



A FIVE-YEAR FISH DISTRIBUTION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE
SOMERS HATCHERY DISTRICT
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Table 3a. Management data on streams recommended for planting
in the main Flathead Drainage (not including drainage
into east side of Flathead Lake).

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Name of stream	Miles fishing water	Width in feet	Number tribu- tar- ies	Temperature degrees Fahrenheit	Food condition	Amount of fishing	Species fish present	List barriers in stream or rearing pond possibilities
Dayton Creek	10	8			Fair	Med.	Ct, Rb, Eb	Goes dry lower 4 mi.
Stoner Creek	5	10			Good	Med.	Ct, Eb	Used for irrigation
Logan Creek	25	25	10	55	Good	Heavy	Ct, DV, Wf, Sq	Small dam at outlet of Tally Lake-many beaver dams
Griffin Creek	17	15	4	57	Good	Light	Ct, DV (Ct above falls)	20-ft. falls 11 mi. above mouth; beaver dams
Sheppard Creek	11	12	5	59	Med.	Heavy	Ct, DV	Many beaver dams
Evers Creek	6	6			Med.	Light	Ct	" "
Good Creek	20	20	8	56	Good	Med.	Ct, DV, S, Wf, Sq	" "
Gregg Creek	4	8			Good	Light	Ct, DV	Some "
Plume Creek	3	8		56	Good	None	Ct	" "
Alder Creek	4	10			Good	None	Ct	" "
Martin Creek	10	10		53	Med.	Light	Ct, DV (Ct above falls)	75-ft. falls 5 mi. from mouth
Sunday Creek	12	14	4		Med.	Light	Ct, DV, Eb S, Sq	
Advent Creek	3	6			Good	None	Ct, Eb	
W. Fk. Whitefish Creek	6	10			Med.	Med.	Ct, DV, S Sq	
E. Fk. Whitefish Creek	6	10			Med.	Med.	Ct, DV, S Sq	

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Kimmerly or Kimberly Cr.	4	5			Good	Light	Ct	
McGinnis Creek	4	6			Good	Light	Ct	
Big Creek	11	15	12		Good	Heavy	Ct, DV, Wf	
Hallawat Creek	7	10	1		Good	Med.	Ct, DV	
Coal Creek	17	14	3		Med.	Light	Ct, DV	
S. Fk. Coal Creek	4	8			Med.	Light	Ct, DV	
Cyclone Creek	5	6			Good	Light	Ct	
Moran Creek	5	8			Good	Light	Ct	
Hay Creek	13	12		54	Good	Med.	Ct, DV, Wf	Sinks for 2 miles
Red Meadow Creek	13	12			Good	Med.	Ct, DV	
Moose Creek	9	10	6		Good	Light	Ct, DV	
Whale Creek	18	20			Med.	Light	Ct	
Teepee Creek	10	10		50	Good	Light	Ct, DV	Sinks for 4 miles
Yakinikak or Trail Creek	16	15	7	50	Good	Med.	Ct	Beaver dams
Tuchuok Creek	4	8			Good	Heavy		

Table 30. Management data on streams recommended for planting in the Middle Fork of the Flathead Drainage (not including Glacier Park).

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Name of stream	Miles fishing water	Width in feet	Number tributaries	Temperature degrees Fahrenheit	Food condition	Amount of fishing	Species fish present	List barriers in streams or rearing pond possibilities
Bear Creek	11	12	4		Poor	Heavy	Ct, DV	
Skyland Creek	3	5	1		Good	Light	Ct	
Geifer Creek	3	6	3		Med.	Light	Ct	
Granite Creek	9	14	2		Good	Light	Ct	
Lodgepole Creek	7	12	3		Good	Light	Ct, DV	
Morrison Creek	11	15	1		Good	Light	Ct, DV	
Calbick Creek	3	8			Med.	None	Ct	
Cox Creek	7	10	1		Med.	None	Ct	
Strawberry Creek	10	20	4		Good	Light	Ct, DV	
Gateway Creek	4	8			Med.	None	Ct	
Trail Creek	5	8	2		Med.	None	Ct	
Bowl Creek	10	20	3		Good	Light	Ct, DV	
Clack Creek	6	12			Good	Light	Ct	
Dolly Varden Creek	9	15	1		Good	Light	Ct, DV	
Schafer Creek	8	12	4		Med.	Light	Ct, DV	
Miner or Lake Creek	7	15	2		Good	Med.	Ct	25-ft. falls near mouth
Cy Creek	3	8			Good	None	Ct	
Long Creek	8	12	3		Med.	Light	Ct, DV	
Java Creek	4	8			Med.	Light	Ct	
Sheep Creek	4	12			Med.	Light	Ct	
Essex Creek	4	10			Med.	Med.	Ct	Sinks lower 1 mile
Deerlick Creek	4	20	2		Good	Heavy	Ct, DV	

Table 3d. Management data on streams recommended for planting in the South Fork of the Flathead Drainage.

Name of stream	Miles fishing water	Width in feet	Number tributaries	Temperature degrees Fahrenheit	Food condition	Amount of fishing	Species fish present	List barriers in stream or rearing pond possibilities
Ayres or Arres Creek	2	5			Good	None	Ct	
Rapid Creek	4	10	2		Good	Light	Ct	
Fiction Creek	3	6			Good	None	Ct	
Young's Creek	18	25	11		Good	Light	Ct, DV, WF	
Marshall Creek	5	8	1		Good	Light	Ct	
Babcock Creek	7	10	3		Med.	Light	Ct	
Gordon Creek	17	15	6		Good	Light	Ct	Large beaver dam and log jam 4 miles above mouth
Shaw Creek	3	8			Good	Light	Ct	
Bartlett Creek	7	12	2		Med.	Light	Ct, DV	Several small falls, may be barriers
Burnt Creek	7	8			Poor	Light	Ct	Sinks at lower end
Holbrook Creek	7	10			Med.	Light	Ct	Falls 10 miles above mouth and 15 miles above mouth
Big Salmon Creek	17	25	10		Good	Light	Ct, DV (below barrier falls; Ct planned 1938 above fls.)	
Little Salmon Creek	14	20	6		Good	Light	Ct, DV	
Hungry Creek	4	8			Good	Light	Ct, DV	
Bunker Creek	12	20	6		Good	Light	Ct, DV	
Gorge Creek	10	15	2		Good	Light	Ct, DV	Large log jam 2 miles above mouth
Cannon Creek	6	10	1		Good	None	Ct	

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Hungry Horse Creek	6	15	3		Med.	Heavy	Ct, DV (Ct above falls)	Falls 3 miles from mouth
Emery Creek	8	10	4		Good	Light	Ct (above and below falls)	Falls 1½ miles from mouth
Riverside Creek	4	10	2		Med.	Med.	Ct, DV	
Felix Creek	3	8	2		Med.	Med.	Ct	
Logan Creek	4	10	1		Poor	Light	Ct, DV	
Lower Twin Creek	9	10	1		Poor	Light	Ct, DV (below falls, Ct above falls)	10-ft. falls near mouth
Upper Twin Creek	14	15	6		Poor	Light	Ct, DV	Numerous log jams
Spotted Bear River	30	40	16		Med.	Heavy	Ct, DV (below falls, Ct above falls)	50-ft. falls 19 miles from mouth
Dean Creek	7	10			Good	Light	Ct	Series of falls in lower end
Pentagon Creek	4	12	1		Good	None	Ct	
Wall Creek	5	12			Good	None	Ct	
Silvertip Creek	8	15			Med.	None	Ct (planted 1940)	Falls 1 mile above mouth
Mid Creek	6	12			Good	Light	Ct, DV	
Black Bear Creek	4	10	1		Med.	Light	Ct, DV	
Helen Creek	4	8	1		Good	None	Ct	
Danaher Creek	15	25	12		Good	Light	Ct	Many beaver dams
Basin Creek	5	10	1		Good	Light	Ct	

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Name of stream	Miles fishing water	Width in feet	Number tributaries	Temperature degrees Fahrenheit	Food condition	Amount of fishing	Species fish present	List barriers in stream or rearing pond possibilities
Sullivan Creek	15	25	6		Med.	Med.	Ct, DV	
Quintin Creek	7	10	2		Med.	Light	Ct, DV	
Wheeler Creek	8	12	7		Good	Med.	Ct, DV (Ct planned above 1938, 1941)	Falls 4 miles from mouth
Graves Creek	10	25	3		Good	Heavy	Ct	Falls 2 miles above mouth
Aeneas Creek	5	8	1		Good	None		
Clayton Creek	6	8			Good	None	Ct, DV	Falls in upper end
Wounded Buck Creek	6	10	1		Med.	Light	Ct, DV (Ct planned above falls 1939)	Falls $\frac{1}{4}$ mile above mouth
Lost Johnny Creek	5	10	2		Med.	Light	Ct (Ct planned above falls 1938)	Falls near mouth

Table 6a. Lakes in the main Flathead Drainage in which no planting is recommended (not including drainage into east side of Flathead Lake).

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Name of lake	Acreage	Species fish present	Reason for not planting					Other
			Too warm	Undesirable fish present	Too shallow	Inadequate food	Needs investigation	
Dry Fork Reservoir	250	Ct, Sq, S						Nearly all used for irrigation do
Hubbart Reservoir	350	Ct, Rb, S, Sq						Fish have been dying for past several years
Lake Rogers	325	Gr, Ct	x		x			Private lake-commercial fishery
Loon Lake	150	?	x					Alkaline
Jette Lake	20							Alkaline
Black Lake	60	?	x					Alkaline
Foy Lake	200	None						Slough type lake-used for irrigation
Mid. Foy Lake	10	None						Used as private fish rearing pond
Upper Foy Lake	5	None						
Smith or Kila Lake	1000	Eb, Bass, Sq, S	x					
Lake Monroe or Lower Ashley Lake	50	Ct, Gr, S, Eb, Chub						
Samson Lake	80	Eb, Bass, S, Sq	x		x			
Dollar Lake	40	Bass, S, Sq	x	x				
Lower Stillwater Lake	400	Ct, DV, S, Wf, Sq	x	x				
Upper Stillwater Lake	900	Ct, DV, S, Wf, Sq	x	x				

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Name of lake	Acreage	Species fish present	Reason for not planting					Other
			Too warm	Undesirable fish present	Too shallow	Inadequate food	Needs investigation	
Lagoni Lake	50	Ct, DV, S, Wf, Sq	x	x				Commerical fish rearing pond
Duck Lake	20	Ct, DV, S, Wf, Sq	x	x				
Stryker or Fish Lake	40							
Dog Lake	100	Ct, DV, S, Wf, Sq	x	x				
Boyle or Doyle Lake	80	Ct, DV, S, Sq	x	x				
Murray Lake	75	Eb, Bass, Ct, Sq, S	x	x				
Skyles Lake	50	Eb, Bass, S, Sq	x	x				
Spencer Lake	100	Eb, Bass, S, Perch, Sq	x	x				
Blanchard Lake	250	Eb, Bass, Catfish, S, Sq	x	x				
Upper Whitefish Lake	100	Ct, DV, S, Sq		x				
Morning Slough	50	Eb, SS, S, Bass, Sq	x	x				

Table 6b. Lakes in the North Fork of the Flathead Drainage (west side) in which no planting is recommended.

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Name of lake	Acreage	Species fish present	Reason for not planting					Other
			Too warm	Undesirable fish present	Too shallow	Inadequate food	Needs investigation	
Cedar Lake	10	None	x		x			
Bailey Lake	20	Ct, DV, S, Sq		x				
Spoon or Nine Mile Lake	102	Ct, DV, S, Eb, Sq, Perch		x				
Miller Lake	5	None					x	Overstocked
Huntsberger Lake	32	Ct						Adequately stocked
Frozen Lake	60	Ct						

Table 60. Lakes in the Middle Fork of the Flathead Drainage in which no planting is recommended (not including Glacier Park).

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Name of lake	Acreage	Species fish present	Reason for not planting				Other
			Too warm	Undesirable fish present	Too shallow	Inadequate food	
Geifer Lake	10	None					
Tranquil Basin Lakes (2)	30	Ct (planted 1941)					x x
Moose Lake	75	None					
Elk Lake	35	Ct (planted 1941)			x		x Goes dry
Beaver Lake	10	Ct					
Dean Lakes (2)	15	None					
Trilobite Lakes (3)	10	None			x		x Adequately stocked Hard to plant
Pot Lakes (2)	5	None					
Gunsight Lakes (2)	5	None			x		
Flotilla Lake	100	Ct (EE planted 1938-39)					x Hard to plant
Cup Lake	10	None					
Armeda Lake	15	None					
Lake Fire	175	Bass, S, Perch, SS, Sq					Inaccessible Inaccessible Adequately stocked with bass
Halfmoon Lake	75	Bass, Eb, Perch					
Unnamed lakes near Coram	30	Bass, Eb, Perch					Adequately stocked with bass do

Table 6d. Lakes in the South Fork of the Flathead Drainage in which no planting is recommended.

Name of lake	Acreage	Species fish present	Reason for not planting					Other
			Too warm	Undesirable fish present	Too shallow	Inadequate food	Needs investigation	
Hungry Horse Lake	3	None			x			
Trout Lake	5	?			x			
Webb Lake	10	None			x			
Shelf Lake	8	Ct(planted 1941)					x	
Shadow Lake	3	None						Hard to plant Alkaline
Hart Lake	5	None						Hard to plant
Christopher Lake	8	None			x			Boggy around shore
Mud Lake	80	?						
		(Ct EE planted 1938)						
Spring Lake	5	Ct						Adequately stocked
Prisoner Lake	15	None						Inaccessible
Pyramid Lake	20	None						Hard to plant
Crimson Lake	20	None						Inaccessible
Otis Lake	10	None						Inaccessible
George Lake	150	Ct					x	
		(EE planted 1939)						
Doctor Lake	40	Ct						Adequately stocked
Hessler or Kessler Lk.	50	None						Hard to plant
Lick Lake	30	None						Hard to plant
Big Knife Lakes (2)	10	None						Hard to plant
Big Salmon Lake	2000	Ct, DV						Adequately stocked
Lena Lake	80	Rb						" "
Pendant Lake	5	Rb						" "

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			Too warm	Undesirable fish present	Too shallow	Inadequate food	
Necklace Lakes (6)	25	Rb					Adequately stocked
Woodward Lake	50	Rb					"
Rubble Lake	20	None					Hard to plant
Terrace Lakes (3)	25	None					"
Palisade Lakes	20	None					"
Sunburst Lake	200	Ct(Ee plan- ted 1939)					"
		Ct(Ee plan- ted 1939)					
Olar Lakes (2)	40	None					
		None					
Late Lake	3	None					
Alcove Lakes (2)	2	None					Hard to plant
Gildart Lakes (3)	5	None					"
Bunker Lake	10	None					"
Soldier Lake	5	None					"
Crevice Lake	5	Ct,Rb (plan- ted 1938)					
		None					
Rock Lake	5	Ct(plan- ted 1941)					
Tomtom Lake	10	None					
		None					
Margaret Lake	5	Ct(plan- ted 1938- 1941)					
Big Hawk Lake	10	None					

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			Too warm	Undesirable fish present	Too shallow	Inadequate food	Needs investigation	
Pilgrim Lakes (2) Crater Lake	3 70	None Ct(EE plan- ted 1938)					x	Hard to plant
Aeneas Lake	4	None						Inaccessible
Lake Seven Acres	7	None						Hard to plant
Cliff Lake	20	None					x	Adequately stocked
Black Lake	60	Ct (plan- ted 1938-39- 40-41)						
Squaw Lake	5	Ct(plan- ted 1938 and 1941)						"
Blackfoot Lake	10	Ct(plan- ted 1938 and 1939)					x	"
Twin Lakes (2)	8	Ct(plan- ted 1938-39-41)						Adequately stocked
Wildcat Lake	50	Ct(plan- ted 1938-39-40-41)						"

Table 7. Species of fishes and their distribution in the main streams and lakes in the Somers Hatchery District.

Stream or lake	Species														
	Cutthroat	Rainbow	Eastern Brook	Dolly Varden	Grayling	Whitefish	Silver Salmon	Sockeye Salmon	Suckers	Squawfish	Peamouth	Bass	Perch	Sunfish	Catfish
<u>Stream</u>															
Main Flathead River	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
North Fork Flathead River				x		x									
Middle Fork Flathead River	x			x		x									
South Fork Flathead River	x			x		x									
<u>Lakes</u>															
Flathead Lake	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Little Bitterroot Lake	x	x	x			x		x							
Lake Mary Ronan	x	x				x									
Ashley Lake	x					x						x			
Tally Lake	x		x					x	x	x			x		
Native Species	x		x	x			x	x	x						
Introduced Species		x	x		x	x					x	x	x	x	