Goldeye Hiodon alosoides
12" Native
Widespread
Spottail Shiner
Notropis hudsonius 3"
Introduced Abundant along shorelines
Cisco Coregonus artedi
10" Introduced
Found in large schools at medium depths.
Chinook Salmon Oncorhynchus tshawytscha
28" (38" - 31.13 lbs.) Introduced
Occupies deep, cold water
River Carpsucker Carpiodes carpio
20" Native
Abundant throughout the reservoir
Northern Pike
Esox lucius 26" Introduced
Smaller individuals prefer bays, larger individuals occupy deeper water
Common Carp Cyprinus carpio
18" Introduced
Abundant in backwater bays
Walleye
Sander vitreum
16" (31.5" - 16.63 lbs.) Introduced
Found throughout the reservoir
Burbot Lota lota
28" Native Prefers deep, cold water
Lake Trout Salvelinus namaycush
30" Introduced
Occupies deep, cold water
Smallmouth Bass Micropterus dolomieu
12" (21" - 6.66 lbs.) Introduced
Prefers rocky shorelines
Freshwater Drum
Aplodinotus grunniens
28" (29.5" - 21.59 lbs.)
Native Abundant in the upper Missouri arm
Channel Catfish
Ictalurus punctatus
16" Native Prefers warm, muddy waters
Yellow Perch
Perca flavescens
8" Introduced
Found mainly in shallow, weedy bays
Black/White Crappie
Pomoxis spp. 9" Introduced
Found in shallow habitat in the upper Big Dry and upper Missouri arms
Paddlefish Polyodon spatula
55" Native
Most abundant in the upper Missouri arm
Sauger Sander canadense
13" (28.2", 8.81 lbs.) Native
Most abundant in the upper Missouri arm
Bigmouth Buffalo Ictiobus cyprinellus
29" Native
Found throughout the reservoir
Smallmouth Buffalo Ictiobus bubalus
23" Native Found throughout the reservoir
the Fish of Fort Peck Reservoir
Missouri River
Arms
Missouri River
Big Dry Arm
Big Dry Creek
Fort Peck Reservoir Facts
Largest body of water in Montana; fifth-largest reservoir in the U.S.
Surface area at full pool: 247,000 acres
Maximum depth at full pool: 220 feet
134 miles long, with 1,520 miles of shoreline at full pool
Years of dam construction: 1933-1940
Fort Peck Reservoir is one of the top 3 fishing destinations in Montana.
Fort Peck Reservoir is home to more than half of Montana's 86 FISH SPECIES...
Bigmouth Buffalo
Black Bullhead
Black Crappie
Blue Sucker
Bluegill
Brassy Minnow
Brook Stickleback
Brown Trout
Burbot
Channel Catfish
Chinook Salmon
Cisco
Common Carp
Creek Chub
Emerald Shiner
Fathead Minnow
Flathead Chub
Freshwater Drum
Goldeye
Green Sunfish
Iowa Darter
Lake Chub
Lake Trout
Lake Whitefish
Largemouth Bass
Longnose Dace
Longnose Sucker
Northern Pike
Northern Redbelly Dace
Paddlefish
Pallid Sturgeon
Rainbow Trout
River Carpsucker
Sand Shiner
Sauger
Shorthead Redhorse
Shovelnose Sturgeon
Sicklefin Chub
Smallmouth Bass
Smallmouth Buffalo
Spottail Shiner
Sturgeon Chub
Walleye
Western Silvery/Plains Minnow
White Crappie
White Sucker
Yellow Perch
Sauger X Walleye Hybrid
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