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## Types of Licenses and Fees

Resident Bird and Fish License (Class A).....	\$ 3.00
Resident Big Game (Must be holder of class A license).....	2.00
Non-Resident Seasonal Fishing License.....	10.00
Non-Resident 6-Day Limited Fishing.....	3.00
Non-Resident Bird .....	25.00
Non-Resident Big Game and Fishing.....	100.00
Trapper's License (Must be holder of Class A license).....	10.00
Land Owner's Trapping License.....	1.00
Resident Fur Dealer's License.....	10.00
Non-Resident Fur Dealer's License.....	50.00
Fur Dealer's Agent's License.....	10.00
Taxidermist's License .....	15.00
Outfitter's and Guide's License.....	10.00

The holder of a Resident or Non-Resident Big Game License is entitled to take one deer, one elk, one bear, and one goat, during the open season thereon. (Goat hunting in special areas only.)

All aliens may purchase non-resident licenses.

Shipping Permits ..... \$ .60

Shipping permits may be obtained from license dealer agents or from the Montana Fish and Game Department, Helena, Montana. Non-residents may not obtain shipping permits to ship fish out of the state. Shipping permits for non-residents are attached to the license. One shipping permit is attached to non-resident big game licenses. Non-residents making more than one shipment will need to obtain shipping permits to ship big game.

## SAVE WILD LIFE BY PREVENTING FIRES —MAKE SURE YOUR FIRE IS COMPLETELY OUT AND LEAVE A CLEAN CAMP

**Game Animals**—Deer, elk, moose, antelope, caribou, mountain sheep, goat, bear and bison.

**Fur-Bearing Animals**—Marten or sable, otter, fox, muskrat, fisher, mink and beaver.

**Predatory Animals**—Coyote, wolf, wolverine, mountain lion, wildcat, raccoon, weasel, skunk and civet cat, black-footed ferret and bobcat.

**Game Fish**—All species of the family Salmonidae (charrs, trout and salmon); all species of the family Thymallidae (grayling); all species of the family Coregonidae (whitefish); all species of the genus Stizostedion (sand pike or sauger and walleye pike or yellow pikeperch); all species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all species of the genus Micropterus (bass).

**Warm Water Fish**—Bass, sunfish, yellow perch, crappie, catfish, bullheads, walleyed pike (yellow pike-perch), sauger, and northern pike.

**Upland Game Birds**—Sharptailed grouse, blue grouse, prairie chicken, sage hen or sage grouse, fool hen, ruffed grouse, quail, Chinese pheasant and Mongolian pheasant, Hungarian partridge, chuckar partridge, ptarmigan and wild turkey.

**Migratory Game Birds**—Waterfowl, including wild ducks, wild geese, brant and swans; cranes, including little brown Sandhill coots and whooping cranes; rails, including gallinules, sora or other rails; shore birds, including avocets, curlew, dowitcher, gotwits, knots, upland plover, killdeer, sandpipers, Wilson snipes or jacksnipes, snipes, stilts, plovers, willets and yellowlegs; and mourning or turtle doves.



## FISHING REGULATIONS

Effective May 16, 1954

To be in full force and effect through May 21, 1955, unless otherwise specified, subject to change, however, by the Commission. For up-to-date information, inquire of your nearest Deputy Game Warden.

**Regular Open Season:** May 16, 1954, to November 15, 1954, both dates inclusive.

**Regular Closed Season:** November 16, 1954, to May 21, 1955, both dates inclusive.

**Winter Fishing Season:** December 1, 1954, to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive, effective only on waters hereinafter enumerated under county regulations. During the winter fishing season, included in the bag limit shall be one (1) trout unless otherwise specified.

The above regulations apply except where otherwise specified in the paragraphs below or under the county regulations following.

All waters not mentioned in these regulations are open to fishing for all species during the regular open season.

**Hours of Fishing:** Open from 5:00 a. m. to 9:30 p. m., Mountain Standard Time, in all waters unless otherwise specified.

The aggregate bag and possession limit on all species of trout, char, grayling, Lake Superior whitefish, and salmon shall be fifteen (15) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish, except where otherwise specified. In the aggregate bag above, the bag and possession limit on grayling shall be five (5) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish, except as otherwise specified. The bag and possession limit on Rocky Mountain whitefish shall be fifteen (15) fish, except as otherwise specified.

The bag and possession limit on pike and pikeperch (walleye pike and sauger) of all species shall be fifteen (15) fish, not to exceed fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day.

The bag and possession limit on northern pike shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day, of which no northern pike shall be less than eighteen (18) inches in length.

The bag and possession limit on bass of all species shall be fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day.

These regulations shall apply to both fresh game fish and to game fish which have been frozen, dried, salted, or otherwise preserved, weight limits to be computed by dressed weight, with heads and tails intact.

### DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS CLARIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

Rainbow Trout  
Cutthroat Trout  
Brown Trout  
(Loch Leven)  
Eastern Brook Trout  
Dolly Varden Trout (Bull)  
(18 inch minimum size)  
Golden Trout  
Lake Trout (Mackinaw)  
Kokanee  
(Sockeye Salmon)  
Silver Salmon  
Lake Superior Whitefish  
Grayling (not to exceed 5 fish)

Daily bag and possession limit shall be 15 fish in the aggregate, not to exceed 10 lbs. and 1 fish.

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**IN ADDITION** to the above limits, a person may possess the following:

Northern Pike—5 fish (18 inch minimum size) not to exceed 15 lbs. and 1 fish.

Walleye Pike and Sauger—15 fish not to exceed 15 lbs. and 1 fish.

Rocky Mountain Whitefish—15 fish.

Bass (all species)—15 lbs. and 1 fish.

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## ORDERS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION REGULATING FISHING

**Baiting Fish:** It shall be prohibited for any person to introduce any food or substance into the water of this state that may concentrate or attract fish. (This does not prohibit angling for fish with legal lures and baits.)

**Fish for Bait:** It shall be prohibited for any person to transport, possess, and/or use for fish bait, any whole non-game fish, dead or alive, except as hereinafter provided under county regulations. All waters of the state shall be closed to fishing with carp and goldfish, dead or alive, unless their heads have been removed. (This regulation shall not apply to non-game fish with their heads removed or to the use of sculpins (Cottus) for fish bait.)

Sculpins (Cottus) may be used for bait in all waters in Montana. These may be taken with window screen or a piece of netting not to exceed four (4) feet in length.

All waters operated by the Fish and Game Department and U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as fish hatcheries, rearing ponds, and fish cultural stations within the state shall be closed to fishing at all times.

Set-lines shall not be permitted unless specifically stated otherwise. When set-lines are permitted, said set-line is not to exceed one hundred (100) feet, not more than six (6) hooks shall be attached thereto, and only four (4) set-lines shall be used per person. Each set-line must be tagged with the name and address of the owner.

Snagging of fish is unlawful at all times except as provided for under sockeye fishing regulations.

**Sockeye Fish Regulations During Spawning Season:** From October 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive, the limit on sockeye salmon shall be thirty-five (35) fish per day and not more than two days' limit in possession from waters herein-after enumerated under county regulations.

In these waters, snagging of sockeye with a combination of three hooks shall be permitted from October 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive, between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m., Mountain Standard Time. During the balance of the open season the general fishing regulations shall be in force.

Fishing for (or hunting of) carp shall be allowed with a bow and arrow. The use of cross-bows and mechanical bows shall be prohibited.

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The use of any trolling device with more than two (2) blades and rudder, said blades not to be larger than one and three-quarter (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches in the longest dimension shall be prohibited in Placid Lake, in Missoula County.

## STATE LAWS REGULATING FISHING

License not required for children under fifteen (15) years of age.

**Chapter 100, Laws of 1949** ". . . It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any body of water in the state, or it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any species of game birds or game animals into the State of Montana without first having obtained authorization from the Fish and Game Commission. . ."

Non-game fish may be taken in any quantity during the open season by angling or with set-lines in waters designated open to set-line fishing.

Minnows of non-game fish variety may be taken with a seine, not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length, three (3) feet in width, and one-quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) inch mesh only in counties hereinafter mentioned where the regulation allows the use of same. Use of minnow seines in all other counties unlawful; snares or fish traps unlawful to use or have in possession.

Sale or possession of salmon eggs or imitations thereof shall be absolutely prohibited.

**Means of Taking:** It is prohibited to use more than one line, or one pole with one line to the pole, with the exception as provided for set-lines. Said single line or single pole with line shall be in hand or within immediate control.

**Section 26-130. Penalty for Violations of Orders, Rules and Regulations of Commission.** Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of any

order, rule, or regulations of the State Fish and Game Commission made pursuant to the authority given said Commission by any of the laws of Montana, particularly including Sections 26-101 to 26-1306, and all acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto shall, unless a different punishment is expressly provided by law for such violation, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

### BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** (1) That portion of the Big Hole River from Divide Dam to three hundred (300) feet below Divide Dam, (2) Upper and lower Red Rock and Swan Lakes, (3) That portion of Red Rock Creek located within the boundaries of the Red Rock Lakes Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

**Open Entire Year:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** All lakes and their tributaries shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, with the exception of Elk Lake, Brown's Lake and Reservoir Lake, which are to be governed by the regular open season and except those closed entire year.

All streams tributary to Upper and Lower Red Rock Lakes shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, except as provided under "Closed Entire Year."

**Winter Fishing Season:** The following waters shall be open to fishing for whitefish during the winter fishing season. (1) Red Rock Creek

from Lima Dam to its confluence with Horse Prairie Creek, (2) The Beaverhead River from the confluence of Red Rock Creek and Horse Prairie Creek to its confluence with the Jefferson River, (3) The Big Hole River below the bridge which spans the river at Divide, to the Beaverhead-Madison County line, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Minnow seines not allowed. Small fish for bait with the exception of sculpins (Cottus) not allowed.

**Other:** Blacktail Creek from its intersection with Highway No. 91 to its confluence with the Beaverhead River, shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The limit on eastern brook trout in Beaverhead County shall be twenty-five (25) or ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. These brook trout are to be included in the regular aggregate bag.

The combined limit on grayling and trout in Agnes Lake shall be fifteen (15) fish.

## BIG HORN COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** The following streams on Tribal Lands in the Crow Indian Reservation are reserved by the Tribal Council for fishing by Indians only, and will be enforced by the Tribal Council. North Fork of Lodge Grass Creek, Black Canyon Creek, Bull Elk Creek and Devils Canyon Creek in their entirety; Lodge Grass Creek from the mouth of the Canyon to the Wyoming Line; Pryor Creek from headwaters to the Wilson Ranch Line Fence; Sage Creek from the first bridge below the Forest Service boundary to the Forest Service boundary; Dryhead Creek, the lower five

miles; further described as being in grazing units Numbers 25, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65 and portions of units 24, 29, 32, and 33. Further information may be secured from the Department of Interior, Crow Indian Agency, Crow Agency, Montana.

**Open Entire Year:** The Big Horn River, the Little Big Horn River from its confluence with the Big Horn River to the Highway No. 87 bridge at the Francis Eggart Ranch, Willow Creek Reservoir, Tongue River, Tongue River Reservoir, and for fishing of warm water fishes only, all other reservoirs.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** The creel limit on Willow Creek Reservoir shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish per day.

All reservoirs with the exception of Willow Creek Reservoir shall be open at all hours for the fishing of warm water fishes.

## BLAINE COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** North Fork of Cow Creek.

**Open Entire Year:** The Milk River, Missouri River and all reservoirs north of Highway No. 2, shall be open to fishing, with the following exception: Black Coulee Reservoir.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Black Coulee Reservoir shall be open to fishing from July 16 to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season each year.



**Set-Line Fishing:** Missouri River and Milk River for all species.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed except all reservoirs south of Milk River shall be closed to fishing with small fish for bait, as per the general regulation.

**Other:** All reservoirs north of Highway No. 2 shall be open at all hours for the fishing of warm water fishes.

## **BROADWATER COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** That portion of the Missouri River within three hundred (300) feet below Toston Dam.

**Open Entire Year:** The Missouri River at all hours.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** The Missouri River from Three Forks to Holter Dam shall be closed to set-line fishing from March 1 to June 30 each year, both dates inclusive, and open the remainder of the year.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed, except sculpins (Cottus) may be used.

**Other:** None.

## **CARBON COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** The first West Fork of Rock Creek shall be closed to all fishing permanently from the mouth of Washoe Creek (near Wild Bill Lake) to its confluence with the main stream of Rock Creek.

**Open Entire Year:** Bluewater Creek, Yellowstone River, Cooney Reservoir, and Clark Fork of

the Yellowstone River in Carbon County during the regular fishing hours, except for the portion of the Clark Fork open to set-line fishing which shall be open at all hours.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Winter Fishing Season:** (1) That portion of the Clark Fork River lying within Carbon County shall have a bag and possession limit of fifteen (15) fish of which not more than ten (10) may be trout. (2) That portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Carbon County shall have a bag and possession limit of thirty (30) fish of which not more than one (1) shall be trout.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River from the first bridge north of Belfry, Montana to the confluence with the Yellowstone River near Laurel, Montana, and only four (4) lines may be used (per person).

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except that sculpins (Cottus) may be used for bait, and small non-game fish from the Yellowstone River and the Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River (from the first bridge north of Belfry, Montana, to the confluence with the Yellowstone River near Laurel, Montana), with the exception of carp, may be used in said river.

**Other:** The bag and possession limit for eastern brook trout in Carbon County and the Clark Fork River Drainage shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. There will be no number or size limit within the weight limitation.



## **CARTER COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All reservoirs shall be open to fishing.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** The Little Missouri River and Box Elder Creek shall be open the entire year for all species.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All reservoirs shall be open at all hours for fishing.

## **CASCADE COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** Otter Creek and that portion of Giant Springs enclosed or surrounded by the concrete walks and masonry work.

**Open Entire Year:** Tintinger Sloughs, Missouri River, except as provided below, and all reservoirs for the fishing of warm water fishes. The regular fishing hours shall prevail on the Missouri River between Holter Dam and Morony Dam.

**Other Than Regular Season:** That portion of the Missouri River from the Giant Springs Channel between the island and the upper end of the Great Falls State Fish Hatchery property to a point approximately fifty (50) feet below the lower pond, a distance of about three hundred and fifty (350) feet, and extending three hundred (300) feet out into the river channel, shall be closed to fishing from November 16 to May 16 each year, and open during the regular season.

**Winter Fishing Season:** Sun River in Cascade County shall be open to whitefishing.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Missouri River below Morony Dam.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed, except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** All reservoirs shall be open for fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

## **CHOUTEAU COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** That portion of the Marias River and the Teton River lying within Chouteau County, and the Missouri River. All reservoirs to the fishing of warm water fishes.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** The Missouri River, Marias River and Teton River in Chouteau County only, for all species.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All reservoirs shall be open to fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

## **CUSTER COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** The Yellowstone River, the Powder River, and the Tongue River, for all species of fish.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All reservoirs shall be open to fishing for warm water fishes at all hours.

## DANIELS COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All reservoirs, the Poplar River and Wolf Creek.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Poplar River.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All reservoirs shall be open to fishing for warm water fishes at all hours.

## DAWSON COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters except as provided below.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Johnson Reservoir shall be open to fishing from June 20 to March 31, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

**Set-Line Fishing:** The Yellowstone River except that portion from the Intake Dam to the Ferry Cable which shall be closed throughout the entire year. All species of fish may be taken.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All waters shall be open for fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

## DEER LODGE COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** Big Spring in Georgetown Lake, in an area designated by piles or buoys for a distance of two hundred (200) feet north and south on the shore line out into the lake.

Flint Creek where it empties into Georgetown Lake shall be closed from its mouth at Georgetown Lake to the Granite County line, that part of Stewart Mill Creek above where the fence crosses it on Bowman's Pasture, and Hartdla Creek between Georgetown and Silver Lakes, shall be closed the entire year.

**Open Entire Year:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Excepting Georgetown Lake and Silver Lake, all other lakes and their tributaries shall be closed to fishing from November 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive, and shall be open during the remainder of the regular fishing season.

The first bay on Georgetown Lake southeast of the dam next to Highway No. 10A, and that portion of Georgetown Lake within a radius of three hundred (300) feet from the mouth of Flint Creek, and the spring area in Georgetown Lake at Denton's boat dock in an area designated by piles or buoys for a distance of 700 feet west and 300 feet east of the main backwater at Denton's Point, extending a distance of 200 feet from the shoreline into the lake, shall be closed to fishing from July 1 to July 31, both dates inclusive, and shall be open during the remainder of the regular fishing season, and during the winter fishing season.

Georgetown Lake, except as specified above, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed to all fishing from November 16 to November 30, and from March 1 to June 30 each year, all

dates inclusive. Fishing for all species of fish shall be allowed in Georgetown Lake between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a. m. to 9:30 o'clock p. m., Mountain Standard Time, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, from December 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive.

Winter fishing shall be allowed for all species of fish in Silver Lake from December 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive, and shall be open to fishing from July 1, to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** The limit in Georgetown Lake shall be ten (10) fish in the aggregate and not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day.

## FALLON COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Box Elder Creek and O'Fallon Creek for all species of fish.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All waters open to fishing at all hours for warm water fish.

## FERGUS COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All reservoirs and the Judith River from its confluence with Big Spring to the confluence with Missouri River, the Missouri River and Crystal Lake.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Missouri River.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** None.

## FLATHEAD COUNTY

All waters of Flathead County, except those open the entire year, shall be open to fishing from May 30 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year, except as otherwise specified.

**Closed Entire Year:** South Fork of the Flathead River from Highway No. 2 bridge to Hungry Horse Dam. The Swan River from the Hydroelectric plant to the highway bridge, and from the Big Fork Dam to three hundred (300) feet below the dam; Smith Lake (North of Whitefish Lake); the streams between Middle and Big Ashley Lakes; Stillwater River from the Northwest Dam to three hundred (300) feet below the dam.

Herrig Creek, a tributary of the Bitterroot Lake; Bitterroot Lake within an area of three hundred (300) feet in all directions from Herrig Creek, and the Little Bitterroot River shall be open to fishing July 1 to November 15, 1954, both dates inclusive.

Big Creek, Coal Creek, Whale Creek and their tributary streams.



Trail Creek (Yakinikak Creek) shall be closed the entire year from where it comes out of the ground, approximately five (5) miles above the North Fork Road, to the North Fork of the Flathead River. Haskell Creek and tributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its source.

**Open Entire Year:** Flathead Lake, except that portion two thousand (2,000) feet into the lake in every direction from where the Flathead and Swan Rivers enter the lake which shall be closed each year from March 1 to the beginning of the general fishing season; and that portion in front of the Somers Hatchery property line three hundred (300) feet out into the lake which shall be closed from October 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

Whitefish Lake, McWiniger Slough, Emmert Slough, Egan Slough, Lake Five and adjoining Mud Lake, Half Moon Lake, Lake Blaine, Fenny Slough, Blanchard Lake, Upper and Lower Stillwater Lakes, Samsen Lake, Spencer Lake, Echo Lake and adjoining Peterson Lake, Skyles Lake, Meadow Lake, Smith Lake (Kila area), McGregor Lake and Middle Ashley (Lone Lake), and Foy's Lake.

Bootjack, Fire, Finger, Dog, Hole-in-the-Wall, Thornburg, Big and Little Martin, Chinook, Beaver, Dollar, Doyle, Hansen and Murray Lakes shall be closed to fishing for all species of fish from October 1 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and shall be open during the remainder of the year.

Big Ashley Lakes and tributaries shall be open to fishing from June 13 to November 15, 1954, both dates inclusive, the daily limit of fish to be five (5), not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

Swift Creek, and Logan Creek from its mouth to the fourth bridge above Tally Lake, shall be

open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and shall be closed the remainder of the year.

The so-called Pothole Lakes southeast of Creston shall be open to fishing from November 15 to June 15, both dates inclusive, and shall be closed the remainder of the year. The boundaries shall be the county road at its junction with Highway No. 35 at the Harry Gorton place, thence in an easterly direction to the foothill road, thence in a southerly direction to the Ferndale bridge above Bigfork, thence in a westerly direction to Highway No. 35 at Bigfork, thence in a northerly direction along Highway No. 35 to point of beginning; Jesups Mill Pond, which is within this area, shall be open to fishing during the regular season only.

**Winter Fishing Season:** Rogers Lake and all its tributaries shall be open to fishing during the winter fishing season and closed the remainder of the year.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** The minimum size of Dolly Varden (Bull Trout) which may be taken in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail left intact. Bull Trout caught in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages less than eighteen (18) inches must be carefully returned to the water.

Snagging of sockeye salmon is allowed as per the general sockeye regulation in Flathead Lake, in Whitefish Lake, and in the Flathead River from the mouth of the South Fork of the Flathead River to the old red bridge below Columbia Falls.

The use of outboard motors for fishing shall be prohibited on the Pothole Lakes near Creston and



on the following named lakes near Whitefish: Upper Beaver, Rainbow, Dollar, Wood, Thornburg, and Skyles.

The limit on cutthroat on the South Fork, Middle Fork and North Fork of the Flathead River and their tributary streams shall be ten (10) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

## GALLATIN COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** The Madison River and tributary streams from Hebgen Dam to Cabin Creek. That portion of Bozeman Creek (also known as Sour Dough Creek) from Storey Street Crossing to Keggy Lane, and that portion from the Settling Basin of the water supply for the city of Bozeman to its source, including all tributaries and Mystic Lake. Lyman Creek from the Bozeman water intake to its source.

**Open Entire Year:** The Missouri River, the Gallatin River between its confluence with the Missouri and Trident Bridge (County Bridge No. 5) at all hours.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Hebgen Lake shall be open to fishing from May 16 to September 30, both dates inclusive; the tributary streams above Hebgen Lake shall be open to fishing from May 30 to September 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year. The bag and possession limit for Hebgen Lake and tributaries shall be ten (10) fish or ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

(1) All of the Madison River and its tributaries between its confluence with the Jefferson River in Gallatin County and Meadow Lake in Madison County shall be open from May 16 to September 30, both dates inclusive, and closed through the

remainder of the year. (Exceptions to above: See "Winter Fishing Season.")

(2) The Madison River from Cabin Creek to the Madison-Gallatin County line shall be open to fishing from May 16 to September 30, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

(3) All lakes and their tributaries in Gallatin County, except Hebgen Lake and its tributaries, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

(4) That portion of the West Gallatin River and its tributaries, including the East Gallatin River and its tributaries between the Williams Bridge and Trident Bridge (County Bridge No. 5), shall be open to fishing from May 16 to September 30, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year. (Exceptions to above: See "Winter Fishing Season.")

**Winter Fishing Season:** The following waters shall be open to fishing for whitefish during the winter fishing season. The bag and possession limit shall be thirty (30) whitefish. (1) The Madison River between Red Bridge on the Norris Road in Madison County and its confluence with the Jefferson River in Gallatin County; (2) That portion of the Jefferson River in Gallatin County; (3) The main Gallatin River from Trident Bridge (County Bridge No. 5) to mouth of the East Gallatin River; (4) The East Gallatin River from its mouth to the Todd Stevens Bridge, and the West Gallatin River from its confluence with the East Gallatin River to the Williams Bridge.

**Set-Line Fishing:** The Missouri River from Three Forks to Holter Dam shall be closed to set-line fishing from March 1 to June 30 each year,

both dates inclusive, and open the remainder of the year.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except that sculpins (*Cottus*) may be used for bait.

**Other:** Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft or device, is prohibited in the Madison River from Cabin Creek in Gallatin County to within three hundred (300) feet of the buoy markers in Meadow Lake in Madison County.

The use of any trolling device with more than two blades and rudder, said blades not to be larger than one and three-quarter (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches in the longest dimension, shall be prohibited in Hebgen Lake.

That portion of Camp Creek lying between the bridge at Amsterdam and the third bridge upstream a distance of two (2) miles, shall be closed to fishing by all persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

## **GARFIELD COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters, including Fort Peck Reservoir. Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to closure as a safety or security measure by the U. S. Army Engineers.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Fort Peck Reservoir and the Musselshell River in Musselshell, Petroleum, Rosebud and Garfield Counties.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All waters, including Fort Peck Reservoir, are open at all hours for fishing of warm water

fish unless Fort Peck Reservoir has been closed by the U. S. Army Engineers.

Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

## **GLACIER COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** Midvale Creek and the intake reservoir from the intake of the Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to the Glacier Park boundary.

**Open Entire Year:** The Marias River, Hope Lake, Duck Lake, Upper and Lower Mission Lakes, Lower St. Mary's Lake and Cut Bank Creek from the Marias River to the Great Northern Railroad Bridge at Cut Bank.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Deep Creek, the inlet to Dog Gun Lake from the Blackfoot Reservation-Lewis and Clark Forest Boundary Line and a portion of Dog Gun Lake included within a radius of three hundred (300) feet of the mouth of said creek, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

**Winter Fishing Season:** Lower Two Medicine Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive, and during the regular open season.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed, except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** None.



## **GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All reservoirs and Deadman's Basin Lake. The Musselshell River from the Burgoyne Railroad Bridge to its confluence with Fort Peck Reservoir.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed, except in Deadman's Basin Lake.

**Other:** The limit of fish on Deadman's Basin Lake shall be ten (10) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish per day.

All reservoirs, with the exception of Deadman's Basin Lake, shall be open at all hours to fishing for warm water fishes.

## **GRANITE COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** Flint Creek from the Skalkaho Road upstream approximately one mile to the irrigation wiers as posted. Flint Creek from Echo Lake to three hundred (300) feet below Echo Lake and East Fork of Rock Creek from East Fork Dam to three hundred (300) feet below said dam. Little Fred Burr Lake, Big Fred Burr Lake, and Stewart Lake.

**Open Entire Year:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** All lakes and their tributaries in Granite County, except Echo Lake, which will be open May 30, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Winter Fishing Season:** (1) Georgetown Lake between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a. m. and 9:30 o'clock p. m., Mountain Standard Time, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays; (2) Racetrack Lake.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed, except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** The limit in Echo Lake, East Fork Rock Creek Reservoir, and Georgetown Lake shall be ten (10) fish in the aggregate in any one day and the possession limit shall be ten (10) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

## **HILL COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** Milk River within three hundred (300) feet below Fresno Dam.

**Open Entire Year:** Milk River, from three hundred (300) feet below Fresno Dam to Blaine County line, and Fresno Lake.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Creedman Coulee Reservoir shall be open to fishing from July 16 to September 15, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year. Lake Thibadeau Refuge shall be open to fishing from July 16 to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season each year.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Missouri River and Milk River from the east side of the Havre city limits east for all species of fish.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** Fresno Lake and Milk River shall be open to fishing at all hours.

## **JEFFERSON COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** See "Winter Fishing Season."

**Winter Fishing Season:** Jefferson River for whitefish.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** The Little Boulder River from White-tail Bridge to the first bridge above Crowley's Dam and Boomerang Creek Dam shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

## **JUDITH BASIN COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** Otter Creek.

**Open Entire Year:** All reservoirs except Ackley, Kolar and O'Brien.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Ackley Lake, from spillway to three hundred (300) feet into the lake, shall be closed to fishing from May 16 to May 29, both dates inclusive.

**Winter Fishing Season:** Kolar, O'Brien and Ackley Lakes.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** The daily limit of fish on Kolar, O'Brien and Ackley Lakes, either singularly or combined, shall be ten (10) fish per day, not to exceed ten

(10) pounds and one (1) fish. In the Middle Fork of the Judith River and its tributaries, the limit on cutthroat trout shall be five (5) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

## **LAKE COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** The shoreline of the East shore of Flathead Lake extending three hundred (300) feet into the lake near the Polson Hatchery beginning at Dr. Richards' northern property line and extending to the Thometz Boat Dock on the south.

Hell Roaring Creek, water supply for Polson, and its lakes from the outlet of the lower lake to its source.

Crow Creek and its tributaries above the intake for the Ronan water supply to its source.

Mission Creek, from Mission Lake to the St. Ignatius public water supply intake.

**Open Entire Year:** Kicking Horse Reservoir, Flathead Lake except as provided below, and the Flathead River below Kerr Dam.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Donaldson and Freeland Creeks, tributaries of Lake Mary Ronan, and those portions of Lake Mary Ronan, three hundred (300) feet into the lake in all directions from these streams, shall be open from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

Except for the main dikes, Ninepipe Reservoir and Pablo Reservoir shall be closed to fishing from March 1 to July 15, both dates inclusive, and shall also be closed to fishing during the migratory waterfowl hunting season and open throughout the remainder of the year. Fishing will be allowed from the main dikes, as posted by the U. S. Fish



and Wildlife Service, during the entire year, excepting the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

An area of shoreline of Flathead Lake, 750 feet along Crescent Bay near Rollins Bay, the area to be marked by signs and extending three hundred (300) feet into the Flathead Lake shall be closed to fishing during the sockeye salmon spawn taking operations from October 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

**Winter Fishing Season:** Swan Lake and Van Lake.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** The minimum size of Dolly Varden (Bull Trout) caught in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail left intact. Bull trout caught in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages less than eighteen (18) inches must be carefully returned to the water.

Snagging of sockeye salmon is allowed as per the general sockeye regulation in Flathead Lake.

The limit on sockeye salmon shall be fifteen (15) fish, except during the snagging season.

## LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** As a safety and security measure, that portion of the Missouri River adjacent to Canyon Ferry Dam between the log boom and the upstream face of the dam, and from the tail race on the downstream face of the dam to three hundred (300) feet below, as posted by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation; North Fork of the Sun River from Gibson Dam and Diversion Dam to three hundred (300) feet below each dam; Gravelly Range Lake; Channel of Main Nilan Reservoir to and including the small lake lying west of the reservoir on the A. B. Cobb ranch, as posted.

**Open Entire Year:** Missouri River and its main stem impoundments. Regular fishing hours shall prevail between Holter Dam and Morony Dam.

**Other Than Regular Season:** The South Fork of the Flathead River drainage shall be open to fishing from May 30 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

**Winter Fishing Season:** (1) Willow Creek Reservoir, (2) North Fork of Sun River from three hundred (300) feet below Diversion Dam to its confluence with the South Fork of Sun River and Sun River in Lewis and Clark County, to white-fishing, (3) Bean's Lake.

**Set-Line Fishing:** The Missouri River from Three Forks to Holter Dam shall be closed to set-line fishing from March 1 to June 30 each year, both dates inclusive, and open the remainder of the year.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except that sculpins (*Cottus*) may be used.

**Other:** The use of any trolling device with more than two blades and rudder, said blades not

arger than one and three-quarter ( $1\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches in ongest dimension, shall be prohibited in Gibson Reservoir, Diversion Dam, Bean's Lake and Nilan Reservoir.

Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft or device shall be prohibited at all times in Wood Lake.

South Fork of the Sun River, from the bridge on Highway No. 20 east of Augusta to the bridge on Highway No. 33, shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The limit on cutthroat on the South Fork, Middle Fork and North Fork of the Flathead River and their tributary streams, shall be ten (10) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

## **LIBERTY COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** The Marias River.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Marias River for all species of fish.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed in the Marias River. Remainder of county, use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** None.

## **LINCOLN COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** Slimmer Creek; Flower Creek and its artificial impoundments from the Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural lakes; O'Brien Creek from the intake of the city water supply for Troy to its source; Red Top Creek; Cyclone Creek; Hell Roaring Creek; Meadow Creek in the Yaak River drainage; Sullivan Creek; Boiling Springs Creek.

**Open Entire Year:** The following lakes shall be open to fishing: Loon Lake, Horseshoe, Thompson Lakes, Crystal, Lavonne, Leone, Bootjack and Rainbow near Happy's Inn; Loon, Timber, Dudley Slough, O'Brien, Sophia, Moran, Carpenter, Rock, Frank or Island, Rattlebone, Murphy and Dickey Lakes in the Eureka district; Spar Lake, Grouse Lake, Bull Lake in the Troy district; Tom Poole Lake north of Libby.

Yaak River from the mouth to the falls; O'Brien Creek from the mouth to the city dam; Star Creek from the mouth to the falls; Lake Creek from the mouth to the Power Company Dam; the Kootenai River.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Kilbrennan Lake, and Loon Lake at the head of Pipe Creek shall be closed to all fishing from September 16, 1954 to May 21, 1955, both dates inclusive, and open during the remainder of the regular fishing season.

Leigh, Upper and Lower Cedar Lakes, Upper and Lower Geiger Lakes, Sky or Owassa Lake, Miner Lake, Double Lake, Standard Lake, Wishbone Lake, Bramlet Lake, and lakes in Hanging Valley shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

Wigwam Creek and all its tributary streams and lakes shall be open to fishing from July 1 to

November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

School House Lake and Shannon Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1954 to April 30, 1955, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Any portion of the Flathead River drainage in Lincoln County shall be open to fishing May 30 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

**Winter Fishing Season:** Glen Lake; Fisher River from where Highway No. 2 crosses the main Fisher River to its confluence with the Kootenai River, for whitefish.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Kootenai River.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** The Troy Rod and Gun Club's annual fish pond shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

In the tributary streams of the Flathead Drainage in Lincoln County in the Stryker area, the minimum size of Dolly Varden (Bull Trout) which may be taken shall be eighteen (18) inches, with head and tail left intact. Bull trout caught in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages less than eighteen (18) inches must be carefully returned to the water.

## MADISON COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** Harrison Lake (Willow Creek Dam), except that portion of the lake known as the Norwegian Creek Arm; Willow Creek, inlet to Harrison Lake or Willow Creek Dam from the confluence with the lake to the weir approximately two hundred (200) feet above state spawning traps; the Madison River for a distance of three hundred (300) feet below Meadow Lake (Ennis Lake) Dam; the Ruby River and the irrigation canal from the Ruby River Dam to the Anderson Sheep Bridge; the inlet to Wade Lake for a distance of three hundred (300) feet in all directions, so marked by permanent markers.

Indian Creek and its tributaries from the Sheridan public water supply intake to its source.

**Open Entire Year:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** That portion of Harrison Lake (Willow Creek Dam) known as Norwegian Creek Arm shall be open to fishing from June 1 to July 15, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year. The daily limit shall be five (5) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

All lakes and their tributaries in Madison County except Meadow, Ruby Reservoir, Wade and Cliff Lakes shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year.

All of Madison River and its tributaries upstream from the Madison-Gallatin County line to Meadow Lake shall be open from May 16 to September 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year. (Exception: See "Winter Fishing Season.")

Meadow (Ennis) Lake and Ruby Reservoir shall be open to fishing during the regular open

season and from January 1 to February 28, both dates inclusive, on Sundays and legal holidays only, the winter limit to be five (5) trout.

That portion of the Madison River and tributaries from Meadow (Ennis) Lake to Cabin Creek shall be open to fishing from May 16 to September 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year, except as follows: That portion of the Madison River and side channels between Ennis Bridge and the markers three hundred (300) feet into Meadow (Ennis) Lake shall be closed to fishing from May 16 to June 12, both dates inclusive, and open to fishing during the remainder of the regular fishing season.

The east arm of Cliff Lake shall be open to fishing for whitefish from October 15 to December 15, both dates inclusive; however, the limit on whitefish in the east arm of Cliff Lake shall be fifty (50) whitefish.

Wade, Cliff and Hidden Lakes shall be open to fishing May 16 to September 30, both dates inclusive.

**Winter Fishing Season:** The following waters shall be open to fishing during the winter fishing season. The limit shall be fifteen (15) fish of which no more than one (1) shall be trout. (1) The Ruby River from Kelly's Bridge at Alder to its confluence with the Beaverhead River, (2) that portion of the Madison River between the Red Bridge on the Norris Road downstream to the Madison-Gallatin County line, (3) that portion of the Madison River between the Ennis Bridge and the Hutchins Bridge, (4) that portion of the Jefferson River lying within Madison County, (5) the Big Hole River from the Silver Bow-Madison County line to its confluence with the Jefferson River.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft or device shall be prohibited in the Madison River from Cabin Creek in Gallatin County to within three hundred (300) feet of the buoy markers in Meadow Lake in Madison County.

That portion of the stream located one-half mile east of the town of Twin Bridges known as Lott's Slough or drain ditch, from its source to the crossing of the old road one mile north of Twin Bridges shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

Spring Creek within the Ennis Hatchery grounds shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The use of any trolling device with more than two blades and rudder, said blades not to be larger than one and three-quarter ( $1\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches in the longest dimension, shall be prohibited in Wade, Cliff, Hidden, Meadow and Harrison Lakes.

## **McCONE COUNTY.**

**Closed Entire Year:** That portion of the Missouri River between the outlet tunnels and the channel marker below the concrete apron of Fort Peck Dam and that portion of the discharged channel of the spillway structure, Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir project, between the terminal concrete apron and the installed cable markers.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters except as provided under "Closed Entire Year," with the excep-



tion that Fort Peck Reservoir and the tunnel and spillway areas are subject to closure by the U. S. Army Engineers as a safety or security measure.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** The Missouri River for all species of fish, except the spillway channel of Fort Peck Reservoir, which shall be closed to set-line fishing.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All reservoirs shall be open at all hours for fishing of warm water fishes.

Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

## MEAGHER COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** Crater Lake; Supply Canal from the concrete drop to its confluence with Martinsdale Lake; Flagstaff Creek; tributaries to Holliday Lake; Holliday Lake.

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

**Open Entire Year:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Castle Lake shall be open to fishing from July 15 to July 31, both dates inclusive each year, and closed the remainder of the year.

In addition to the regular season, Lakes Sutherland, Harris and Martinsdale shall be open to fishing from January 1 to February 28, both dates inclusive.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** The limit on Lakes Sutherland, Harris, Martinsdale and Castle, either singly or combined, shall be ten (10) fish per day, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

## MINERAL COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** Silver Creek and Packer Creek.

**Open Entire Year:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** The St. Regis River and tributaries shall be open to fishing from May 30 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year. Clark Fork river shall be open to fishing from May 16, 1954 to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

**Winter Fishing Season:** That portion of Fish Creek from two hundred (200) feet above the Healin Logging Company bridge to its confluence with the Clark Fork River shall be open to fishing for whitefish, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from December 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** Thompson Creek and Flat Creek near Superior shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

Two Mile Pond, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 28, T18N, R28W, which is fed by the St. Regis River, shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

## MISSOULA COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** Rattlesnake Creek from the Montana Power Company Dam to its source; Clark Fork River from the Bonner Dam to three hundred (300) feet below the dam; Miller Creek (near Missoula); the South Fork of the Jocko River and all its tributaries, including Crazy Fish Lake.

**Open Entire Year:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** That portion of the Clark Fork River from three hundred (300) feet below the Bonner Dam shall be open to fishing from May 16, 1954 to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Lolo Creek and tributaries shall be open to fishing from May 30 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

The South Fork of the Flathead River drainage in Missoula County shall be open to fishing from May 30 until November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

In addition to the regular season, the main Bitterroot River and the main Blackfoot River shall be open to fishing for whitefish, from December 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

**Other:** The fish ponds located within Greenough Park in the City of Missoula shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The limit on cutthroat on the South Fork, Middle Fork and North Fork of the Flathead River and their tributary streams shall be ten (10) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

## MUSSELSHELL COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters except Willow Creek, which will open with the regular season.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Musselshell River in Musselshell, Petroleum, Rosebud and Garfield Counties.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All reservoirs open to fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

## PARK COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** Yellowstone River during the regular fishing hours, 5:00 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Dailey Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1954 to December 15, 1954, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

**Winter Fishing:** The following waters shall be open to fishing during the winter fishing season. The bag and possession limit shall be thirty (30) fish of which no more than one (1) may be trout. (1) The Shields River from the Poor Bridge above Wilsall to its confluence with the Yellowstone River, (2) that portion of the Yellowstone River lying in Park County.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except that sculpins (Cottus) may be used for bait, and small non-game fish from the

Yellowstone River, with the exception of carp, may be used in the Yellowstone River.

**Other:** Snagging of sockeye salmon shall be allowed in Dailey Lake from October 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive and, the bag and possession limit of sockeye shall be fifteen (15) fish.

The use of any trolling device with more than two (2) blades and rudder, said blades not to be larger than one and three-quarter ( $1\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches in the longest dimension, shall be prohibited in Dailey Lake.

The legal bag limit on eastern brook trout in the Clark Fork of the Yellowstone Drainage in Park County shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. There will be no legal size or number limit within this weight limitation.

## **PETROLEUM COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Missouri River and the Musselshell River in Petroleum, Musselshell, Rosebud and Garfield Counties.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All waters except Patrolia Reservoir open at all hours to fishing of warm water fishes.

The limit on trout in Patrolia Reservoir shall be ten (10) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

## **PHILLIPS COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters except the drain canal at McNeil Station rearing pond and the Bowdoin Wildlife Refuge.

**Other Than Regular Season:** The Bowdoin Wildlife Refuge shall be open to fishing from July 16 to September 15, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year. Hewitt Lake shall be open to fishing from July 16 to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season of each year.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Missouri River and Milk River, for all species.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All waters open at all hours.

Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

## **PONDERA COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** Marias River and the Dry Fork of the Marias River.

**Other Than Regular Season:** The inlet canal to Lake Francis from the Kunkle drop to its mouth and a portion of Lake Francis included within a radius of three hundred (300) feet of the mouth of said canal shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

**Winter Fishing Season:** Lake Francis shall be open to fishing from the beginning of the regular open season to February 28, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed, except for sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** The inlet canal from Kunkle drop to Lake Francis, Lake Francis, and the outlet stream for one-quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) mile below Lake Francis, shall be open to the snagging of sockeye salmon as per the general regulations, between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m.

## **POWDER RIVER COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Powder River and the Little Powder River.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All waters shall be open at all hours to the fishing of warm water fishes.

## **POWELL COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** Nevada Creek from the Nevada Creek Dam to three hundred (300) feet below said dam, spillway excluded.

**Open Entire Year:** Brown's Lake and Upsata Lake.

**Other Than Regular Season:** All lakes and their tributaries in Powell County, except those open or closed entire year, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, with the exception of the following lakes but not their tributaries: Rock Creek Lake, Miller's Lake and Cooper's Lake shall be open to fishing during the regular season.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Winter Fishing Season:** (1) Jones' Lake; (2) Cooper's Lake; (3) Rock Creek Lake, on Sundays and legal holidays from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., Mountain Standard Time; (4) Little Blackfoot River from where the highway bridge crosses at Elliston to its confluence with the Clark Fork, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, for whitefish, (5) Big Blackfoot River in Powell County, for whitefish.



**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** The limit on cutthroat on the South Fork, Middle Fork and North Fork of the Flathead River and their tributary streams shall be ten (10) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

The bag and possession limit on eastern brook trout in Trask Lakes (Hidden Lakes) and Thompson Lakes (Goat Lakes) shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. There will be no number or size limit within the weight limitation.

## **PRAIRIE COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Yellowstone River, for all species.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All waters shall be open for fishing at all hours.

## **RAVALLI COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** The West Fork of the Bitterroot River within three hundred (300) feet below the Little Boulder Dam (West Fork Dam).

The waters of the South Fork of the West Fork, south of Alta; Meadow Creek and Marten Creek, both tributaries of the East Fork of the Bitterroot River.

**Open Entire Year:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** All waters, with the exceptions as provided under "Closed Entire Year" shall be open to trout fishing during the regular season. Whitefish may be retained only from the regular opening day to August 31, both dates inclusive. Also the main Bitterroot River, the West Fork of the Bitterroot River to Alta, and the East Fork of the Bitterroot River shall be open for whitefishing from December 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** None.

## **RICHLAND COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Yellowstone River and the Missouri River for all species of fish.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All waters shall be open to fishing at all hours.

## ROOSEVELT COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters except as provided for Medicine Lake under "Other Than Regular Season."

**Other Than Regular Season:** Such portions of the waters of Medicine Lake as shall be designated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall be open to fishing from July 1 to September 15, both dates inclusive, and also from November 15, 1954 to March 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, through a hole in the ice only.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Missouri River and Poplar River for all species of fish.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All reservoirs shall be open for fishing at all hours.

## ROSEBUD COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** The Yellowstone River and the Musselshell River in Musselshell, Petroleum, Rosebud and Garfield Counties. All species may be taken in the Yellowstone River. Great Porcupine Creek from the bridge at Hammond Road to confluence with Yellowstone River, Little Porcupine Creek from Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad bridge to confluence with Yellowstone River, Armells Creek from bridge on U. S. Highway No. 10 to confluence with Yellowstone River, Rosebud Creek from bridge on U. S. Highway No. 10 to confluence with Yellowstone River. Graveyard Creek from bridge on U. S. Highway No. 10 to confluence with Yellowstone River, Tongue River from Yellowstone River to the Brandenberg Bridge.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All waters shall be open for fishing at all hours.

## **SANDERS COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from the town of Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source. Boiling Springs Creek and tributary waters tributary to Lower Thompson Lake. Dry Fork Creek.

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

**Open Entire Year:** The Flathead River, Smiley Slough, Lower Dry Fork Reservoir, Rainbow or Dog Lake.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Clark Fork River shall be open to fishing from May 16, 1954 to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

In addition to the regular season, the Thompson River shall be open to whitefishing, from its confluence with the Clark Fork River to the confluence of Big Hole Creek, from January 1 to February 28, both dates inclusive, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. All waters from the bridge at the lower end of the Rock Creek Meadows to their source, and Rock Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive.

The areas adjacent to Cabinet Gorge Reservoir as bounded by State Highway 10A bridges at Blue Creek and Bull River to the Bonneville power line, and the areas from landhead to landhead on Pilgrim Creek and Elk Creek to where the Northern Pacific Railroad crosses said creeks, as posted, shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** That water located on the Ray E. Meadows property in the NW¼ Sec. 5, Twp. 22N, R. 30W shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

## **SHERIDAN COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters except as provided for Medicine Lake under "Other Than Regular Season."

**Other Than Regular Season:** Such portions of the waters of Medicine Lake which shall be designated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to September 15, both dates inclusive, and also from November 15, 1954 to March 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, through a hole in the ice only.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All reservoirs shall be open at all hours.



## SILVER BOW COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** Fishing within three hundred (300) feet below Divide Dam is prohibited.

Basin Creek from the lower reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs and tributaries.

**Open Entire Year:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Fishing shall be allowed for whitefish in the Big Hole River from the bridge which spans the river at Divide to the Silver Bow-Madison County line, from December 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

**Other:** None.

## STILLWATER COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** Yellowstone River during the regular fishing hours, 5:00 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Winter Fishing Season:** For that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Stillwater County, the limit of game fish during the winter fishing season shall be thirty (30) fish of which no more than one (1) may be trout.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed, except that sculpins (Cottus) may be used and non-game fish taken from the Yellowstone River, with the exception of carp, may be used for bait in the Yellowstone River.

**Other:** None.

## SWEETGRASS COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** Lindsay Lakes and Yellowstone River, during the regular fishing hours, 5:00 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Winter Fishing Season:** For that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Sweetgrass County, the limit on game fish during the winter fishing season shall be thirty (30) fish of which not more than one (1) may be trout.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except that sculpins (Cottus) may be used and small non-game fish taken from the Yellowstone River, with the exception of carp, may be used for bait in that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Sweetgrass County.

**Other:** None.

## TETON COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** Supply Canal between Pishkun Reservoir and the concrete installation known as the "well."

Hanan Rearing Pond, and the North Fork of Sun River from Gibson Dam and Diversion Dam to three hundred (300) feet below each dam.

**Open Entire Year:** Bynum Reservoir and Arod Reservoir.

**Other Than Regular Season:** The entire Pishkun Reservoir shall be open to shore fishing from May 16 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and the east pond shall be open to fishing from boats from July 15 to October 1, both dates inclusive, subject to change by order of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. That portion known as the "well"

or inlet, including the inlet ditch below the well, shall be closed from November 16 to June 30, both dates inclusive, and open the remainder of the year to shore fishing.

Freezout Lake shall be open to fishing from March 14, 1954 to April 30, 1954; open again July 15, 1954, to September 14, 1954; open again December 20, 1954 to April 30, 1955, all dates inclusive.

**Winter Fishing Season:** North Fork of Sun River from three hundred (300) feet below Diversion Dam to its confluence with the South Fork of Sun River, shall be open to whitefishing and the Sun River in Teton County shall be open to winter fishing.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except for sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft or device is prohibited in Tunnel Lake.

## TOOLE COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** The Marias River and all reservoirs stocked with warm water fish.

**Other Than Regular Season:** O'Haire Reservoir shall be open to fishing from May 16 to August 16, both dates inclusive, and from October 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** All waters shall be open to fishing of warm water fishes at all times.

## TREASURE COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Yellowstone River for all species of fish. Sarpy Creek from bridge on U. S. Highway No. 10 to confluence with the Yellowstone River.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All waters shall be open for fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

## VALLEY COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** That portion of the Missouri River between the outlet tunnels and the channel marker below the concrete apron of Fort Peck Dam and that portion of the discharged channel of the spillway structure, Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir project, between the terminal concrete apron and the installed cable markers.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters except as provided under "Closed Entire Year," with the exception that Fort Peck Reservoir and the tunnel and spillway areas are subject to closure by the U. S. Army Engineers as a safety or security measure.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Missouri River, Milk River, Fort Peck Reservoir, and the dredge cuts below Fort Peck Dam, for all species of fish.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** All waters except those closed entire year shall be open to fishing at all hours. Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

## **WHEATLAND COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** Dead Man's Basin Lake.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Lake Martinsdale shall be open to fishing from January 1 to February 28, both dates inclusive. Lebo Lake shall be open to fishing from January 1 to March 31, both dates inclusive.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (*Cottus*) which are allowed.

**Other:** The daily limit in Deadman's Basin Lake, Lebo Lake and Lake Martinsdale, shall be ten (10) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

## **WIBAUX COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** Bear Creek and all reservoirs except Lamesteer.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Yellowstone River and Beaver Creek, for all species of fish.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed, except in Lamesteer Reservoir.

**Other:** All waters stocked with warm water fishes shall be open to fishing at all hours.

## **YELLOWSTONE COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** Yellowstone River, all reservoirs for the fishing of warm water fish.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** The Yellowstone River from the Yellowstone-Treasure County line to the bridge on Highway No. 12 at Laurel, for all species of fish.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed.

**Other:** For that portion of the Yellowstone River lying between the Stillwater-Yellowstone County line and the bridge on Highway No. 12 at Laurel, from December 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955, both dates inclusive, the daily limit of game fish shall be thirty (30), of which not more than one (1) may be trout, and the hours of fishing shall be from 5:00 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.



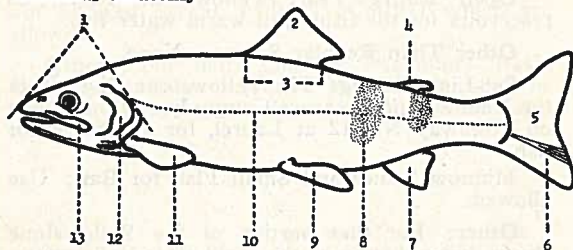
# KEY FOR THE SEPARATION OF TROUT, SALMON, CHARS, AND WHITEFISH FROM THE OTHER FISHES FOUND IN MONTANA

## How To Use The Key

The use of the key is largely a process of elimination. Beginning at "A", compare the specimen with the written description and proceed to the signified letter. In any case, there can be only one choice between "A" and "AA", "B" and "BB", etc. If the description does not compare with that given under "A" proceed to "AA", and continue comparing the specimen with the descriptions.

(EXAMPLE) If the description matches with that given under "A", then proceed to "B" as indicated. If the description matches with "B", then proceed to "C" as indicated. If the description does not match C, then proceed to "CC". If the description does not compare with "CC1", proceed to "CC2", and you will find that the specimen is a silver salmon. If the description does not match with that given under "CC2", then you have made a mistake and worked into a blind alley. Begin once more at "A" and go carefully through the key as previously described.

## External Anatomy



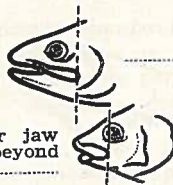
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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Head (length)            | 7 Anal Fin               |
| 2 Dorsal Fin               | 8 Parr Mark              |
| 3 Dorsal Fin Base (length) | 9 Pelvic or Ventral Fin  |
| 4 Adipose Fin              | 10 Lateral Line          |
| 5 Caudal Fin (tail fin)    | 11 Pectoral Fin          |
| 6 Fin Ray                  | 12 Operculum             |
|                            | 13 Maxillary (upper jaw) |

## KEY

All of the trout, salmon, chars, and whitefish have an adipose fin (stubby, fleshy fin usually without rays).

This character alone will separate them from other Montana fishes, except the catfishes. Catfish bear whiskers (barbels), around the chin and mouth region, a character which immediately sets them apart from trout, salmon, chars, and whitefish.

- A. Jaw long, upper jaw extends beyond eye ..... B.



- AA. Jaw short, upper jaw does not extend beyond eye ..... Whitefish

- B. Base of dorsal fin much shorter than head ..... C.

- BB. Base of dorsal fin as long or longer than head ..... Grayling

- C. Anal fin with less than 13 principal rays ..... D.



- CC. Anal fin with more than 13 principal rays ..... Ray

- CC 1. Gill rakers long and filamentous ..... Kokanee (Sockeye)



- CC 2. Gill rakers short and thick ..... Silver Salmon

- D. Body spotted with black ..... E.

- DD. Body without black spots

- DD. 1 Tail weakly forked, or not forked; body spotted with red, orange, or pink.

- (a) Back covered with greenish mottlings or vermiculations, (worm tracked) Eastern Brook Trout

- (b) Back not covered with greenish mottlings ..... Dolly Varden

- DD 2. Tail strongly forked, body spotted or mottled with gray ..... Lake Trout

- E. Sides of body without red, orange, or pinkish spots; black spots sharp and strongly developed on tail fin .....F.
- EE. Sides of body with red, orange, or pinkish spots; black spots splotch, and not well developed on tail fin .....**Brown Trout**
- F. No bright red slash on inner edge of lower jaw....G.



Area of red slash

- FF. Bright red slash on inner edge of jaw.....**Cutthroat**

NOTE: Since there is considerable crossing between the rainbow and cutthroat trout, some individuals may bear characteristics of both species. It is, therefore, often difficult to determine accurately if a specimen is a true cutthroat, rainbow, or a hybrid of the two species.

- G. Body, head, and fins black spotted, no parr marks on adults; usually a broad orange or red band running lengthwise on either side; underparts not deep orange-red. NOTE: (In some waters, particularly deep lakes, the body sides may be silvery.) .....**Rainbow Trout**
- GG. Black spots confined mostly to tail region; parr marks remain in adults; red band running lengthwise on either side; underparts deep orange-red in adults.....**Golden Trout**

## NOTICE OF NEW LAW

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any body of water in the State, or it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any species of game birds or game animals into the State of Montana without first having obtained authorization from the Fish and Game Commission.

## IT IS UNLAWFUL

- To refuse to show license on demand.
- To use more than single pole and/or single line.
- To sell or offer for sale any game or game fish.
- To transport or ship game or game fish out of the State without a shipping permit.
- To empty a minnow bucket (release live fish) into any body of water.
- To use or have in possession salmon eggs or salmon spawn or any imitations thereof.
- To use set-lines except in such water as designated under proper order of the State Fish and Game Commission.
- To use or have in possession a fish spear.
- To shoot fish with rifle, gun, or bow and arrow, except that carp may be shot with bow and arrow.
- To use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite, or other explosive compounds, or any corrosive or narcotic poison or to have any of same in one's possession within one hundred (100) feet of any stream where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.
- To loan or transfer your fishing or hunting license or any tags from said license to any person.

## FISHERMEN NOTICE!

Fishing cannot be greatly improved until the Fish and Game Commission has more information available. One of the greatest needs is catch data. Sportsmen interested in cooperating to improve fishing are requested to mail a card to the Helena Office asking for a Fisherman's Log in which they may enter their catch records. Please do not make this request out of curiosity, but only if you are truly interested in cooperating by keeping an account of your catch records.



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