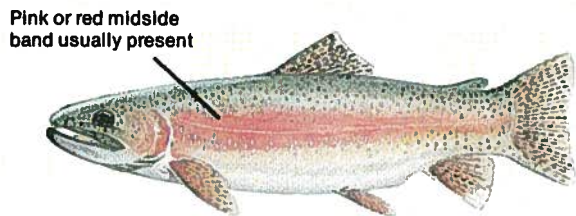
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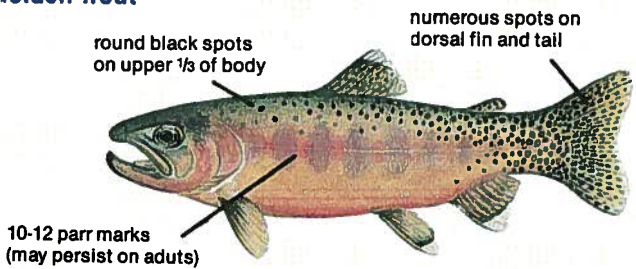
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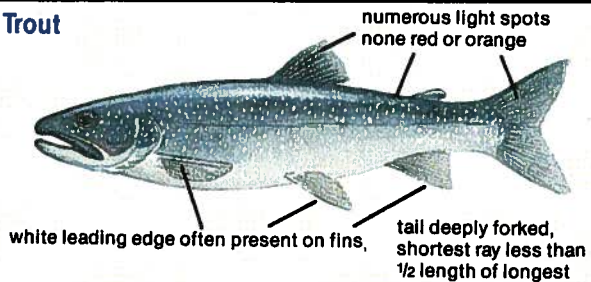
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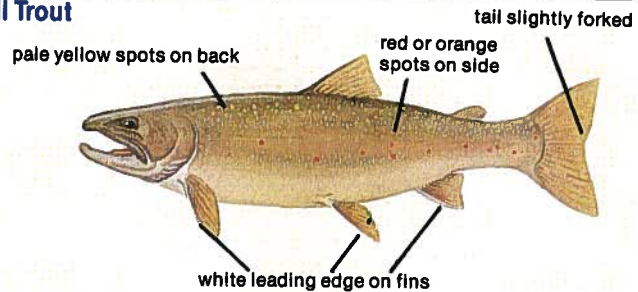
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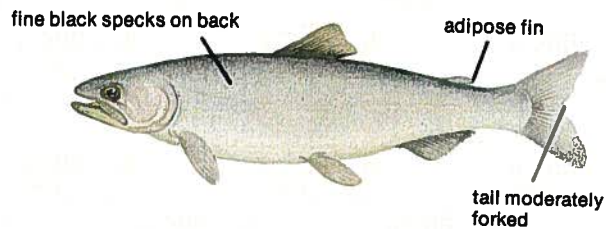
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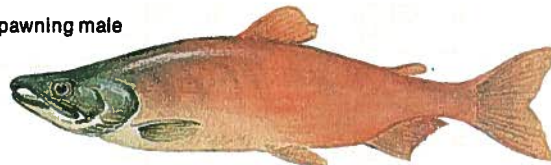


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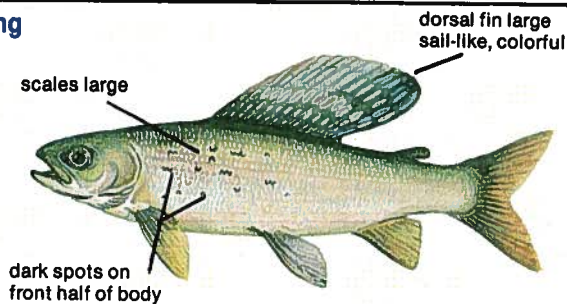


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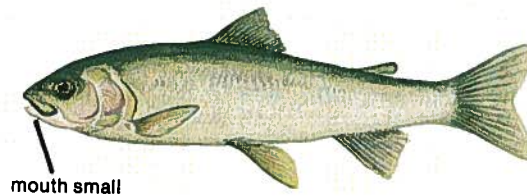
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Grayling



Mountain Whitefish



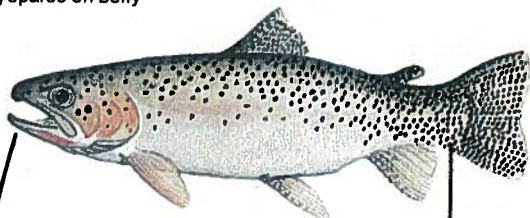
CUTTHROAT TROUT

Cutthroat trout are the only members of the genus *Oncorhynchus* native to most of Montana. The number and range of both subspecies have been severely reduced over the years due to habitat destruction, competition, interbreeding with other species, and over fishing.

Cutthroat trout can grow to a fairly large size (1-3 lbs.) and provide excellent fishing in good habitat if they are not over harvested. Because they take a hook so readily, cutthroat can be over fished more easily than any other western trout. If you fish anywhere cutthroat are found, but particularly in streams, we ask that you check the throat area of fish you catch for red slashes. Letting those fish go should contribute to improve fishing. Enjoy the recreation these native Montanans can provide.

Westslope Cutthroat

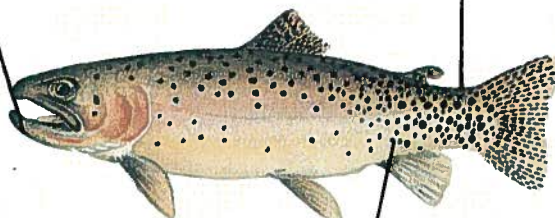
small, irregularly shaped black spots, sparse on belly



cutthroat slash—
one on each side
(weak on juveniles)

spots more dense
toward rear of fish

Yellowstone Cutthroat



fewer, larger and rounder
black spots than on Westslope

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the seasons, limits and regulations listed herein shall govern the 1990-91 fishing season. These regulations are valid March 1, 1990, through February 28, 1991. These regulations were adopted by the Fish and Game Commission on November 9, 1989.

* These regulations as adopted herein are also proposed to remain in effect for the 1991-92 fishing season. They will be formally adopted, with possible changes, by the Fish and Game Commission in the winter of 1991. Any changes will be made available to the public on an addendum sheet available from all license agents and at all Fish, Wildlife and Parks' offices. Portions of the regulations in this booklet may be changed, or additions may be made, for the 1991-92 fishing season. In order to have a complete set of the current regulations and in order to remain in compliance with the law, sportsmen must obtain the fishing regulations addendum sheet.

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How To Use This Summary

The key to successful, legal fishing is found in the alphabetical listing of fishing waters for each of the three fishing districts. Every exception to the standard regulations is found in these lists.

To determine what regulations apply to a specific water, follow these steps:

- Read the Standard Statewide Fishing Regulations. This section defines many regulations and summarizes general information and restrictions that apply statewide.
- Use the maps to determine what Fishing District the water is in.
- Follow the District Instructions. These regulations include season information and daily bag and possession limits.
- Check the alphabetical listing of waters for that district.
 - a. If the water appears in the listing and there are more liberal or restrictive regulations listed, those regulations and all other Standard/District Regulations will apply.
 - b. If the water does not appear in the listing, then the Standard/District Regulations will apply.

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 whitefishing in which case the license must be validated by an authorized Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department employee. There is no charge for this validation.

A Conservation License is required of both residents and non-residents before a fishing license may be purchased.

Licenses are nontransferable and nonrefundable. The license year runs March 1 through February of the following year.

Residents

In order to apply for a Montana resident fishing (or hunting) license, one must be a legal resident of Montana for a period of six months immediately prior to making application.

Each resident 15 years and older must have a resident fishing license in order to fish. Residents 12 through 14 years of age and residents 62 and older must have a conservation license to fish. Residents under the age of 12 need no license to fish but must observe limits and all other fishing regulations.

Free fishing permits are available from heads of respective institutions for patients at veteran's administration hospitals and for residents of state institutions other than the state penitentiary.

Residents who are certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as designated by rules of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, may purchase a "Disabled Persons Conservation License."

- **Resident Conservation License**\$ 2.00
Residents 12 through 14 years of age and residents 62 or older need only a conservation license to fish, and to hunt upland game birds, other than turkeys.
- **Resident Disabled Persons Conservation License** .\$. 2.00
Residents who are certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as designated by rules of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, may apply for an annual "Disabled Persons Conservation License" which authorizes fishing, and hunting of upland game birds.
- **Resident Fishing License**\$ 9.50
- **Resident Sportsman's License**\$ 45.50
Includes a conservation, deer "A", elk, and black bear license and authorizes fishing, and hunting of upland game birds.
- **Resident Paddlefish Tags**Two for \$ 3.00
Needed for Yellowstone River only. Limit of two.
Required of all paddlefish anglers, regardless of age.

Nonresidents

All nonresidents 15 years and older must have a fishing license to fish. No nonresident under the age of 15 years may fish in Montana without having obtained a fishing license unless the nonresident under the age of 15 years is in the company of an adult in possession of a valid Montana fishing license. The limit of fish for the nonresident and the accompanying adult combined may not exceed the limit for one adult.

A nonresident of any age may purchase a nonresident fishing license and be entitled to take a legal limit of fish.

- **Nonresident Conservation License**\$ 2.00
- **Nonresident Season Fishing License**\$ 36.00
- **Nonresident Temporary Fishing License**\$ 8.00
Valid for 2 consecutive days.
- **Nonresident Paddlefish Tag**Two for \$ 10.00
Needed for Yellowstone River only. Limit of two.
Required for all nonresident paddlefish anglers, regardless of age, even when accompanied by an adult in possession of a valid Montana fishing license.

- **Nonresident Deer Combination License**\$200.00
Available from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Helena Headquarters only. Includes a conservation and deer "A" license and authorizes fishing, and hunting of upland game birds.
- **Nonresident Big Game, Fish and Bird License**\$450.00
Available from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Helena Headquarters only. Includes a conservation, deer "A", elk, and black bear license and authorizes fishing, and hunting of upland game birds. Quota of 17,000.

Standard Statewide Fishing Regulations

Artificial Lures

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 any natural or man made food, or any man made lures that have been treated with a natural or artificial fish attractant or feeding stimulant.

Bait

Live Fish

- Sculpins (genus Cottus) may be used live for bait statewide, except in waters limited to artificial lures and in the Madison River between Varney Bridge and Ennis Lake.
- Live carp, goldfish and rainbow smelt may not be used for bait at any location in the state.
- Live fish other than sculpins may not be used for bait except as provided under Bait (Live) as listed in the Central and Eastern District regulations.
- Persons fishing in water closed to the use of live fish for bait may not have live bait fish in their immediate possession. Nongame species may be taken for bait only in waters where live fish are allowed as bait (see Means of Taking, page 6).

Dead Fish

Any fish, or parts thereof, may be used dead as bait if they have their heads and entrails removed, or if they have been preserved or frozen, except in waters limited to artificial lures only.

Commercial Bait Fish Seining and Sale of Bait Fish

Nongame bait fish (except carp, goldfish, and rainbow smelt) may be harvested for commercial purposes in accordance with ARM Section 12.7.201-12.7.206. Any individual taking nongame fish for sale or commercial distribution must possess a commercial bait fish seining license. Contact your regional Fish, Wildlife and Parks office for a permit and list of waters open to commercial seining.

Live bait fish may not be imported into or exported from the State of Montana for commercial or other purposes.

Commercial bait regulations are not valid on Indian Reservation Waters—for information contact local tribal officials.

Commercial Aquatic Invertebrate Collections

Persons wishing to collect aquatic invertebrates such as leeches, crayfish, and aquatic insects for sale or commercial distribution should contact their regional Fish, Wildlife and Parks office for information.

Beaver Ponds

Impoundments formed by beaver dams on streams are governed by the same regulations that govern the streams.

Boat and Motor Restrictions

The use of boats is prohibited or restricted on many waters. A copy of the **Boating Laws and Rules** is available from any Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks office.

Notice: When using any form of a raft, boat, or sailboat on Montana's waters, a personal flotation device (PFD) must be made available for all persons on board. The PFD must be the appropriate size; be in good working order and readily available to each person; and be U.S. Coast Guard Approved.

All youth under the age of 12 years must wear (securely fastened to their body) a PFD at all times when in an operated boat.

The following is a partial list of rules pertaining to boating and water safety; other waters may be closed as posted.

12.6.801 BOATING CLOSURES (1) The following waters/areas will be either closed as posted or marked by barrel booms to the use of all boats or other water craft except in case of rescue craft or plant maintenance work:

- (a) area immediately above and below Holter Dam in Lewis and Clark County;
- (b) area immediately above and below Hauser Dam in Lewis and Clark County;
- (c) area immediately above and below Canyon Ferry Dam in Lewis and Clark County;
- (d) area immediately above and below Milltown Dam in Missoula County;
- (e) area immediately above Flint Creek Dam in Deer Lodge County;
- (f) area immediately above Kerr Dam in Lake County;
- (g) a portion of Brown's Lake near Ovando, Powell County, during the time period beginning April 1 and ending July 15.

All rivers and streams in the following counties east of the Continental Divide are closed to the use of all boats propelled by machinery of over 10 horsepower, except for official use:

County	Exception
Beaverhead	
Broadwater	Missouri downriver from the Broadwater-Gallatin County line.
Gallatin	Missouri downriver from Headwaters State Park.
Jefferson	
Madison	
Park	Yellowstone downriver from Springdale Bridge.
Silver Bow	

The following reservoirs and lakes of the state are closed to the use of all boats propelled by machinery over 10 horsepower, except for official use:

Beaver Creek Reservoir	Hill County
Carpenter Lake	Lincoln County
South Sandstone Reservoir	Fallon County

The following waters are limited to manually-operated boats and boats powered by electric motors, except for official use:

Castle Rock Reservoir	Rosebud County
Crystal Lake	Fergus County
Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir	Lewis & Clark County

The following waters of the state are closed to all motor-propelled water craft, except for official use:

Western Fishing District

Bearmouth rest area pond	Granite County
Frenchtown Pond	Missoula County
Harpers Lake	Missoula County
Twin Lakes	Ravalli County

Central Fishing District

Arapoosh access area
Big Hole River

Bighorn River

Bozeman Ponds
Forest Lake
Park Lake
Missouri River

Big Horn County
Silver Bow, Madison, Deer Lodge, Beaverhead counties
That portion of the Bighorn River from Afterbay Dam to the Big Horn access area, Big Horn County
Gallatin County
Meagher County
Lewis & Clark County
That portion of the Missouri River from the Burlington Northern Railway Bridge No. 119.4 at Broadwater Bay in Great Falls to Black Eagle and that portion of the Missouri River from the Warden Bridge on 10th Avenue South in Great Falls to the floater take-out facility constructed near Oddfellows Park at Broadwater Bay as posted, Cascade County
Cascade County
Lewis & Clark County

Smith River
Spring Meadow Lake
Eastern Fishing District
Bearpaw Lake
Gartside Reservoir

Hill County
Richland County

Checking Stations

Fishermen and hunters are required to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from fishing and hunting areas, even if there are no fish or game to be checked.

Children's Fishing Waters

Waters posted as Children's Fishing Waters are closed to fishing during the entire year to persons twelve (12) years and older.

Closed Waters

All waters operated by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and 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.

Fishing Hours

Fishing is allowed at all hours during open fishing seasons except on Holter Lake.

Game Fish

All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout, salmon, grayling and whitefish); all species of the genus *Stizostedion* (sauger and walleye); all species of the genus *Esox* (northern pike and tiger muskellunge); all species of the genus *Micropterus* (bass); all species of the genus *Polyodon* (paddlefish); all species of the family Acipenseridae (sturgeon); the genus *Lota* (burbot or ling); and the species *Ictalurus punctatus* (channel catfish).

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Ice Fishing

Shelters

Special regulations on ice fishing shelters apply in:

- Bearpaw Lake
- Beaver Creek Reservoir
- Browns Lake (near Ovando)
- Deadmans Basin Reservoir
- Echo Lake (near Anaconda)
- Georgetown Lake
- Hauser Lake
- Helena Valley Reservoir
- Lake Frances
- Lake Helena

See Ice Fishing Shelter Regulations available from any Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks office.

Size of Hole

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.

Indian Reservations

See National Parks

Irrigation Canals and Ditches

Man made irrigation canals and ditches are open year around unless shown otherwise under district regulations. Standard District stream limits apply to irrigation canals and ditches.

Limits

Daily—Daily limit shall mean the numbers or pounds of fish that may be legally taken during a calendar day. It is unlawful to take or possess more than the daily limit of fish unless otherwise specified under district regulations.

Possession—Possession limit shall mean the number or pounds of fish which may be in one person's possession any time in any form: fresh, stored in freezers or lockers, salted, smoked, dried, canned or otherwise preserved.

Refer to district regulations for respective daily and possession limits.

A person fishing on a water may possess only a limit allowed for that water.

To determine limits, fish may have entrails removed but must have their heads and tails attached to their bodies.

Means of Taking

- Only a single line with hook or hooks, with or without a pole, may be used for fishing unless otherwise specified in district regulations. The pole or line must be in immediate control.
- These provisions also apply to commercial whitefish fishing as provided under district regulations.
- Setlines may be used as provided under district regulations. Setlines are lines that may be attended or unattended. They may include poles, tipups and floating devices.
- Snagging of fish is unlawful at all times except paddlefish, kokanee salmon and nongame fish as provided under district regulations. Where snagging is allowed, any number of hooks may be used. Snagging is a technique of angling in which a hook or hooks are cast, trolled or lowered into the water and manipulated to imbed the hook or hooks into the body of the fish.
- Landing nets may be used for landing hooked fish.
- A screen or a net not to exceed four (4) feet in length or width may be used to take sculpins (Cottus) for bait statewide.
- In Central and Eastern District waters where use of live fish is allowed for bait, nongame species (except carp, goldfish, and rainbow smelt) may be taken in the following manner:
 - with seines not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length and four (4) feet in width, or
 - with minnow traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in length and ten (10) inches in diameter.
- Crayfish for personal consumption may be taken in traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

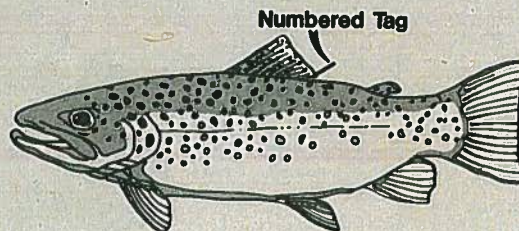
National Parks, Indian Reservations and Wildlife Refuges

Certain waters on National Parks, Indian Reservations and National Wildlife Refuges may have special rules. Specific information may be obtained from the headquarters of the park, reservation or refuge involved.

Numbered Tag

If you catch a tagged fish, please advise the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks of the:

- Tag number and color
- Date fish was caught
- Species of fish
- Length and weight (close as possible)
- Location of catch (river - lake and specific area in miles from or to the nearest landmark)
- Name and address of fisherman



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.

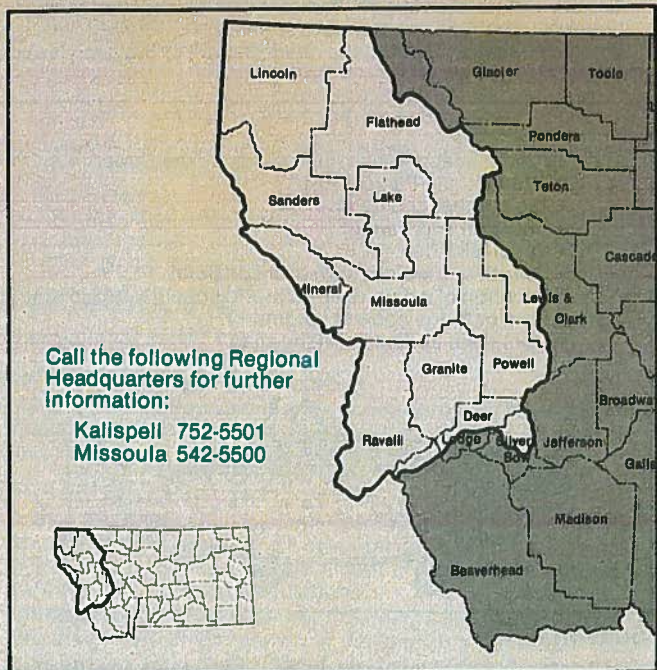
Wildlife Refuges

See National Parks

It is Unlawful

- It is unlawful and a misdemeanor to violate any of the regulations listed in this booklet.
- To transport or introduce any fish or viable fish eggs into any waters;
- To refuse to show one's license upon demand;
- To refuse to show one's fish upon demand;
- To loan or transfer your fishing or hunting license or tags to any person;
- To sell game fish except as prescribed by Montana Fish and Game Commission regulations;
- To leave or dump any dead animal, fish, garbage or litter in or on any state or private property where public recreation is permitted;
- To use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite, or other explosive compounds, or any corrosive or narcotic poison or to have any of the same in one's possession within one hundred (100) feet of any streams where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish;
- To hire or retain an unlicensed outfitter or guide;
- To waste any part of game fish suitable for food.
- To operate upon Montana waters a boat which:
 - Is not properly licensed and numbered with registration card carried in boat, if motorized (gas or electric);
 - Is not carrying equipment required by the Montana Water Safety Law (copies available from any Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks office);
 - 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



Call the following Regional Headquarters for further information:

Kalispell 752-5501
Missoula 542-5500

Western Fishing District includes all waters in Montana West of the Continental Divide.

Standard Fishing Seasons

Streams—Open third Saturday in May through November 30. Some streams have extended whitefish and catch-and-release fishing for trout from December through third Saturday in May. See exceptions.

Lakes—Open entire year.

Bow and Arrow—All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow taking of nongame fish.

Spearing—Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish by spearing in most waters open to fishing.

Snagging—All waters open to angling are open to snagging of nongame fish. Snagging of salmon is allowed in waters open to fishing from September 15 through December except as noted under exceptions.

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Standard Daily and Possession Limits

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits. However, a person may possess only the limit allowed for the water on which he is fishing.

Species	Daily Limits		Possession Limits		Restrictions
	Streams	Lakes	Streams	Lakes	
Limit A	5	10	5	10	Streams: only 1 fish over 14 inches.
Brown trout					
Cutthroat trout					
Rainbow trout					
Golden trout					
Lake trout					
Grayling					

Wilderness Limits for A:

All streams in the South Fork Flathead River drainage from Hungry Horse Dam to the wilderness boundary and all waters within the boundaries of the Bob Marshall, Great Bear, and Scapegoat Wilderness Areas unless otherwise specified under exceptions.

Limit A	3	3	3	3	Streams: No fish may exceed 12 inches.
Cutthroat trout					
Rainbow trout					

Species	Daily Limits		Possession Limits		Restrictions
	Streams	Lakes	Streams	Lakes	
Bull trout	1	1	1	1	An angler must release or kill immediately all bull trout caught. It is unlawful to possess a live bull trout.
Brook trout	10 lbs. not to exceed 20 fish	10 lbs. not to exceed 20 fish	20	20	

Bass	5	5	5	5	
Northern pike	15	15	15	15	
Salmon	20	20	40	40	
Whitefish	100	100	100	100	Including fish taken for sale
Burbot (ling)	5	5	5	5	

It is unlawful to take or possess any sturgeon of the genus *Acipenser* (White Sturgeon).

Boat and Motor Restrictions—The use of boats and motors may be restricted on some of the waters within this fishing district. Please refer to the boat and motor restrictions described on page 4. A complete description of all the boat and motor restrictions can be obtained by contacting a license agent or any Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Office.

Western Fishing District Exceptions:

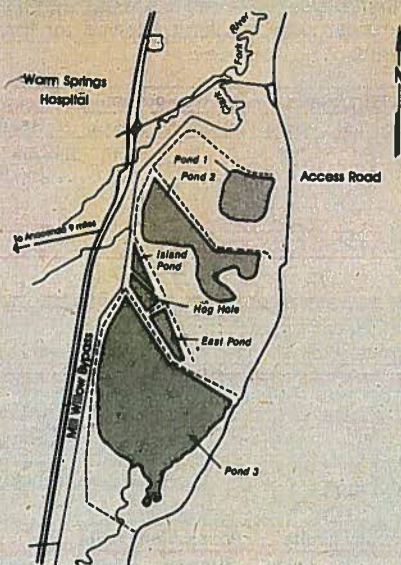
Abbot Lake near Bigfork

- Closed to use of rubber or spring propelled spears.
- Limit: 5 bass daily and in possession, only one of which may exceed 12 inches. May 1 through June 15 catch-and-release only for bass.

Let Them Go . . . Let Them Grow

Use of barbless hooks is recommended in special regulation areas and for those anglers that release some or all of the fish they catch.

Anaconda Settling Pond System



- Catch-and-release, artificial lures only.
- Hog Hole open May 25 through June 30.
- Pond 3 open May 25 through September 30 to fishing from floating non-motorized craft and from north and west dikes except where posted closed.
- All ponds and canals open August 15 through September 30.

Ashley Creek downstream from Smith Lake

Open entire year.

Ashley Creek from Thompson Falls public water supply intake to its source

Closed entire year.

Ashley Lake

Limit: 50 salmon daily and 100 in possession.

Ashley Lake Inlet Tributaries

Closed entire year.

Basin Creek from lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to source, including all reservoirs and tributaries

Closed entire year.

Big Creek (North Fork Flathead tributary) and all tributaries

Closed entire year.

Bitterroot River

Mainstem and West Fork upstream to Painted Rocks Reservoir

- Cutthroat trout catch-and-release only.

From Stevensville Bridge to Florence Bridge and one mile downstream from Darby Bridge to Como Bridge.

- Limit A: 5 trout per day under 12 inches or 4 trout under 12 inches and 1 over 20 inches; cutthroat trout catch-and-release only. Artificial lures only.

Mainstem and East and West Forks

- Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures only.
- Open to catching of whitefish for commercial sale.

Bitterroot Valley between U.S. 93 and the East Side Highway between Hamilton and Florence (ditches, canals and sloughs)

Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures only.

Blackfoot River

- Mainstem and all tributaries (except Clearwater River).

Limit A: Rainbow and brown trout, 3 fish, none of which may exceed 12 inches. Cutthroat and bull trout, catch-and-release only.

- Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures only.

- Open for catching of whitefish for commercial sale.

Blanchard Lake near Whitefish

Open to spearing or gigging of northern pike and nongame fish through the ice and by persons submerged in the water. Open to three attended lines through the ice only.

Bootjack Lake (near Whitefish, T31N, R23W, S26)

Open April 1 through November 30. Limit A: 1 trout daily and in possession, minimum size limit 22 inches, artificial lures only.

Brenneman Slough

Closed entire year to taking of salmon.

Cabinet Gorge Reservoir

Open to fishing with up to three (3) attended or unattended lines from January 1 through September 30. Setlines must be clearly identified with name and address of owner.

Carpenter Lake (Tetrault Lake)

Limit: 20 bass daily and in possession.

Cedar Creek Impoundment (Columbia Falls water supply)

Closed entire year.

Church Slough (Flathead River)

- Open year around.

- Limit: 5 bass daily and in possession, only one may exceed 12 inches.

Clark Fork River

- Open to catching of whitefish for commercial sale.

- Anaconda Company Settling Pond spillway to Perkins Lane Bridge

Limit A: 5 trout under 12 inches or 4 trout under 12 inches and 1 over 20 inches, artificial lures only.

- Milltown Dam to mouth of Thompson River

Limit A: 5 trout only one of which may exceed 16 inches.

- Anaconda Company Settling Pond spillway (near Warm Springs) to mouth of Thompson River.

Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures only.

- Mouth of Flathead River to mouth of Thompson River.

Open entire year for northern pike with bait or lures.

- Mouth of Thompson River to Idaho border.

Open entire year. Lake limits apply to entire reach.

Clearwater Drainage

- Downstream from Lake Inez fish barrier.

Limit: 10 salmon daily and 20 in possession. Open for snagging of salmon September 15 through December when 35 daily and 70 in possession shall be allowed.

Clearwater River downstream from Lake Inez fish barrier

Open entire year.

Coal Creek (North Fork Flathead tributary) and its tributaries

Closed entire year.

Daly Creek (near Hamilton)

Closed entire year.

Deer Creek, tributary to Seeley Lake

Bull trout, catch-and-release only.

Donaldson Creek Drainage, tributary of Lake Mary Ronan

Closed entire year.

Echo Lake near Anaconda

- Open third Saturday in May through March 31.

- Limit: 5 trout (including brook trout).

Echo Lake near Bigfork

- Limit: 5 bass daily and in possession, only one of which may exceed 12 inches. May 1 through June 15 - catch-and-release only for bass.

- Open to spearing and gigging of nongame fish and northern pike through the ice and by persons submerged in the water.

Elk Creek, tributary to Swan River

Closed entire year.

Fennon Slough (Flathead River)

- Open year around.
- Limit: 5 bass daily and in possession, only one may exceed 12 inches.

Fisher River

Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures.

Flathead Lake

- Closed entire year to snagging of salmon.
- Open May 1 through November 30 for salmon. Limit: 10 salmon daily and 20 in possession.
- Open third Saturday in May through March 31 for catching of whitefish for commercial sale.
- Limit A: 7 lake trout, only 1 over 26 inches; 2 cutthroat or 2 rainbow trout or 1 of each.
- Hatchery Bay of Flathead Lake at Somers
Closed as posted from October 1 until spawn taking is complete.

Flathead River

- From confluence of North and Middle Forks to Sportsman's Bridge (State Highway 82)
Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 through April 30 with maggots and/or artificial lures only.
Open to catching of whitefish for commercial sale.
- Above Kerr Dam
Closed entire year to taking of salmon.
- Flathead Reservation boundary to mouth
Open entire year.
Limit: 5 northern pike daily and in possession, minimum length 24 inches.

Flathead Indian Reservation

- Tribal fishing permit is necessary on Reservation waters.
- Check at Tribal Headquarters for specific information.

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

Closed entire year.

Fred Burr Lake (Philipsburg water supply, Granite County)

Closed entire year.

Freeland Creek Drainage, tributary to Lake Mary Ronan

Closed entire year.

Georgetown Lake

- Lake open third Saturday in May through March 31.
- Limit: 5 trout (including brook trout). No daily or possession limit for salmon.

Goat Creek (Swan River tributary)

Closed entire year.

Granite Creek (Middle Fork Flathead River tributary) and its tributaries

Closed entire year.

Haskill Creek and tributaries from Whitefish public water intake to its source

Closed entire year.

Herrig Creek, tributary to Little Bitterroot Lake

Closed entire year.

Horseshoe Lake near Ferndale

Closed to use of rubber or spring-propelled spears.

Hungry Horse Reservoir

Limit A: 5 trout daily and in possession.

Hungry Horse Reservoir Tributaries

Wilderness limits apply — see Limit A.

Job Corps Ponds (E½ of S7, T5N, R9W Deer Lodge County)

- All ponds open August 15 through September 30.
- Catch-and-release, artificial lures only.

Kootenai River (also see Libby Dam)

- Open entire year.
- From Libby Dam to Idaho Border
Open third Saturday in May through March 31 for catching of whitefish for commercial sale.

Lake Alva

Limit: 10 salmon daily and in possession.

Lake Blaine near Kalispell

Closed to use of rubber or spring-propelled spears.

Lake Inez

Limit: 10 salmon daily and in possession.

Lake Mary Ronan

- Open third Saturday in May through March 15.
- Salmon snagging allowed October 15 through November 30. Limit: 10 salmon daily and 20 in possession, except during snagging season when 20 salmon daily and 40 in possession are allowed.
- Closed to use of rubber or spring-propelled spears.

Libby Creek

Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures only.

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.
- Structure as posted and the buoyed area immediately upstream from spillway.
Closed entire year.

Lion Creek Tributary to Swan River

Closed entire year.

Lion Lake

Open to spearing or gigging of northern pike and nongame fish through the ice only and by persons submerged in the water. Three (3) attended lines allowed through the ice only.

Little Bitterroot Lake

Limit: 50 salmon daily and 100 in possession.

Little Blackfoot River

Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures only.

Lodgepole Creek (Middle Fork Flathead River tributary) and its tributaries

Closed entire year.

Long Creek (Middle Fork Flathead River tributary) and its tributaries

Closed entire year.

Loon Lake near Ferndale

Closed to use of rubber or spring-propelled spears.

Lower Stillwater Lake

Open to spearing or gigging of northern pike and nongame fish through the ice only. Open to use of three (3) attended lines through the ice only.

Lower Thompson Lake

Closed to use of rubber or spring-propelled spears.

Medicine Lake near Philipsburg

Open July 1 through April.

Medicine Lake Tributaries

Open July 1 through November 30.

Metcalf Lake

- Open April 1 through November 30.
- Limit A: 1 trout daily and in possession, minimum size limit 22 inches, artificial lures only.

Middle Fork Flathead Drainage (All streams)

Wilderness limits apply — see limit A.

Middle Fork Flathead River

- Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures.
- Closed entire year to taking of salmon.

Middle Thompson Lake

Closed to use of rubber or spring-propelled spears.

Morrison Creek (Middle Fork Flathead River tributary) and its tributaries

Closed entire year.

Murphy Lake near Fortine

Closed to use of rubber or spring-propelled spears.

No Tullum Lake

- Open April 1 through November 30.
- Limit A: 1 trout which must exceed 22 inches, daily and in possession.

North Fork Flathead River

- Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures.
- Closed entire year to taking of salmon.
- U.S./Canadian border downstream to Polebridge. Limit A: 5 cutthroat or rainbow trout under 12 inches, or 4 under 12 inches and 1 over 20 inches. Artificial lures only.

North Fork Flint Creek, tributary to Georgetown Lake.

- Open July 1 through November 30.
- Daily limit for all trout, including brook trout, is 5.

Noxon Rapids Reservoir

- Open to fishing with up to three (3) attended or unattended lines from January 1 through September 30. Setlines must be clearly identified with complete name and address of owner.

O'Brien Creek from Troy city water intake to a point one-fourth mile upstream as posted

- Closed entire year.

Peterson Lake near Bigfork

- Closed to use of rubber or spring-propelled spears.
- Limit: 5 bass daily and in possession, only one of which may exceed 12 inches. May 1 through June 15 — catch-and-release only for bass.

Placid Creek, tributary to Placid Lake.

- Limit: Bull trout, catch-and-release only.
- Salmon limit same as Placid Lake.

Placid Lake and tributaries

- Limit: 10 salmon daily and in possession. Open for snagging of salmon September 15 through December 31 when 35 daily and 70 in possession are allowed.

Rattlesnake Creek

- Upstream from mouth of Beeskove Creek
Open entire year. Catch-and-release with artificial lures only.
- Rattlesnake Creek and tributaries from Missoula water supply dam of Mountain Water company to mouth of Beeskove Creek
Closed entire year.

Rock Creek from its mouth to mouth of West Fork Rock Creek (See West Fork Rock Creek)

- Artificial lures only except fishermen 14 years and younger may use bait. Limit A: 3 trout per day under 12 inches or 2 trout under 12 inches and 1 over 20 inches.
- Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures only. (See West Fork Rock Creek)
- Closed to fishing from boats July 1 through November 30.

Rogers Lake spawning inlet.

- Closed entire year.

Salmon Lake and tributaries

- Limit: 10 salmon daily and in possession. Open for snagging of salmon September 15 through December 31 when 35 salmon daily and 70 in possession are allowed.

Seeley Lake

- Limit: 10 salmon daily and in possession. Open for snagging of salmon September 15 through December 31 when 35 salmon daily and 70 in possession are allowed.

Silver Creek upstream from Saltese water supply intake

- Closed entire year.

Smith Lake

- Open to three (3) attended lines through the ice only.

South Fork Flathead Drainage (All streams)

- Wilderness limits apply — see Limit A.

South Fork Flathead River

- Closed entire year to taking of salmon.
- Upstream from Hungry Horse Dam.
Wilderness limits apply — see Limit A.

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South Fork Flathead River (continued)

- Downstream from Hungry Horse Dam to "Devils Elbow" as posted.
Closed entire year.
- From Meadow Creek bridge to Spotted Bear footbridge.
Artificial lures only. Limit A: cutthroat trout, catch-and-release only.

Spencer Lake

- Open April 1 through November 30.
- Limit A: 1 trout daily and in possession, minimum size limit 22 inches, artificial lures only.

Squeezer Creek (Swan River tributary)

- Closed entire year.

Stillwater River from mouth of Sunday Creek to lower Stillwater Lake

- Open entire year.

Stuart Mill Creek, tributary to Georgetown Lake

- Open July 1 through November 30.
- Daily limit for all trout, including brook trout, is 5.

Swan Lake

- Limit: 50 salmon daily and 100 in possession.

Swan River

- From Condon Bridge (T21N, R17W, S36) to Bigfork Dam
Artificial lures only.
Limit A: Catch-and-release for rainbow and cutthroat trout.
- From Swan Lake to Bigfork Dam
Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures only.
- From Bigfork Dam to Flathead Lake closed entire year to taking of salmon.

Tally Lake

- Limit: 50 salmon daily and 100 in possession.

Tetraut Lake (Carpenter Lake)

- Limit: 20 bass daily and in possession.

Thompson River

- Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures only.

Tobacco River

- Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures only.

Trail Creek (Yakinikak) and its tributaries downstream from mouth of Thoma Creek

- Closed entire year.

Upper Stillwater Lake

- Open to spearing or gigging of northern pike and nongame fish through the ice only. Open to three (3) attended lines through the ice only.

Upper Thompson Lake

- Closed to use of rubber or spring-propelled spears.

West Fork Rock Creek from the upstream boundary fence of the West Fork Youth Camp to its headwaters.

- Closed entire year.

Whale Creek (North Fork Flathead tributary) and its tributaries downstream from Whale Creek Falls

- Closed entire year.

Whitefish Lake

- Closed entire year to snagging of salmon. Limit: 10 salmon daily and 20 in possession.
- Open to three (3) attended lines through the ice only.

Whitefish River from Whitefish Lake to Montana State Highway 40 bridge.

- Open entire year.

Wildlife Management Ponds—

- See "Job Corps Ponds"

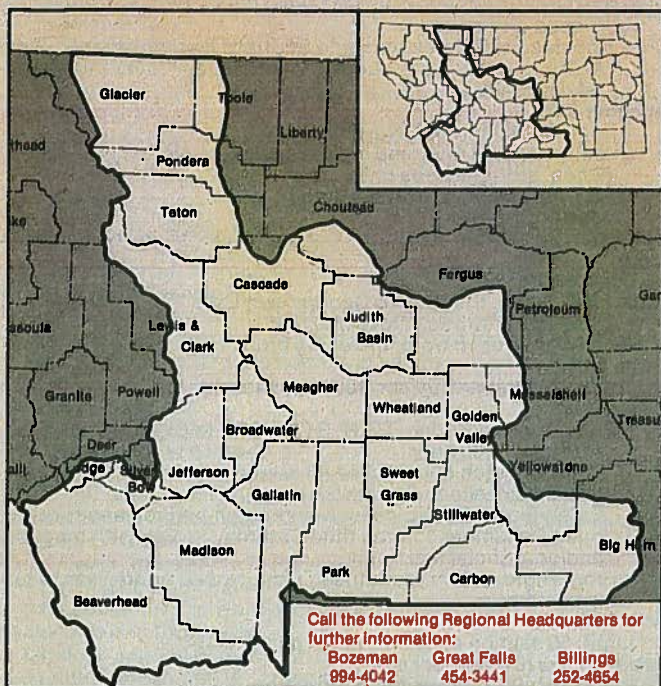
Woods Lake

- Open April 1 through November 30. Limit A: 1 trout daily and in possession, minimum size limit 22 inches, artificial lures only.

Young Creek (tributary to Lake Koocanusa) and Young Creek Bay as posted

- Closed entire year.

CENTRAL FISHING DISTRICT



Central Fishing District includes all waters in Montana lying East of the Continental Divide, (including the Belly and St. Marys drainages) and waters lying West of the following described boundary.

Interstate 15 from Montana-Canadian border south to Northwest Bypass Junction near Great Falls, east on said Bypass to Smelter Avenue, east on Smelter Avenue to 15th Street, south on said street to north bank of Missouri River, east along high water mark of the Missouri River to Black Eagle Dam, across said dam and following high water mark along the south bank of the Missouri River, easterly to State Route 80 at Fort Benton; southeasterly along State Route 80 to its junction with State Route 81, easterly on State Route 81 to its junction with U.S. Highway 191, northeasterly along U.S. Highway 191 to its junction with State Route 19, south on State Route 19 to its junction with U.S. Highway 87, south on U.S. Highway 87 to its junction with U.S. Highway 12, west on U.S. Highway 12 to its junction with State Route 3, south on State Route 3 to its junction with Interstate 90, easterly and southerly on Interstate 90 to the first crossing of the Little Bighorn River, southerly along the west bank of the Little Bighorn River to the Montana-Wyoming border.

Standard Fishing Seasons

Streams — Open third Saturday in May through November 30.

Lakes — Open entire year.

Bow and Arrow — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow taking of nongame fish.

Setlines — Anglers may use setlines in those waters open to setline fishing as specified under exceptions. Unattended setlines must be clearly identified with owner's complete name and address.

Snagging — All waters open to angling are open to snagging of nongame fish.

Spearing — All waters open to angling are open to taking of nongame fish and burbot with rubber or spring-propelled spear by persons swimming or submerged.

Standard Daily and Possession Limits

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits. However, a person may possess only the limit allowed for the water on which he is fishing.

Species	Daily Limits		Possession Limits		Restrictions
	Streams	Lakes	Streams	Lakes	
Limit A	5	10	5	10	Streams: only 1 fish over 18"
Brown trout					
Cutthroat trout					
Golden trout					
Lake trout					
Rainbow trout					
Grayling					

Forest Limits*					
Limit A	3	3	3	3	In any combination.
Cutthroat trout					Streams: no fish over 12"
Rainbow trout					Lakes: No size limit
Grayling					Catch-and-release only

*All waters within the National Forest Administrative boundary from U.S. Highway 2 near East Glacier to Highway 20 near Rogers Pass.

Species	Daily Limits		Possession Limits		Restrictions
	Streams	Lakes	Streams	Lakes	
Brook trout	10 lbs. not to exceed 20 fish	10 lbs. not to exceed 20 fish	20	20	
Bass	5	5	5	5	In any combination
Sauger					
Walleye					
Northern pike	10	10	10	10	
Tiger					
Muskellunge	1	1	1	1	30" minimum
Salmon	10	10	10	20	
Whitefish	100	100	100	100	Including fish taken for sale

There are exceptions on some waters for catfish, burbot (ling), sturgeon and nongame fish. The maximum weight sturgeon (genus *Scaphirhynchus*) which may be taken is 16 pounds.

Bait (Live)

- Sculpins (genus *Cottus*) may be used for live bait in all waters of the Central District except in waters limited to artificial lures and the Madison River between Varney Bridge and Ennis Lake.

- Live nongame fish (except carp, goldfish and rainbow smelt) may be used for bait only in the following waters:

Bighorn Lake and Afterbay Reservoir
Bighorn River—Afterbay Dam to cable 600 feet downstream and below Bighorn Access Area.

Clarks Fork Yellowstone River—downstream from bridge at Bridger.

Marías River.

Muddy Creek Drainage near Vaughn including all streams and drainage canals.

Streams and ditches in the Yellowstone River Drainage downstream of the mouth of the Clarks Fork.

Boat and Motor Restrictions—The use of boats and motors may be restricted on some of the waters within this fishing district. Please refer to the boat and motor restrictions described on page 4. A complete description of all the boat and motor restrictions can be obtained by contacting a license agent or any Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Office.

Central Fishing District Exceptions:

Alder Creek (Big Hole Drainage)

Open entire year for brook trout.

Alder Gulch Creek and dredge ponds mouth to Virginia City

Open entire year.

Armstrong Spring Creek

- Open entire year.
- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Catch-and-release only.

Arod Lakes (see Eyraud Lakes).

Axolotl Lakes

Catch-and-release only for grayling.

Badger Creek Drainage near Heart Butte, within National Forest

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

Bear Lake (South Fork Sun River drainage)

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

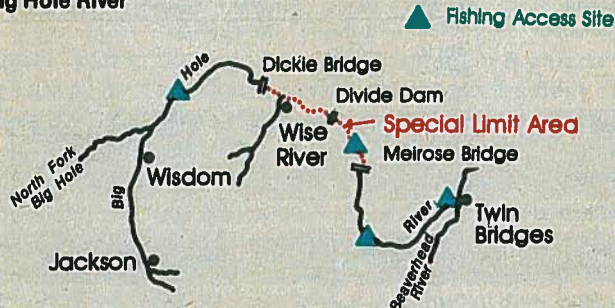
Beaverhead River

- Limit A: 3 trout, only 1 over 18 inches and only 1 rainbow trout.
- Clark Canyon Dam to Pipe Organ Bridge: open 3rd Saturday in May through November 30.
- Downstream from Pipe Organ Bridge: open entire year.

Belt Creek below bridge at Riceville

Open entire year.

Big Hole River



Standard Exceptions

- Entire river and all tributaries, catch-and-release only for grayling.
- Tributaries upstream of Divide Dam open entire year for brook trout.
- Brook trout limit, 10 pounds not to exceed 20 fish.
- Dickie Bridge (Highway 43 crossing west of Wise River in T1N, R12W, S11) to Meirose Bridge.
Limit A: 3 trout per day under 13 inches and 1 trout over 22 inches, artificial lures only.
- Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures only, except from Divide Dam to Meirose Bridge.

...Special Limit Area

- Rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout, 3 fish under 13 inches and 1 over 22 inches. Artificial flies and lures only.
- Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release fishing for trout from December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots or artificial flies and lures only from Dickie Bridge to Divide Dam.
- Divide Dam to Meirose Bridge closed to all fishing December 1 to third Saturday in May.
- Whitefish, 100.

Big Lake Creek (Big Hole Drainage)

Open entire year for brook trout.

Big Spring Creek — Lewistown

Open entire year.

Bighorn Lake and Afterbay Reservoir

- Limit A: 10 pounds and 1 fish not to exceed 10 fish.
- Limit: 6 walleye, sauger and bass in any combination. Catfish limit is 6.
- Up to six (6) attended lines, with one (1) hook per line allowed through the ice only.

Bighorn River



Standard Exceptions

- Afterbay Dam to cable 600 feet downstream and below Bighorn Access Area.
Open entire year.
- Cable 600 feet below Afterbay Dam to Bighorn Access Area.
Open entire year. Artificial lures only. Limit A: 5 trout only 1 of which may be over 18 inches. Catch-and-release only for rainbow trout.

Black Sands Spring Creek (tributary to South Fork Madison River)

Open June 15 through November 30.

Bluewater Creek

Open entire year.

Boulder River near Big Timber

Open entire year.

Boulder River near Cardwell, mouth to bridge four airline miles upstream in T2N R3W S24

Open third Saturday in May through September 30.

Bozeman (Sourdough) Creek from city water supply intake to a point 1,000 feet upstream as posted

Closed entire year.

Bull Creek — Jackson (Big Hole Drainage)

Open entire year for brook trout.

Canyon Ferry Dam Structure

Closed as posted.

Canyon Ferry Reservoir

Setline fishing allowed through the ice only with up to six (6) attended or unattended lines with up to six (6) hooks per line.

Clark Canyon Reservoir

- Limit A: 5 trout.
- Springs entering reservoir at South end, near Red Rock River, closed as posted.
- Limit: 10 burbot (ling) daily and in possession.

Clarks Fork Yellowstone River

- Open entire year.
- Downstream from bridge at Bridger
Setline fishing allowed entire year with up to six (6) attended or unattended lines with up to six (6) hooks per line.

Sugar Creek (tributary to Hebgen Reservoir)
Open June 15 through November 30.

Silver Pond (Widow's Pool) (Beaverhead County)
• Open July 15 through September 30, artificial lures only.
• Limit: 4 brook trout under 12 inches and 1 over 18 inches.

Butte Bank Creek downstream of Blackfoot Indian Reservation boundary in T33N, R6W, S2
Open entire year.

Darlington Ditch (Darlington Spring Creek) on Cobblestone Fishing Access Site (near Three Forks)
Catch-and-release for trout and grayling. Artificial lures only.

Headman's Basin Reservoir
Salmon snagging allowed through ice only. Limit: 35 salmon daily and 70 in possession.

Hebgen River downstream from Highway 434 bridge
Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release only for trout from December 1 to third Saturday in May.

Deep Creek Drainage near Choteau, within National Forest
Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

Deep Creek near Wise River (Big Hole Drainage)
Open entire year for brook trout.

Hickens Lake (Sun River Game Range)
Open third Saturday in May through November 30.

Inversion Lake (Sun River drainage)
Limit A: 5 trout, catch-and-release only for grayling.

Jock Creek (tributary to Hebgen Reservoir)
Open June 15 through November 30.

East Fork Hyalite Creek
Open third Saturday in July through November 30.

East Fork LaMarche Creek (Big Hole Drainage)
Open entire year for brook trout.

East Gallatin River downstream from the mouth of Bozeman (Sourough) Creek
Open entire year.

Elk Creek Drainage near Augusta, within National Forest
Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

Elk Lake (Beaverhead County)
Limit A: 5 trout.

Eyraud (Arod) Lakes
• Open second Saturday in June through February.
• Open to setline fishing with up to six (6) attended or unattended lines with up to two (2) hooks per line.
• Spearing or gigging northern pike and nongame fish open through the ice only through February.

Fairground Pond, Helena
Children's fishing water, see page 5.

Falls Creek near Augusta, within National Forest
Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

Ford Creek near Augusta, within National Forest
Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

Gallatin River
• Open entire year.
• Yellowstone Park to East Gallatin River
Closed to fishing from boats.

Gibson Reservoir
Limit A: 5 trout, catch-and-release only for grayling.

Goose Lake — Madison County
• Open third Saturday in June through November 30.
• Limit A: 5 trout.

Governor Creek (Big Hole Drainage)
Open entire year for brook trout.

Grayling Creek (tributary to Hebgen Reservoir)
Open June 15 through November 30.

Harrison (Willow Creek) Reservoir
• Limit: 5 trout, only one over 18 inches.
• Willow Creek arm, as posted, open third Saturday in May through February.

Hauser Dam structure and adjacent water as posted.
Closed entire year.

Hauser Lake (includes Canyon Ferry tailwater)
• Limit: 10 trout and salmon in combination; 5 walleye, only one of which may exceed 20 inches.
• Setline fishing allowed through the ice only with up to six (6) attended or unattended lines with up to two (2) hooks per line.

Haypress Lakes (Madison County)
• Lower Lake — Limit A: 3 trout
• Middle Lake — Catch-and-release, artificial lures only.
• Upper Lake — Catch-and-release, artificial lures only.

Hebgen Reservoir
Limit A: 5 trout.

Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir
• Open for salmon snagging September 1 through October 31 when the limit shall be 35 salmon daily and 70 in possession.
• Open to setline fishing through the ice only with up to three (3) attended or unattended lines with up to two (2) hooks per line.

Hidden Lake (Madison County)
• Open third Saturday in June through November 30.
• Limit A: 5 trout.

Hidden Lake (Teton County)
Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

Holter Reservoir
• Open entire year, except fishing is prohibited 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. Setline fishing through the ice only with up to six (6) attended or unattended lines with up to two (2) hooks per line.
• Limit: 10 trout and salmon in combination; 3 walleye less than 18 inches and only 1 over 24 inches.

Howell Creek, Wisdom (Big Hole Drainage)
Open entire year for brook trout.

Hyalite Creek
See Middle Creek, East Fork Hyalite Creek, and West Fork Hyalite Creek.

Hyalite Reservoir
Limit A: 5 fish, only one of which may be a grayling.

Indian Creek, Sheridan from city water supply intake to a point 1,000 feet upstream as posted.
Closed entire year.

Intake Reservoir, Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply
Closed entire year.

Jacobson Creek
Limit A: Catch-and-release only for cutthroat trout. Artificial lures only.

Jefferson River
• Open entire year.
• Limit A: 5 brown trout with only 1 over 18 inches.
• Catch-and-release only for rainbow trout.

Kiyo Lake (Pondera County)
Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

LaMarche Creek (Big Hole Drainage)
Open entire year for brook trout.

Lake Francis
• Around Conrad water supply outlet as posted
Closed entire year.
• Except portion closed as posted
Open entire year to fishing with up to two (2) attended or unattended lines with up to two (2) hooks per line, except through the ice when up to six (6) lines with up to two (2) hooks per line may be used. Spearing or gigging northern pike, walleye, sauger, burbot (ling) and nongame fish open through the ice only.

Lake Helena
Open to setline fishing through the ice only with up to six (6) attended or unattended lines with up to two (2) hooks per line.

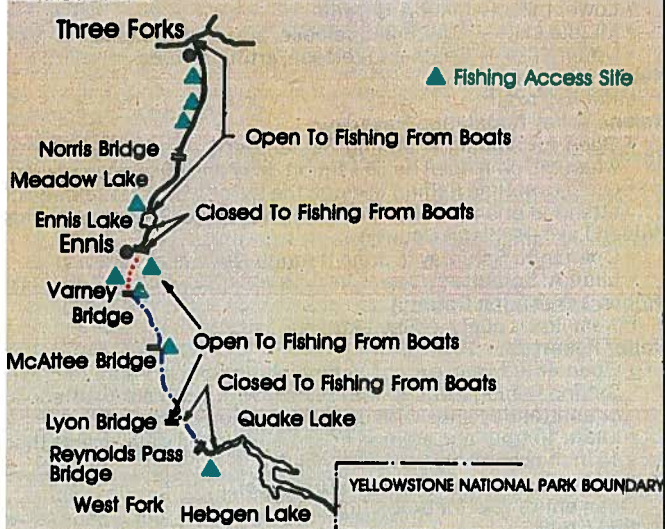
Lake LaVale
Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

Lightning Creek (Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness)
Open August 1 through November 30.

Little Prickly Pear Creek (downstream from Interstate Bridge near Sieben, T13N, R4W, S4)
Open 3rd Saturday in May through Labor Day. Upstream from the Interstate Bridge the season is open 3rd Saturday in May through November 30.

Lyman Creek, Bozeman from city water supply intake to a point 1,000 feet upstream as posted
Closed entire year.

Madison River



Standard Exceptions

- Yellowstone National Park boundary to Hebgen Lake
Open June 15 through November 30.
- Quake Lake outlet to Varney Bridge
Open entire year, artificial lures only, catch-and-release for trout.
- Quake Lake outlet to Lyon Bridge and Ennis Bridge to Ennis Lake
Closed to fishing from boats.
- Varney Bridge to Ennis Lake
Open third Saturday in May through February. Sculpins not allowed for bait. Limit A: 5 trout per day, only 1 of which may exceed 18 inches and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout.
- From Ennis Dam to the mouth-
Open entire year.

... Special Limit Area

- Trout, 5 fish limit (only 1 over 18 inches), only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout.
- Whitefish, 100.
- Use of sculpins not allowed.

--- Special Limit Area

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Trout, catch-and-release fishing only.
- Whitefish, 100.

Marías River

Open entire year including setline fishing with up to six (6) attended or unattended lines with up to six (6) hooks per line.

McDonalds Pond (Beaverhead County)

Open July 15 through September 30, artificial lures only. Limit A: 1 rainbow trout over 20 inches in length.

Middle Creek (Hyalite Creek), Bozeman from city water supply intake to a point 1,000 feet upstream as posted

Closed entire year.

Mldvale Creek from intake of Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to park boundary

Closed entire year.

VIII Creek near Sheridan

Open entire year.

Vlner Creek (Big Hole Drainage)

Open entire year for brook trout.

Missouri River

- Downstream from Three Forks
Open entire year.
- Toston Dam structure as posted.
Closed entire year.
- Hoiter Dam, abutment and spillway structures below the dam
Closed entire year.
- Hoiter Dam to Cascade.
Limit A: may include only 1 brown trout, minimum length 22 inches.
- Just below Canyon Ferry Dam as posted
Closed entire year; Hauser Lake limits apply in Canyon Ferry tailwater area.
- Between bridges at Craig and Sheep Creek
Open to spear fishing for whitefish with rubber or spring-propelled spears by person swimming or submerged. Limit 5 whitefish daily.
- Hoiter Dam to Black Eagle Dam
Open entire year for commercial whitefish fishing.
- Paddlefish tag is not required on the Missouri River.

Musselshell River (downstream from confluence of North and South Forks)

Open entire year.

Nelson Spring Creek

- Open entire year.
- Catch-and-release only, artificial lures only.

Newlan Creek Reservoir

Limit A: 5 trout.

North Fork Big Hole River

Open entire year for whitefish. Open entire year for brook trout.

North Fork Birch Creek Drainage near Dupuyer, within National Forest

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

North Fork Dearborn Drainage near Augusta, within National Forest

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

North Fork Dupuyer Creek Drainage near Dupuyer, within National Forest

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

North Fork Teton River Drainage near Choteau, within National Forest

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

North Willow Creek, Harrison from Highway 287 bridge to Willow Creek Reservoir

Open third Saturday in June through November 30.

Norwegian Creek

Open third Saturday in June through November 30.

O'Brien Creek above Nelhart public water intake

Closed entire year.

Otter Lake, Madison County

- Open third Saturday in June through November 30.
- Limit A: 5 trout.

Pattengall Creek (Big Hole Drainage)

Open entire year for brook trout.

Pintler Creek (Big Hole Drainage)

Open entire year for brook trout.

Pishkun Reservoir

- Open entire year for fishing with up to six (6) attended or unattended lines or setlines with up to two (2) hooks per line.
- Salmon snagging September 1 through December where the limit shall be 35 salmon daily and 70 in possession.
- Spearing or gigging of northern pike and nongame fish through the ice only.

Plimpton Creek (Big Hole Drainage)

Open entire year for brook trout.

Poindexter Slough

Open entire year. From December 1 to third Saturday in May, artificial flies and lures only, catch-and-release only.

Priest Butte Lake

Open June 15 through September 15 and December 1 through February.

Rattlesnake Creek, Dillon from city water supply intake to a point 1,000 feet upstream as posted.

Closed entire year.

Red Canyon Creek (tributary to Hebgen Reservoir)

Open June 15 through November 30.

Red Lodge Creek downstream from Cooney Dam

Open entire year.

Renshaw Lake

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

Rock Creek, tributary to Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River.

Open entire year.

Ruby River downstream from Ruby Dam

Open entire year.

Rumbaugh Creek

Open June 15 through November 15.

Shields River

Extended whitefish season and catch-and-release for trout open December 1 to the third Saturday in May with maggots and/or artificial lures only.

Silver Creek, Marysville

Catch-and-release fishing from Gold Silt Mine as posted to Green Meadow Drive.

Sixmile Creek and tributaries (tributary to Yellowstone River)

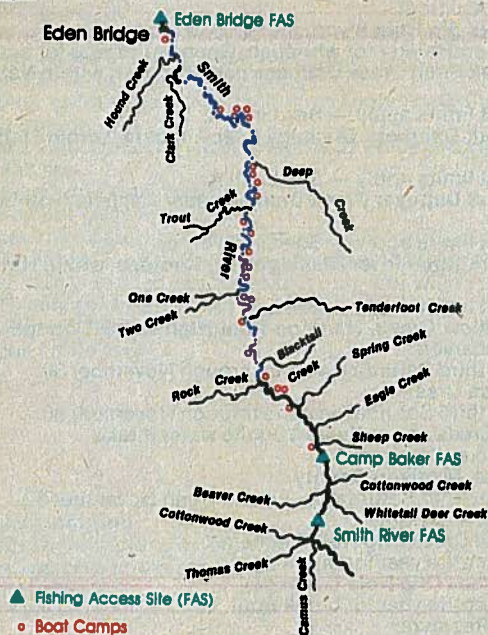
Catch-and-release only, artificial lures only.

Smith Creek Drainage near Augusta, within National Forest

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

Smith Lake (Madison County)

Limit A: 5 trout.

Smith River**Standard Exceptions**

- Downstream from confluence of North and South Forks Open entire year.
- Children under the age of 12 may fish with bait.

... Special Limit Area

- From confluence of Rock Creek to Eden (Huntsberger) Bridge
Artificial lures only. Limit A: 3 fish under 13 inches and 1 fish per day over 22 inches.

Floaters Notice—The Smith River Voluntary Reservation System has been instituted to help floaters avoid peak use periods. We encourage you to use this system to obtain updated float conditions and information. A Smith River Floaters Guide is also available. Please call the Great Falls DFWP office at 454-3441.

Sock Lake

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

South Fork Birch Creek Drainage near Dupuyer, within National Forest

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

South Fork Dupuyer Creek Drainage near Dupuyer, within National Forest

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

South Fork Madison River (tributary to Hebgen Reservoir)

Open June 15 through November 30.

South Fork Teton River Drainage near Choteau, within National Forest

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

South Fork Two Medicine River Drainage, within National Forest

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

Sourdough Creek

See Bozeman Creek.

South Willow Creek, Harrison from Highway 287 bridge to Willow Creek Reservoir

Open third Saturday in June through November 30.

Split Rock Lake

Open entire year for setline fishing with up to six (6) attended or unattended lines with up to two (2) hooks per line. Spearing or gigging for northern pike, and nongame fish through the ice only.

Spring Meadow Lake

- Closed to motor propelled water craft.
- Open to fishing by hook and line only.
- Limit: 5 trout; 1 bass.

Squaw Creek (Big Hole River Drainage)

Open entire year for brook trout.

Stillwater River

- Open entire year.
- Limit A: 2 trout, only 1 over 13 inches.

Sun River downstream from Diversion Dam (T22N, R9W, S36)

Open entire year. Limit A: only 1 grayling may exceed 13 inches.

Sun River between Gibson Dam and Diversion Dam

Limit A: 5 trout, catch-and-release only for grayling.

Sun River Drainage upstream from Diversion Dam (T22N, R9W, S36)

Forest limits apply — See Limit A.

Sunny Slope Canal downstream of Pishkun Reservoir

Limit A: 5 trout, only one grayling may exceed 13 inches in length.

Swamp Creek (Big Hole Drainage)

Open entire year for brook trout.

Swazee Lake (Sun River Game Range)

Open third Saturday in May through November 30.

Teton River downstream from Highway 89 bridge

Open entire year.

Toston Dam structure as posted

Closed entire year.

Trapper Creek

Open June 15 through November 30.

Vigilante Pond (near Virginia City)

Children's fishing water, see page 5.

Wade Lake, Madison County

- Open third Saturday in May through February.
- Limit A: 5 trout.

Warm Springs Creek, Lewistown

Open entire year. Limit A: 10 trout.

West Fork Hyalite Creek

Open third Saturday in July through November 30.

West Fork LaMarche Creek (Big Hole Drainage)

Open entire year for brook trout.

West Fork Rock Creek from Red Lodge water intake 1,000 feet upstream

Closed entire year.

Willow Creek and tributaries from White Sulphur Springs public water intake to source

Closed entire year.

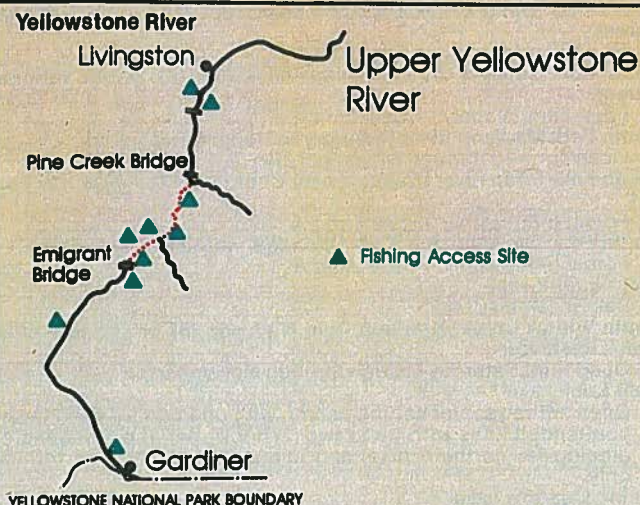
Willow Creek Reservoir (see Harrison Reservoir)**Wise River (Big Hole Drainage)**

Open entire year for brook trout.

Wood Lake (Sun River)

Limit A: 5 trout.

Wyman Creek (Big Hole Drainage)
Open entire year for brook trout.



Standard Exceptions

- Open entire year.
- Catch-and-release for cutthroat trout.
- Yellowstone National Park Boundary to I-90 bridge at Billings
 - Open entire year for commercial whitefish fishing.
- Emigrant Bridge to Pine Creek Bridge
 - Artificial lures only except that maggots may be used as bait for whitefish between December 1 and the third Saturday in May. Limit A: brown and rainbow trout, 4 fish under 13 inches and 1 fish over 22 inches.
- Downstream from mouth of Clarks Fork
 - Open entire year to setline fishing with up to six (6) attended or unattended lines with up to six (6) hooks per line. Live fish (except carp, goldfish, and rainbow smelt) allowed for bait in streams and ditches of the Yellowstone drainage, except for a section of the Big-horn River.

... Special Limit Area

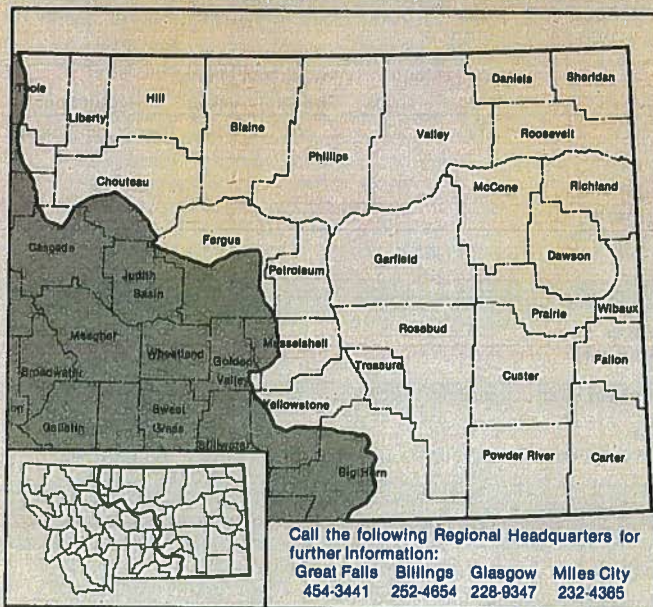
- Artificial flies and lures only. Maggots allowed for whitefish between December 1 and third Saturday in May. All trout caught on maggots must be released.
- Cutthroat trout, catch-and-release fishing only.
- Rainbow and brown trout, 5 fish limit, 4 under 13 inches, 1 over 22 inches.
- Whitefish, 100.

Releasing Fish

To ensure a released fish has the best chance for survival:

- Play the fish as rapidly as possible — do not play it to total exhaustion.
- Keep the fish in water as much as possible when handling and removing a hook.
- Remove the hook gently — do not squeeze the fish or put fingers in its gills.
- If deeply hooked, cut the line. Do not yank the hook out. Most fish survive with hooks left in them.
- Release the fish only after its equilibrium is maintained. If necessary, gently hold the fish upright facing upstream and move it slowly back and forth.
- Release the fish in quiet water close to the area where it was hooked.

EASTERN FISHING DISTRICT



Eastern Fishing District includes all waters lying East of the Central Fishing District. For the boundary description, see Central Fishing District.

Standard Fishing Seasons

All waters open entire year.

Bow and Arrow — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow taking of paddlefish and nongame fish (except portion of Yellowstone River).

Snagging — All waters open to angling are open to snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish (except a portion of the Yellowstone River).

Spearing — Nongame fish and burbot may be taken with rubber or spring-propelled spears by persons swimming or submerged in all waters open to fishing.

Spears or gigs may be used through the ice only for northern pike, walleye, sauger, burbot and nongame fish.

Setlines — All lakes open to fishing open to setline fishing through the ice only, except as specified under exceptions.

All streams in Yellowstone Drainage open entire year to setlines.

Anglers may use up to 6 attended or unattended lines or setlines with up to 6 hooks per line in those waters open to setline fishing except as specified under exceptions.

Unattended setlines must be clearly identified with owner's complete name and address.

Standard Daily and Possession Limits

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits. However, a person may possess only the limit allowed for the water on which he is fishing.

Species	Daily Limits		Possession Limits		Restrictions
	Streams	Lakes	Streams	Lakes	
Limit A	10	10	10	10	in any combination
Grayling					
Salmon					
All trout, except Lake trout					
Lake trout	3	3	3	3	
Sauger } Walleye }	5	5	10	10	in any combination
Northern Pike	5	5	5	5	
Tiger Muskellunge	1	1	1	1	30" minimum
Bass Largemouth Smallmouth	10	10	10	10	in any combination
Paddlefish	1	1	2	2	

The maximum weight sturgeon (genus: *Scaphirhynchus*) which may be taken is 16 pounds.

Nets (use of)

Hoop Nets

Hoop Nets without wings or leads may be used to take non-game fish, catfish, burbot (ling), and sturgeon in Yellowstone River downstream from mouth of Bighorn River, Milk River downstream from Highway 2 Bridge below Dodson Dam and Missouri River downstream from mouth of Milk River, except: Closed March 1 through May 15; and for two hundred (200) yards below all irrigation diversion dams. Each net must be clearly marked with owner's complete name and address.

Bait (Live)

- Sculpins (genus *Cottus*) may be used live for bait in all waters of the Eastern District.
- Live nongame bait fish (except carp, goldfish and rainbow smelt) may be used in all streams and rivers of the Eastern District except:
 - Milk River and its tributaries upstream from Fresno Dam.
 - Missouri River upstream from Morony Dam.
 - Streams south of Highway 2 which originate in Bearpaw Mountains, except Big Sandy Creek upstream from Highway 87 bridge.
- Live nongame fish (except carp, goldfish, and rainbow smelt) may be used for bait in the following ponds, lakes, reservoirs and impoundments only:
 - Bainville Railroad Ponds, Roosevelt County
 - Baker Lake, Fallon County
 - Box Elder Reservoir, Sheridan County
 - Buxbaum West Reservoir, Richland County
 - Castle Rock Lake, Rosebud County
 - Cole Ponds, Phillips County
 - Dredge Cut Trout Pond, Valley County

Bait (Live) (Continued)

Engstrom Reservoir, Sheridan County
 Ester Reservoir, Phillips County
 Flat Lake, McCone County
 Fort Peck Reservoir, Valley and McCone counties
 Frenchman Reservoir, Phillips County
 Hollecker Lake, Dawson County
 Killenbeck Reservoir, Daniels County
 Kuester Reservoir, Richland County
 Lane Steer Reservoir, Wibaux County
 Lee (Sam) Reservoir, Dawson County
 Lindsay Reservoir, Dawson County
 Little Warm Reservoir, Phillips County
 Lone Tree Creek Impoundments, Valley County
 McChesney Reservoir, Phillips County
 Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Sheridan County
 Milk River and its impoundments downstream of Fresno Dam
 Nelson Reservoir, Phillips County
 Petrolia Reservoir, Petroleum County
 Raymond Reservoir, Sheridan County
 Rolph Dam, Carter County
 Schlesinger Perch Pond, Rosebud County
 South Sandstone Reservoir, Fallon County
 Spotted Eagle Pond, Custer County
 Talcott Pond, Carter County
 Tiber Reservoir, Lake Elwell
 Tongue River Reservoir, Big Horn County
 Whiteside Reservoir, Garfield County
 Whitetail Reservoir, Daniels County
 Wilkowski Reservoir, Wibaux County

Boat and Motor Restrictions—The use of boats and motors may be restricted on some of the waters within this fishing district. Please refer to the boat and motor restrictions described on page 4. A complete description of all the boat and motor restrictions can be obtained by contacting a license agent or any Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Office.

Eastern Fishing District Exceptions:

Atlas Reservoir (Valley County)

Limit: 5 bass daily and in possession.

Bear Paw Lake (Hill County)

Limit A: 5 trout, only one line may be used year around.

Beaver Creek

- South of Highway 2 (Bearpaw Mountains)
Open third Saturday in May through November 30. Closed to use of live fish for bait except sculpins.

Beaver Creek in Valley and Phillips County

Open entire year to setlines.

Big Muddy Creek

Open entire year to setlines.

Big Sandy Creek

Upstream from Highway 87 bridge (Bearpaw Mountains). Open third Saturday in May through November 30. Closed to use of live fish for bait except sculpins.

Clear Creek

South of Highway 2 (Bearpaw Mountains). Open third Saturday in May through November 30. Closed to use of live fish for bait except sculpins.

Cow Creek (Bearpaw Mountains)

Open third Saturday in May through November 30. Closed to use of live fish for bait except sculpins.

Dredge Cut Trout Pond

- Open April 1 through November 30 for up to two (2) attended or unattended lines with no more than two (2) hooks per line: lines not to be suspended from free floating devices such as jugs. Open December 1 through March 31 to setlines.

Eagle Creek (Bearpaw Mountains)

Open third Saturday in May through November 30. Closed to use of live fish for bait except sculpins.

Ester Reservoir (Phillips County)

Open entire year to setlines.

Faber Reservoir (Blaine County)

Limit A: 5 trout.

Fort Peck Dredge Cut Ponds

See Missouri River.

Fort Peck Reservoir

- Open entire year for all species to persons swimming or submerged using rubber or spring-propelled spears.

- Downstream from a line between Haxby Point and Number 6 navigation sign at South Fork Duck Creek including Big Dry Arm

Open April 1 through November 30 for up to two (2) attended or unattended lines with no more than two (2) hooks per line; lines not to be suspended from free floating devices such as jugs. Open December 1 through March 31 to setlines.

- Upstream from a line between Haxby Point and Number 6 navigation sign at South Fork Duck Creek excluding Big Dry Arm

Open entire year to setline fishing.

Frenchman Creek (excluding Frenchman Reservoir)

Open entire year to setlines.

Fresno Reservoir (Hill County)

- Open April 1 through November 30 for up to two (2) attended or unattended lines with no more than two (2) hooks per line.

- Lines not to be suspended from free floating devices such as jugs.

- Open December 1 through March 31 for setlines.

Giant Springs (Great Falls) that portion enclosed by concrete walks and masonry work.

Closed entire year.

Lake Elwell—see Tiber Reservoir**Little Box Elder Creek**

- South of Highway 2 (Bearpaw Mountains)

Open third Saturday in May through November 30. Closed to use of live fish for bait except sculpins.

Lone Tree Creek and Impoundments (Valley County)

Open entire year to setlines.

Marías River

Open entire year to setlines from I-15 bridge to Tiber Reservoir and from Circle Bridge (Meisner's) to confluence with Missouri River.

- From Tiber Dam to its confluence with the Missouri River

Shovelnose sturgeon limit shall be 5 fish.

- Limit A: 5 trout, of which only one may exceed 18 inches.

- Whitefish: limit 35 fish.

Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge (Sheridan County)

All lakes open to setlines.

- Medicine Lake

Open November 15 through September 15.

- Gaffney Lake and Lake 10.

Open August 15 through March 31.

- Lake 12

Open November 15 through March 31.

Milk River

- And its tributaries upstream from Fresno Dam.

Closed to use of live fish for bait except sculpins.

- Upstream from Fresno Reservoir

Open entire year to setlines.

- And its impoundments downstream from Fresno Dam.

Open entire year to setlines.

Fisherman's Log

If you fish regularly in Montana, help gather fishing information.

Write for the Fisherman's Log:

Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

1400 South 19th, Bozeman, MT 59715

Missouri River

- Upstream from Morony Dam

Closed to use of live fish for bait except sculpins.

- Immediately downstream from Morony Dam as posted

Closed entire year.

- Downstream from Morony Dam (excluding river and dredge cuts between Fort Peck Dam and mouth of Milk River)

Open entire year to setlines.

- From Fort Peck Dam to mouth of Milk River (including Dredge Cut Ponds)

Open April 1 through November 30 for up to two (2) attended or unattended lines with no more than two (2) hooks per line; lines may not be suspended from free floating devices such as jugs. Open December 1 through March 31 to setlines. Limit A: Not to include more than 2 rainbow trout.

- Downstream from outlet tunnels of Fort Peck Dam as posted

Closed entire year.

- Downstream from Fort Peck Dam near Duck Island as posted

Closed March 1 through July 31 to fishing and wading.

Musselshell River

Open entire year to setlines.

Nelson Reservoir (Phillips County)

- Open April 1 through November 30 for up to two (2) attended or unattended lines with no more than two (2) hooks per line; lines not to be suspended from free floating devices such as jugs.

- Open December 1 through March 31 to setlines.

- Open entire year for all species to persons swimming or submerged using rubber or spring-propelled spears.

- Limit: No number limit on northern pike.

Peoples Creek

- South of Highway 2 (Bearpaw Mountains)

Open third Saturday in May through November 30. Closed to use of live fish for bait except sculpins.

Poplar River

Open entire year to setlines.

Powder River and tributaries

Open entire year to bow and arrow hunting for catfish.

Redwater River

Open entire year to setlines.

Reser Reservoir (Blaine County)

Limit: 5 bass daily and in possession.

Ross Reservoir (Blaine County)

Open third Saturday in May through November 30. Limit A: 5 trout.

Rush Hall Pond (Fallon County)

Open February 1 through October 15.

Snake Creek (Bearpaw Mountains)

Open third Saturday in May through November 30. Closed to use of live fish for bait except sculpins.

Sucker Creek (Bearpaw Mountains)

Open third Saturday in May through November 30. Closed to use of live fish for bait except sculpins.

Teton River

Open entire year to setlines.

Tiber Reservoir (Lake Elwell)

- Open April 1 through November 30 for up to two (2) attended or unattended lines with up to two (2) hooks per line.

- Open December 1 through March 31 for up to six (6) lines with up to two (2) hooks per line.

- Limit: 10 northern pike daily and in possession.

Tongue River Reservoir

Open entire year for all species to persons swimming or submerged using rubber or spring-propelled spears.

Wind Creek (Blaine County) from Clear Creek road crossing to its source, excluding Ross Reservoir

Closed entire year.

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Yellowstone River

- Limit: 10 walleye and sauger daily and in possession, in any combination.
- Downstream from mouth of Cottonwood Creek (approximately 4 miles downstream of Intake Diversion Dam)
Open May 1 through June 30 to snagging of paddlefish, or as posted. Snagging of nongame fish prohibited. Season and daily limit is 2 paddlefish.
- From mouth of Bighorn River to mouth of Cottonwood Creek (approximately 4 miles downstream of Intake Diversion Dam)
Open May 15 through June 30 to snagging of paddlefish or as posted. Snagging of nongame fish prohibited. Season and daily limit 2 paddlefish.
- From Intake Diversion to about 1/4 mile downstream as posted
Closed May 15 through June 30 to fishing or snagging from boats or as posted.

Paddlefish Regulations (Yellowstone River only; no tags necessary on the Missouri River.)

- All paddlefish anglers must purchase and have in their possession paddlefish tags in addition to other licenses that may be required.
- Each paddlefish angler must cast for and hook his or her own fish. It is unlawful to cast for and/or hook a paddlefish for another person.
- Any paddlefish tag that is locked shut prior to attachment to a fish shall be void.
- Any tag which has been altered or modified shall be void.
- Each paddlefish must be tagged immediately when brought under control and must be tagged with one's own tag. It is unlawful to take and release a paddlefish.
- It is unlawful to possess an untagged paddlefish taken from the Yellowstone River, or parts thereof, within one mile of the Yellowstone River.
- If a fish is cut up, the angler must keep that portion of the back and dorsal fin (back fin) necessary to maintain the tag sealed to the fish.

Montana Stream Access Law

Under the Montana Stream Access Law, rivers and streams capable of recreational use may be so used by the public up to the ordinary high water marks. Although Montana law gives sportsmen the right to pursue water-based recreational activities within the high water marks of rivers and streams, it does not give recreationists the right to enter posted lands bordering those streams or to cross private lands to gain access to streams.

The success or failure of the law hinges on the behavior of landowners and recreationists. We emphasize the need for cooperation and mutual respect.

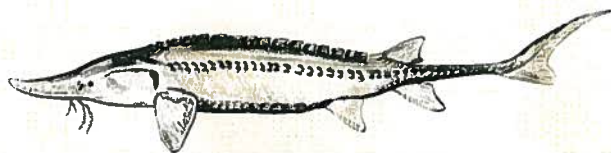
Recreationists are urged to obtain more detailed information from any Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks office.

Montana Trespass Law

Montana's trespass law states that a member of the public has the privilege to enter or remain on private land by the explicit permission of the landowner or his agent, or by the failure of the landowner to post notice denying entry onto the land.

It is the responsibility of the recreationist to determine whether private lands are posted. If lands are posted, it is the recreationist's responsibility to obtain permission from landowners before recreating on these lands. Recreationists are urged to obtain more detailed information from any Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks office.

HELP PROTECT THE PALLID STURGEON!



The **Pallid Sturgeon** is a fish of special concern in Montana and is being considered for addition to the Endangered Species List by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Pallids are a bottom-dwelling fish of the Missouri River, preferring strong currents flowing over a sandy or gravelly river bottom. Montana fishing regulations require that any sturgeon over 16 pounds must be released. This regulation is intended to protect the **Pallid Sturgeon**, which may grow to 60 pounds or more.

What can you do to help conserve the Pallid Sturgeon?

1. Learn to distinguish the **Pallid** from the **Shovelnose Sturgeon**, a smaller and more common species (see diagrams below). Since the sturgeon are hard to identify, we recommend that all sturgeon be released if you are unsure of the species.
2. Immediately and safely release the **Pallid Sturgeon**.
3. Contact the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks with any information on the location and size of **Pallid Sturgeon**.

Shovelnose Sturgeon

Base of the
barbels in a
straight line

Belly
covered with
small plates
(except in young)

Pallid Sturgeon

Base of the
barbels in a
crescent shape

Belly without
plates

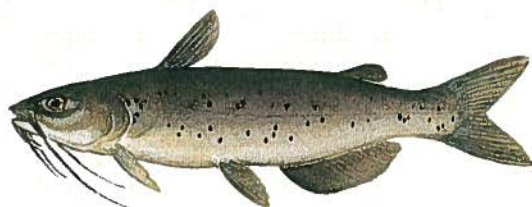
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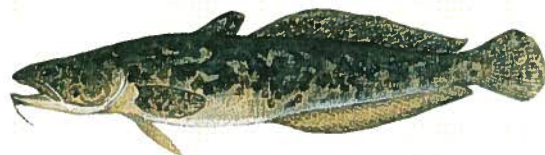
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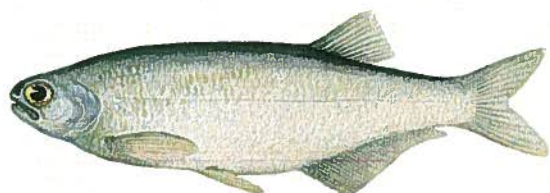
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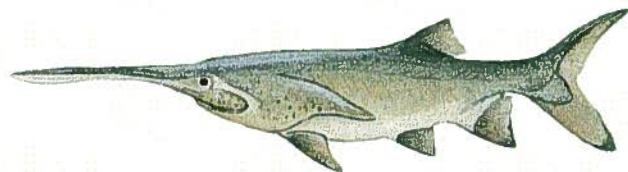
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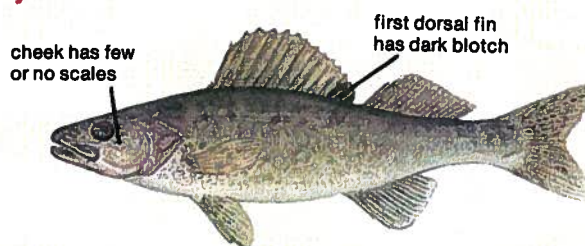


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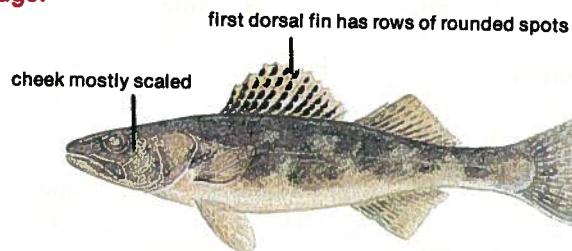


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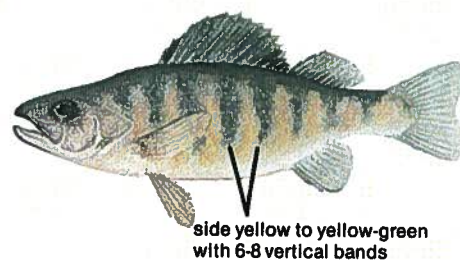
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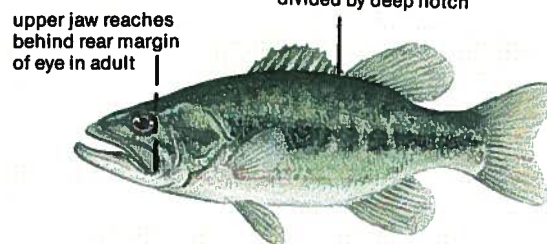
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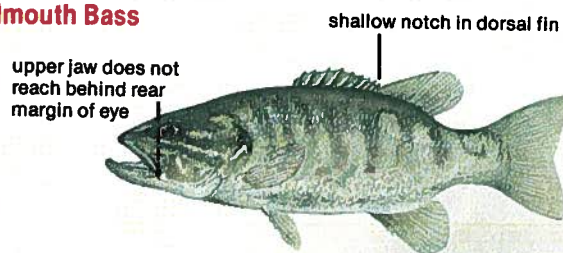
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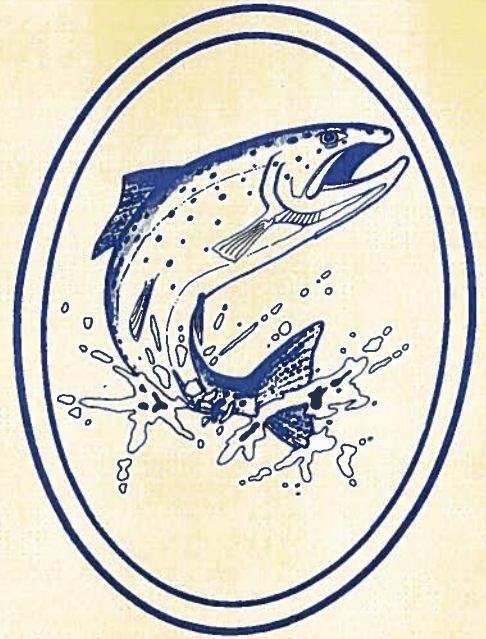
Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass



1991-1992 Fishing Regulations Addendum



MONTANA

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the seasons, limits and regulations listed in the 1990-1991/1991-1992 fishing regulations and those listed herein shall govern the 1991-1992 fishing season. These regulations are valid March 1, 1991 through February 29, 1992. These regulations were adopted by the Fish and Game Commission on February 8, 1991.

WESTERN DISTRICT

All regulations governing the Western Fishing District as printed on pages 8-15 remain in effect. In addition to these regulations, the following regulations are in effect March 1, 1991 through February 29, 1992.

Pursuant to a November 1990 agreement between the State of Montana and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, joint fishing regulations have been adopted by the Montana Fish and Game Commission and the Tribal Council. The joint regulations apply to all waters of the Flathead Indian Reservation.

For information on required licenses and copies of the joint regulations, anglers should contact Fish, Wildlife and Parks regional offices in Kalispell 752-5501 or Missoula 542-5500 OR the Tribal Council office in Pablo 675-2700.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

All regulations governing the Central Fishing District as printed on pages 16-26 remain in effect. In addition to those regulations the following exceptions are in effect March 1, 1991 through February 29, 1992.

- Page 17. Standard Daily and Possession Limits.
The possession limit for salmon in lakes is 10.
- Page 17. Standard Daily and Possession Limits.
It is unlawful to take or possess a Pallid Sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus albus) of any size.
- Page 19. Bighorn River. Afterbay Dam to cable 600 feet downstream and below Bighorn Access Area.
Limit A: 5 trout, only 1 of which may be over 18 inches and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout.
- Page 21 & Page 23. Holter Reservoir and Missouri River (Hauser Dam downstream to Holter Dam).
Catch and release only for brown trout.
- Page 22. Madison River. Yellowstone Park boundary to Three Forks.
Catch and release only for grayling.

EASTERN DISTRICT

All regulations governing the Eastern Fishing District as printed on pages 27-32, remain in effect. In addition to those regulations, the following regulation is in effect March 1, 1991 through February 29, 1992.

- Page 28. Standard Daily and Possession Limits.
It is unlawful to take or possess a Pallid Sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus albus) of any size.