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## Types of Licenses and Fees

Resident Bird and Fish License	\$ 3.00
Resident Big Game (Must be holder of class A license)	2.00
Non-resident Seasonal Fishing License	10.00
Non-Resident 3-Day Limited Fishing	2.50
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
Beaver Permits (to land owners or lessees only)	(minimum) 10.00
	(additional charge of \$1.00 for each beaver over ten)
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.

All aliens may purchase non-resident licenses.

Shipping Permits	\$ .60
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Shipping permits are obtained either direct from this office, from Deputy Game Wardens or license agents and are necessary when any resident ships fish, game animals or parts thereof out of the State. Non-Residents may not obtain shipping permits to ship fish out of the State. (These permits are attached to Fishing Licenses.) Non-Residents must obtain shipping permits to ship game animals or game birds out of the State.

## Special Licenses (Limited)

Moose	\$ 25.00
Elk	1.00
Deer	5.00
Antelope	5.00

**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, raccoon and bear.

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

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

**Game Fish**—All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, 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).

**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, 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, godwits, knots, upland plover, killdeer, sandpipers, Wilson snipes or jacksnipes, snipes, stilts, plovers, willets and yellowlegs, and mourning or turtle doves.

## **FISHING REGULATIONS**

**Effective May 18, 1952**

To be in full force and effect through May 16, 1953, unless otherwise specified, subject to change, however, by the Commission. For up-to-date information, inquire of your license dealer, sportsmen's club or Deputy Game Warden.

**Regular Open Season:** May 18, 1952 to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive.

**Regular Closed Season:** November 16, 1952 to May 16, 1953, both dates inclusive.

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

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

Licenses not required for children under fifteen years of age.

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.

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

The daily bag and possession limit on all species of trout, char, whitefish, and salmon shall be fifteen (15) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish, except where otherwise specified. This daily limit shall not include more than five (5) fish less than seven (7) inches in length.

The daily bag and possession limit on grayling shall be five (5) fish.

The bag limit and possession 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, of which no sauger or walleye pike shall be less than ten (10) inches in length and no northern pike shall be less than eighteen (18) inches in length.

The daily 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 dried, salted or otherwise preserved, weight limits to be computed by dressed weight, with heads and tails intact.

**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 . . . "



#### Means of Taking:

Game Fish shall be taken only by angling, that is by hook and single line in hand or single rod in hand, or within immediate control.

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.

**Winter Fishing Gear:** Winter fishing gear for waters hereinafter enumerated under county regulations shall consist of not more than two (2) single hooks per line, said hooks not to be larger than size ten (10). Double and treble hooks and single hooks larger than size ten (10) shall be prohibited.

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 (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.

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 of the State shall be closed to fishing with carp and goldfish, dead or alive, used as bait, with the exception that carp may be used in the following designated water: Missouri River and its main stem impoundments, from the North Dakota line to Three Forks; Milk River from Chinook to the confluence with the Missouri River; Musselshell River from Roundup to Fort Peck Reservoir; Yellowstone River from the bridge on Highway 12 at Laurel to the North Dakota line, and all tributary streams entering the Yellowstone River from Forsyth to the North Dakota line.

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

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

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 and not more than six (6) hooks shall be attached thereto.

Floats on set-lines prohibited.

It is prohibited to use ground or chipped meat, fish or other food products "to bait a hole" in any fishing waters. (This does not prohibit the use of meat or non-game fish for bait.)

**Sockeye Fishing Regulations During Spawning Season:** From October 1, 1952 to December 15, 1952, 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 in waters hereinafter enumerated under County Regulations.

The remainder of the year between May 1, 1952 and April 30, 1953, the regular possession limit shall prevail.

In these waters, snagging sockeye with a combination of three hooks shall be permitted from October 1, 1952 to December 15, 1952, both dates inclusive. During the balance of the open season, the general fishing regulations shall be in force.

#### BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** That portion of the Big Hole River from Divide Dam to three hundred (300) feet below Divide Dam and Upper and Lower Red Rock and Swan Lakes.

**Open Entire Year:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Fishing shall be allowed in Red Rock Creek from Lima Dam to its confluence with Horse Prairie, the Beaverhead River from the confluence of Red Rock Creek and Horse Prairie Creek to its confluence with the Jefferson River, from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive.

Fishing shall be allowed in open water only for all species of fish in the Big Hole River below the bridge which spans the river at Divide, to the Beaverhead-Madison County line from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive.

All winter fishing shall have a limit of fifteen (15) game fish of which no more than three (3) may be trout, and only winter fishing gear may be used.

All lakes shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1952 to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, with the exception of Elk and Brown's 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, 1952 to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive.

Antelope and Poison Creeks in Beaverhead County shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1952 to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive.

**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 91 to its confluence with the Beaverhead River shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

#### BIG HORN COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** The Bighorn River, the Little Bighorn River from its confluence with the Bighorn River to the Highway 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:** None.

**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: Rock Coulee Reservoir.

Other Than Regular Season: None.  
Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River.  
Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use Allowed.  
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.

Deep Creek and all its tributaries above the Russell Fork bridge.

Open Entire Year: The Missouri River.

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 and all non-game fish may be used in the Missouri River.

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: Yellowstone River and Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River in Carbon County.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River from the first bridge north of Belfry, Montana, to its confluence with the Yellowstone River near Laurel, Montana.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed with the following exceptions: Sculpins (Cottus) allowed. Use allowed in the Yellowstone River, in Bluewater Creek from its confluence with the Clark Fork River to the bridge immediately below the Bluewater Rearing Station, in Red Lodge Creek and Cooney Dam from its confluence with Rock Creek to the first bridge above Cooney Dam, in Rock Creek from its confluence with the Clark Fork River to its confluence with Red Lodge Creek, in the Clark Fork River from its confluence with the Yellowstone River to the first bridge north of Belfry, Montana.

Other: For that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Carbon County from November 15, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, the daily limit of game fish shall be thirty (30) of which not more than three (3) may be trout.

#### 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.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

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

#### CASCADE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Middle Creek Dam and its tributaries and the Entire Middle Creek from the dam to its confluence with Wooden Shoe Creek.

That portion of Giant Springs enclosed or surrounded by the concrete walks and masonry work.

Spring Creek Reservoir at the Sieben ranch at Adel on the East Fork of Hound Creek.

Open Entire Year: Tintinger Sloughs, Missouri River except as provided below and all reservoirs for the fishing of warm water fishes.

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 17 and open during the regular season.

That portion of the Sun River in Cascade County shall be open to fishing from December 1 to February 28, of each year, both dates inclusive, the limit to be fifteen (15) fish of which three (3) may be trout. Only winter fishing gear may be used.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River below Morony Dam.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Seines not allowed. Sculpins (Cottus) allowed and small fish allowed only in the Missouri River and Sun River in Cascade County.

Other: All Reservoirs shall be open to 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 and Teton Rivers in Chouteau County only.

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: Experimental pond on John Holdbrook Ranch in Sec. 7 T 5N, R 48E.

Open Entire Year: All waters except pond closed entire year.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: The Yellowstone River and the Powder River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open for fishing of warm water fishes at all hours except the pond closed entire year.

#### 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: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open for fishing of 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 and Lindsay Reservoirs shall be closed to fishing from May 1 to June 15 of each year and open thereafter until April 30.

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.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs 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 Hardtla 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, each year and shall be open during the balance of the regular fishing season.

The first bay on Georgetown Lake southeast of the dam next to Highway 10A, and that portion of Georgetown Lake within a radius of three hundred (300) feet from the mouth of Flint Creek shall be closed to fishing from July 1, 1952 to July 31, 1952, both dates inclusive and shall be open during the balance of the regular fishing season, and during the winter season.

Georgetown Lake 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, both 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, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive.

Fishing shall be allowed in open waters or through a hole in the ice for all species of fish in Silver Lake from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive and shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1952 to November 15, 1952 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) may be used and shiners from Georgetown Lake may be used in said Lake.

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.

That portion of Warm Springs Creek from the bridge at the city dump road west to the Lescantz Bridge on Highway No. 10-A shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

#### FALLON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Experimental pond on Rieger Brothers' Ranch in Sec. 22 T 8N, R 56E.

Open Entire Year: All waters with the exception of the pond closed the entire year.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Box Elder Creek and O'Fallon Creek.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters open to fishing at all hours for warm water fish except that pond closed the entire year.

#### FERGUS COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs and the Judith River, from the confluence with Big Spring Creek to the confluence with Missouri River, and the Missouri River.

Other Than Regular Season: Crystal Lake shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: None.

#### FLATHEAD COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: 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 stream between Middle and Big Ashley Lakes; all tributaries to Roger's Lake and Roger's Lake within an area of three hundred (300) feet in all directions from where these tributaries enter the lake; 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 where Herrig Creek enters; all tributaries of Big Ashley Lake, Big Ashley Lake within an area of three hundred (300) feet in all directions from where these tributaries enter the Lake, Hatchery or Rand Bay; Big Ashley Lake (Upper Ashley) for a distance of three hundred (300) feet in all directions from the outlet. South Fork of the Flathead River from Highway bridge on Highway No. 2 to Hungry Horse Dam.

Big Creek, Coal Creek and Whale Creek, tributaries to the North Fork of the Flathead River, shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

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



**Open Entire Year:** Flathead Lake, except that portion of the two thousand (2,000) feet into the lake in every direction from the mouth of the Flathead and Swan Rivers, which shall be closed each year from March 1st 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, each year.

Whitefish Lake, except that portion of the lake within a radius of two hundred (200) feet of the mouth of Swift Creek at the upper end of the lake, which shall be closed each year from November 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive.

McWingier Slough, Emmert Slough, Egan Slough, Lake Five, and Mud Lake, adjoining, Half Moon Lake, Lake Blaine, Fenny Slough, Blanchard Lake, Upper and Lower Stillwater Lakes, Samson Lake, Spencer Lake, Echo Lake and Peterson Lake, adjoining, Skyles Lake, Meadow Lake, Smith Lake (Kila area), McGregor Lake and Middle Ashley Lake.

**Other Than Regular Season:** The following lakes: Bootjack, Fire, Finger, Dog, Hole in the Wall, Thornburg, Big and Little Martin, Chinook, Beaver, Dollar, Doyle, Hansen and Murray shall be closed to fishing for all species of fish from October 1, 1952 to November 30, 1952, both dates inclusive, and shall be open during the remainder of the year.

Swift Creek, in its entirety, shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1952 to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

Big Ashley Lake shall be open to fishing from June 10, 1952 to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, the daily limit of fish to be five (5), not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

Little Bitterroot River and its tributaries from Hubbard Reservoir to Canyon Lake (about seven miles above Hubbard Reservoir) shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and shall be closed the remainder of the year.

Rogers Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Logan Creek, a tributary to Talley Lake, shall be closed to fishing until July 1, 1952, and open the remainder of the regular fishing season.

**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 returned to the water.

Stoner Creek shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

Fishing from 5:00 o'clock p. m., to 7:00 o'clock a. m., Mountain Standard Time, shall be prohibited in Flathead Lake from October 1, 1952 to December 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, the remainder of the year to be the general fishing hours.

Snagging of sockeye salmon is allowed as per the general sockeye regulation in Flathead Lake including Swan River, from its mouth to the Highway bridge below the power house, and Whitefish Lake.

## 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).

**Other Than Regular Season:** Hebgen Lake shall be open to fishing from May 18, 1952 to September 30, 1952, both dates inclusive, the tributary streams above Hebgen Lake shall be open to fishing from May 30, 1952 to September 30, 1952, both dates inclusive and closed during the remainder of the year.

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 18, 1952 to September 30, 1952, both dates inclusive, and closed through the remainder of the year; except that portion of the Madison River between the Red Bridge on the Norris Road in Madison County and its confluence with the Jefferson River in Gallatin County shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive. The winter daily limit shall be fifteen (15) fish, of which not more than three (3) may be trout, and only winter fishing gear may be used.

The Madison River from Cabin Creek to the Madison-Gallatin County line shall be open to fishing from May 18, 1952 to September 30, 1952, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

Golden Trout Lakes and Hidden Lakes shall be open for fishing from August 1, 1952 to August 31, 1952, both dates inclusive, and closed through the balance of the year.

All other lakes in Gallatin County shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1952 to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive.

Portal, Cascade, and Buffalo Horn Creeks and all their tributary streams shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1952 to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive.

The entire Jefferson River shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive. Not more than three (3) trout may be taken daily, and only winter fishing gear may be used.

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 18, 1952 to September 30, 1952, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year;



except that the main Gallatin River from Trident Bridge (County Bridge No. 5) to the mouth of the East Gallatin River, 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 shall be open to fishing for whitefish only from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, and only winter fishing gear may be used.

**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:** The daily limit of game fish in Hebgen Lake and its tributaries shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish dressed weight with head and tail intact, and the possession limit for all game fish shall be one day's legal catch.

The limit in Golden Trout and Hidden Lakes shall be five (5) fish per day, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

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 one-half (1½) inches in the longest dimension, shall be prohibited in Hebgen Lake.

#### 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

**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 Cutbank Creek from the Marias River to the Great Northern Railroad Bridge at Cutbank.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Lower Two Medicine Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive.

Deep Creek, the inlet to Dog Gun Lake from the Blackfoot Reservation—Lewis & Clark Forest boundary line and a portion of Dog Gun Lake included within a radius of 300 feet of the mouth of said creek shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1952 to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, and closed during the balance of the year.

**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 except 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 five (5) 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 for fishing of warm water fishes.

#### GRANITE

**Closed Entire Year:** Flint Creek from Echo Lake to 300 feet below Echo Lake and East Fork of Rock Creek from East Fork Dam to 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 shall be open to fishing from July 1st to November 15th each year, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year, except as follows: In addition, the first bay on Georgetown Lake southeast of the dam next to Highway 10A shall be closed to fishing from July 1, 1952 to July 31, 1952, and Georgetown Lake shall be open to fishing between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a. m. to 9:30 p. m., Mountain Standard Time, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays only from Dec. 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive; and Race Track Lake shall be open to fishing through a hole in the ice only from Dec 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive.

In addition to the regular season, that portion of Rock Creek lying in Granite County from the West Fork Bridge to the Missoula-Granite County line shall be open to fishing for whitefish only on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, and only winter fishing gear shall be allowed during the winter season.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed, and shiners from Georgetown Lake may be used in said lake.

**Other:** The limit in Echo Lake, East Fork Rock Creek Lake 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.

Trout Creek from its confluence with Flint Creek to the first bridge on the Skalkaho Road shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

#### 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, 1952 to September 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the rest of the year.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: Fresno Lake shall be open to fishing at all hours.

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: Homestake Lake.

Other Than Regular Season: The entire Jefferson River shall be open to fishing during the regular open season and from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive. The winter limit to be fifteen (15) fish, of which not more than three (3) shall be trout, and only winter fishing gear shall be allowed.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

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

Other: None.

#### JUDITH BASIN COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Otter Creek from the Cascade County line to the bridge 1/4 mile east of Raynesford.

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

Other Than Regular Season: Kolar, O'Brien, and Ackley Lakes shall be open December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive and during the regular open season.

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 singly or combined shall be five (5) fish per day, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

That portion of Wolf Creek from the bridge on Highway No. 87 to the bridge at the rearing pond shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

#### LAKE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: The shoreline of the East Shore of Flathead Lake extending 300 feet into the lake near the Polson Hatchery beginning at Dr. Richard's northern property line and extending to the Thometz boat dock on the south.

The South Fork of the Jocko and all of its tributaries including Crazy Fish Lake.

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.

Dry Fork Creek, and tributaries, to Dry Fork Reservoir.

Open Entire Year: Kicking Horse Reservoir and Flathead Lake except as provided below.

Other Than Regular Season: Donaldson and Freeland Creeks, tributaries of Lake Mary Ronan and those portions of Lake Mary Ronan 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.

An area of shoreline on Flathead Lake 750 feet along Crescent Bay near Rollins Bay, the area to be marked by signs and extending 300 feet into Flathead Lake shall be closed to fishing during the sockeye salmon spawn taking operations from October 1, 1952, to December 15, 1952, both dates inclusive.

Pablo Reservoir and Nine Pipe Reservoir shall be closed to fishing from March 1 to July 15 each year, both dates inclusive and shall also be closed to fishing during the migratory waterfowl season each year, and open throughout the balance of the season, except that fishing is allowed from the main dykes from the opening of the regular fishing season to July 14 as posted by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Swan Lake shall be open to fishing during the regular open season and from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

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

Other: Fishing from 5:00 o'clock p. m. to 7:00 o'clock a. m., Mountain Standard Time, shall be prohibited in Flathead Lake in Lake and Flathead Counties from October 1, 1952 to December 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, the remainder of the year to be the general fishing hours.

The minimum size of Dolly Varden (Bull Trout) caught in Flat head 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 returned to the water.

Snagging of sockeye salmon is allowed as per the general sockeye regulation in Flathead Lake including Swan River from its mouth to the highway bridge below the power house.

#### LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Nylon Reservoir and the North Fork of Sun River from Gibson Dam and Diversion Dam to 300 feet below each dam, Gravelly Range Lake, and Bean's Lake.

Open Entire Year: Missouri River and its main stem impoundments

Other Than Regular Season: Willow Creek Reservoir shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, and during the regular open season.

North Fork of Sun River from Diversion Dam to its confluence with the South Fork of Sun River and Sun River in Lewis & Clark County shall be open during the regular season to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, the limit to be fifteen (15) fish of which not more than three (3) shall be trout, and only winter fishing gear shall be allowed.

**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.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use not allowed except that sculpins (*Cottus*) may be used and all non-game fish may be used in the Missouri River.

**Other:** The use of any trolling device with more than two blades and rudder, said blades not larger than one and one-half (1½) inches in the longest dimension, shall be prohibited in Gibson Reservoir and in Diversion Dam.

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

Wendell's Lake, also known as Cox's Lake, at the head of Davis Street in Helena, Montana shall be closed to fishing by persons 13 years of age and over.

South Fork of the Sun River, from the bridge on Highway 20 east of Augusta to the bridge on Highway 33, shall be closed to fishing by persons 13 years of age and over.

#### **LIBERTY COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

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

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** 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 Libby to its source; Red Top Creek; Cyclone Creek; Hell Hoaring Creek; Meadow Creek in the Yaak River drainage; Spread Creek; Pete Creek; Horseshoe Lake; Sullivan Creek, and the East Fork of Pipe Creek.

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

**Open Entire Year:** The following lakes shall be open to fishing: Loon Lake, except for a posted area of 300 foot radius at the outlet which shall be open only during the regular season; Crystal, Lavone, Bootjack and Rainbow, near Happy's Inn; Timber, O'Brien, Sohpla, Moran, Carpenter, Rock and Frank or Island Lakes in the Eureka District.

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; Loon Lake and Dudley Slough in the Eureka District and the Kootenai River.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Kibbrennan Lake and Loon Lake at the head of Pipe Creek shall be closed to all fishing from September 16, 1952 to May 16, 1953, both dates inclusive and open during the remainder of the regular fishing season.

Martin Lake shall be closed to all fishing from October 1, 1952 to May 16, 1953, 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, Wolverine Lakes, Terriault Lake, Bluebird, and Lakes in Hanging Valley shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1952 to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive.

School House Lake and Shannon Lake shall be open to fishing from Dec. 1, 1952 to April 30, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year.

Dickey Lake shall be closed to fishing from October 1, 1952, to December 15, 1952, both dates inclusive and open the remainder of the year.

Thompson Lakes, Rattlebone Lake and Murphy Lake shall be open to fishing through a hole in the ice only from Dec. 1, 1952 to Feb. 28, 1953, both dates inclusive and open during the regular fishing season.

Glen Lake shall be open during the regular fishing season and from December 15 to February 28 each year.

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

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

**Other:** Callahan Creek from its confluence with the Kootenai River to the falls in the lower canyon and the Troy Rod and Gun Club's annual kid's pond shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The daily limit on Savage Lake shall be five (5) trout, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

Tobacco River within the corporate limits of the town of Eureka shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

#### **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 its 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; North Meadow Creek, below the point where the electric transmission line of the Montana Power Company crosses said creek from the mouth of said stream; the inlet to Wade Lake for a distance of three hundred (300) feet in all directions, so marked by permanent markers; Spring Creek within the Ennis Hatchery grounds.



**Open Entire Year: None.**

**Other Than Regular Season:** The Ruby River from Kelly's Bridge at Alder to its confluence with the Beaverhead River shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, and the Ruby Reservoir shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, on Sundays and legal holidays and during the regular fishing season.

That portion of Harrison Lake (Willow Creek Dam) known as Norwegian Creek Arm shall be open to fishing from June 1, 1952 to July 15, 1952, both dates inclusive and closed throughout the balance of the year. The daily limit to 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, 1952 to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the balance of the year.

All of the Madison River and its tributaries from the Madison-Gallatin County line to Meadow Lake shall be open from May 18, 1952 to September 30, 1952, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year, except as follows: That portion of the Madison River between the Red Bridge on the Norris road and the Madison-Gallatin County line shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, the limit to be fifteen (15) fish, of which not more than three (3) shall be trout, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

Meadow (Ennis) Lake shall be open to fishing during the regular season and through a hole in the ice from January 1, 1953 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, on Sundays and legal holidays only, the winter limit to be five (5) fish.

That portion of the Madison River and tributaries from Meadow (Ennis) Lake to Cabin Creek shall be open to fishing from May 18, 1952 to September 30, 1952, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the balance of the year except as follows: (1) That portion of the Madison River and side channels between Ennis Bridge and the markers 300 feet into Meadow (Ennis) Lake shall be closed to fishing from May 18 to June 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, and open to fishing during the remainder of the regular fishing season; and (2) that portion of the Madison River between the Ennis Bridge and the Hutchins bridge shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, the winter season limit to be fifteen (15) fish of which not more than three (3) may be trout and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

The Jefferson River shall be open to fishing during the regular open season, and from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the balance of the year. The winter season limit to be fifteen (15) fish of which not more than three (3) may be trout, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

Fishing shall be allowed in open water only for all species of fish in the Big Hole River from the Silver Bow-Madison County line to its confluence with the Jefferson River from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive. The winter season limit to be fifteen (15) fish of which not more than three (3) may be trout, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

The east arm of Cliff Lake shall be open to fishing for Whitefish only from November 16, 1952 to December 15, 1952, both dates inclusive. However, the limit on Whitefish in the east arm of Cliff Lake shall be fifty (50) whitefish from October 15, 1952 to December 15, 1952, both dates inclusive.

**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 Lot'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 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 one-half (1½) inches in the longest dimension, shall be prohibited in Wade, Cliff, Hidden, Meadow and Harrison Lakes.

## **McCONE COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year: None.**

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

**Other Than Regular Season: None.**

**Set-Line Fishing:** The Missouri River, except that portion below the Fort Peck Dam beginning from the marked cable below the concrete tunnel apron to its confluence with the Milk River, including the dredge cuts and spillway channel, 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 the 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:** Supply Canal from the concrete drop to its confluence with Martinsdale Lake; Castle Lake, Flagstaff Creek; tributaries to Holliday Lake; Holliday Lake and the North Fork of the Musselshell River from Lake Harris (Durand Reservoir) to the falls.

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

**Open Entire Year: None.**

**Other Than Regular Season:** Camas Creek shall be open to fishing from May 18, 1952 to September 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, 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, 1953 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive. The limit on Sutherland, Harris and Martinsdale Lakes either singly or combined shall be five (5) fish per day, not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish during all open periods.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

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

**Other:** The canal to Lake Martinsdale from the headgate to the drop shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

#### **MINERAL COUNTY**

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

**Open Entire Year:** Flathead River.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Clark Fork River shall be closed to fishing from March 1 to the beginning of the regular season each year and open the remainder of the year.

All tributaries to the St. Regis River shall be open from May 18, 1952 to July 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the rest of the year.

Noonan Pond at St. Regis, Sec. 24, R28W, Twp. 18N and McGee Point Pond at the mouth of Dry Creek, Sec. 22, R30W, Twp. 19N, shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

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

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

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

**Other:** None.

#### **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; the East and West Forks of Lolo Creek and their tributaries.

**Open Entire Year:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** That portion of the Clark Fork River from three hundred (300) feet below the Bonner Dam to the Missoula-Mineral County line shall be closed to fishing from March 1 to the beginning of the regular fishing season, each year, and open the balance of the year.

In addition to the regular season, that portion of Rock Creek from the Granite-Missoula County line to its confluence with the Clark Fork River shall be open to fishing for whitefish only on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

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, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

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

**Other:** The use of any trolling device with more than two (2) blades and Rudder, said blades not to be larger than one and one-half (1½) inches in the longest dimension shall be prohibited in Placid Lake.

Rattlesnake Creek from Montana Power Co. Dam to its confluence with the Clark Fork River shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

#### **MUSSELSHELL COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** Miller Lake.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters except Miller Lake and Willow Creek.

**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 except Miller Lake open to fishing of warm water fish at all hours.

#### **PARK COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** That portion of the headwaters of the Upper Main Boulder River above Coles Bridge.

**Open Entire Year:** Yellowstone River.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Aldrich Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive and during the general fishing season.

Dailey Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive and during the regular open season.

In addition to the regular season, the Shields River from the Poor Bridge above Wilsall to its confluence with the Yellowstone River shall be open to whitefishing only from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

**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:** For that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Park County from November 15, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, the daily limit of game fish shall be thirty (30) of which not more than three (3) may be trout.

The Sacajawea Lagoon in Sacajawea Park, Livingston, to its confluence with the Yellowstone River shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

#### **PETROLEUM COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** Patrolia Reservoir.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters except Patrolia Reservoir.

**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 fish.  
Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulation 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, 1952 to September 15, 1952, both dates inclusive and closed the balance of the year.  
Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River.  
Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.  
Other: All waters open at all hours to fishing of warm water fish.  
Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

#### PONDERA COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Black Tail Creek in Pondera County.  
Open Entire Year: Marias River and the Dry Fork of 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 300 feet of the mouth of said canal shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, and closed during the balance of the year.  
Lake Francis shall be open to fishing from the beginning of the regular open season to February 28, both dates inclusive, each year, and closed during the balance of the year.  
Set-Line Fishing: None.  
Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed except in Swift Reservoir and its tributaries where small fish, dead or alive, for bait shall be prohibited.  
Other: From Kunkle drop to Lake Francis including a portion of Lake Francis within a radius of 300 feet of the mouth of said canal shall be open to the snagging of Sockeye Salmon as per the general regulations between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 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 for fishing of warm water fishes.

#### POWELL COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Arastra Creek, from the Bill Steele Dude Ranch to its headwaters; the Little Blackfoot River from its headwaters to the lower boundary or line of the Little Blackfoot Meadows; all streams and tributaries running into Cooper's Lake; Nevada Creek from the Nevada Creek Dam and spillway to three hundred (300) feet below said dam and spillway.

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, 1952 to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, with the exception of the following lakes, but not their tributaries: Rock Creek Lake, Cooper's Lake and Miller's Lake shall be open to fishing during the regular season; and Nevada Creek Lake shall be open to fishing from May 18, 1952 to August 31, 1952, both dates inclusive, except for areas within 300 feet radius of the lake's tributaries which shall open July 1, 1952.

Jones and Cooper's Lakes shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive.

Fishing through a hole in the ice shall be permitted in Rock Creek Lake on Sundays and legal holidays from 8:00 o'clock a. m. to 5:00 o'clock p. m., Mountain Standard Time, from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive and open during the general fishing season.

In addition to the regular season, the Little Blackfoot River from where the highway bridge crosses at Elliston to its confluence with the Clark Fork River shall be open to fishing for whitefish only on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from Dec. 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

In addition to the regular season, the Big Blackfoot River shall be open to fishing for whitefish only in its entirety in Powell County from Dec. 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

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

Other: Cottonwood Creek near Deer Lodge from its confluence with the Clark Fork River to the confluence of the South Fork of Cottonwood Creek shall be closed to fishing by all persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

#### PRAIRIE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.  
Open Entire Year: All waters.  
Other Than Regular Season: None.  
Set-Line Fishing: Yellowstone River.  
Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.  
Other: All reservoirs shall be open for fishing of warm water fishes 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).

All waters of the West Fork of the Bitterroot Drainage above the town of Alta; Moose Creek, Marten Creek, and Meadow Creek which are tributaries of the East Fork of the Bitterroot River; the South Fork of the Skalkaho Creek and all its tributaries.

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, each year. Also the main Bitterroot River, the West Fork of the Bitterroot River from its confluence with the East Fork to the highway bridge just below the confluence of the Nez Perce Fork and the West Fork, and the East Fork of the Bitterroot River shall be open for whitefishing only from Dec. 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, and during the winter season only winter fishing gear shall be used.

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.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open to fishing of warm water fishes 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 United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall be open to fishing from July 1 to September 15, 1952, both dates inclusive and also from November 15, 1952 to March 31, 1953, both dates inclusive, through a hole in the ice only.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

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

#### **ROSEBUD COUNTY**

Closed Entire Year: Experimental ponds on Ben Arnold Ranch in the following locations: (1) Sec. 30, T. 5N, R. 41E; (2) Sec. 20, T. 4N, R. 41E; (3) Sec. 28, T. 4N, R. 41E; (4) Sec. 4, T. 3N, R. 41E.

Open Entire Year: All waters except as noted under "Closed Entire Year."

Other Than Regular Season: None.

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

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open for fishing of warm water fishes at all hours with the exception of those "Closed Entire Year."

#### **SANDERS COUNTY**

Closed Entire Year: Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from the town of Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source.

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

Open Entire Year: That portion of the Clark Fork River from three hundred (300) feet below the Thompson Falls Dam to the Montana-Idaho State Line.

Other Than Regular Season: Clark Fork River shall be closed to fishing from the Thompson Falls Dam to the Sanders-Mineral County line from March 1 to the beginning of the regular fishing season each year, and open the remainder of the year.

Burgess Lake shall be open to fishing through a hole in the ice for all species of fish from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive.

In addition to the regular season, the Thompson River shall be open to whitefishing only from its confluence with the Clark Fork River to the confluence of Big Hole Creek from January 1, 1953 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

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

Other: Hot Springs Creek running through the town of Hot Springs shall be closed to fishing by persons 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 United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1952 to September 15, 1952, both dates inclusive; and also from November 15, 1952 to March 31, 1953, 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 for the fishing of warm water fishes.

#### **SILVER BOW COUNTY**

Closed Entire Year: That branch of the Big Hole River known as the Butte Angler's Club Rearing Ponds, from the breakwater to where it flows into the main channel of the Big Hole River, (a distance of about one mile) shall be closed to all fishing during the 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 in open water only for all species of fish in the Big Hole River from the bridge which spans the river at Divide to the Silver Bow-Madison County Line from December 1, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive. Daily limit shall be fifteen (15) fish of which not more than three (3) shall be trout, and only winter fishing gear shall be used.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

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

**Other:** Bell Creek and Brown's Gulch shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

#### STILLWATER COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** West Rosebud River from the head of Emerald Lake to the Mystic Lake Dam.

**Open Entire Year:** Yellowstone River.

**Other Than Regular Season:** For that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Stillwater County, from November 15, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, that daily limit on game fish shall be thirty (30) of which not more than three (3) shall be trout, and only winter fishing gear shall be used. Hailstone Lake shall be open to fishing from July 15 to September 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the balance of the year.

All waters of the West Rosebud River Drainage above the Montana Power Plant including Mystic, Silver and Island Lakes, shall be open to fishing from July 1, to November 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, and shall be closed the remainder of the year.

**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:** Sheep Creek running through the town of Absarokee shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

#### SWEETGRASS COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** The East Boulder River from the fence at the Anderson Hot Springs buildings to its source, the Yellowstone Sloughs from the State Fish Hatchery grounds to its confluence with the Yellowstone River, the creeks on the Elmer Budd ranch and the Newspalmer ranch, the Upper Main Boulder River from Coles Bridge to its headwaters.

**Open Entire Year:** Glass Lindsay Lakes and Yellowstone River.

**Other Than Regular Season:** For that portion of the Yellowstone River lying within Sweet Grass County from November 15, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, the daily limit on game fish shall be thirty (30) of which not more than three (3) may be trout, and only winter fishing gear may be used.

**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 the Yellowstone River.

**Other:** None.

#### TETON COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** 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 Pishkun Reservoir shall be open to fishing from July 15, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

**Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait:** Use allowed, except small fish, for bait shall be prohibited in Diversion Dam and Gibson Reservoir, Sun River, and North Fork Sun River and their tributaries and in Pishkun Reservoir and Tunnel Lake.

**Other:** Spring Creek from the Milwaukee bridge to its confluence with the Teton River shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

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:** None.

**Set-Line Fishing:** None.

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

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

#### TREASURE COUNTY

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** All waters.

**Other Than Regular Season:** None.

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

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

**Other:** All reservoirs 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 cable marker below the concrete apron of the Fort Peck Dam shall be closed to fishing during the entire year.

**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 and Fort Peck Reservoir, except the dredge cuts below Fort Peck Dam and spillway and the Missouri River from the Dam to its confluence with the Milk River.

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

**Other:** All reservoirs shall be open to fishing of warm water fishes 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:** None.

**Other Than Regular Season:** Lake Martinsdale shall be open to fishing from January 1, 1953 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive. Lebo Lake shall be open to fishing from January 1, 1953 to March 31, 1953, 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 five (5) 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:** Lamesteer Reservoir shall be open to fishing from July 15 to September 15, 1952, both dates inclusive, from the County Bridge along the south shore of the lake to the spillway of the dam. The balance of the lake shall remain closed the entire year.

**Set-Line Fishing:** Yellowstone River, Beaver Creek.

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

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

#### **YELLOWSTONE COUNTY**

**Closed Entire Year:** None.

**Open Entire Year:** Yellowstone River and 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 12 at Laurel.

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

**Other:** For that portion of the Yellowstone River lying between the Stillwater-Yellowstone County lines and the bridge on Highway No. 12 at Laurel, from Nov. 15, 1952 to February 28, 1953, both dates inclusive, the daily limit of game fish shall be thirty (30) of which not more than three (3) may be trout, and winter fishing gear shall be used.

Arnold Drain from the Billings Bench Water Users Canal to the N. P. Industrial Site access road, Danford Drain and Hogan Slough shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

## **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 have more than five (5) game fish under seven (7) inches in length in your possession.

To shoot fish with rifle or gun.

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.