



## Approved Commercial Bait Fish Seining Waters – 2023

### PROPOSED

The list of approved commercial bait fish seining waters is provided with the Commercial Bait Seining License Application. Approved seining waters are regularly monitored for AIS and pathogens and have adequate population abundance to accommodate collection as bait. Proposed waters to remove from the list are indicated by ~~strike through~~, while proposed additions are indicated in *italics*.

#### LIST OF APPROVED SEINING WATERS

Nongame bait fish (except carp, goldfish, and rainbow smelt) may be taken from the following waters:

##### Western Fishing District

- Ashley Creek
- Burnt Lake, Flathead County
- Dog Creek (tributary to Stillwater River)
- Fish Lake, Lincoln County
- Flathead Lake (north half only)
- Flathead River (mouth to Highway 2 Bridge) plus adjacent sloughs
- Flathead River (Flathead Reservation boundary to confluence with Clark Fork River)
- Herrig Creek (Little Bitterroot *Lake* tributary), closed ~~from May 15 to June 17~~ *April 15 to June 1* between Little Bitterroot Lake and the first road crossing (Pleasant Valley Road)
- Horseshoe Lake (near Happy's Inn)

##### Central Fishing District

- Bighorn Lake and Afterbay Reservoir
- Bighorn River -- Afterbay Dam to cable 600 feet downstream and below Bighorn Access Area
- Clarks Fork Yellowstone River and tributaries, except the Rock Creek drainage -- downstream from the bridge at Bridger
- Helena Valley Irrigation Canal
- Kammerzell Reservoir
- Missouri River downstream from Morony Dam
- Muddy Creek Drainage near Vaughn, including all streams and drainage canals
- Reservoirs in Arrow Creek Drainage
- Yellowstone River and all streams and ditches in the drainage downstream from the Highway 212 Bridge near Laurel (except the section of the Bighorn River between the cable 600 feet downstream from Afterbay Dam and the Bighorn FAS)
- Teton River & tributaries downstream from Interstate 15
- *Marias River downstream of Tiber Dam*

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**Eastern Fishing District**

**Streams** -- Nongame bait fish may be taken from all streams in the Eastern District **except** the following:

- Milk River and tributaries above Fresno Dam
- ~~Beaver Creek upstream from Beaver Creek Reservoir~~
- Big Dry Creek downstream of the confluence with Little Dry Creek
- Hanging Woman Creek downstream from the Birney Road to its confluence with the Tongue River
- Otter Creek downstream from Highway #212 to its confluence with Tongue River
- Lone Tree Creek and Fox Creek in Richland County
- Missouri River downstream from the mouth of the Milk River

All irrigation canals and ditches in the Eastern Fishing District are open year around for taking nongame bait fish.

Nongame bait fish **may** be taken from the following reservoirs in the Eastern Fishing District:

<u>WATER</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Anita Reservoir	Yellowstone
Bainville Railroad Ponds	Roosevelt
Baker Lake	Fallon
Beaver Creek Reservoir	Hill
BLM Reservoirs	Blaine, Phillips
BLM Reservoirs <del>in Willow Creek Drainage south of Hwy 2</del>	Valley
Box Elder Reservoir	Sheridan
Cole Ponds	Phillips
Coal Creek Reservoir	Prairie
Dry Fork Reservoir	Blaine
Engstrom Reservoir	Sheridan
Frenchman Reservoir	Phillips
Gartside Reservoir	Richland
<del>Grub Reservoir</del>	<del>Valley</del>
<del>Gut Shot Reservoir</del>	<del>Valley</del>
Hedstrom Reservoir	McCone
Killenbeck Reservoir	Daniels
<del>Kuester Reservoir</del>	<del>Richland</del>
Lindsay Reservoir	Dawson
Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Sheridan
Milk River and its impoundments downstream of Fresno Dam	
<del>Nelson Reservoir</del>	<del>Phillips</del>
Petrolia Reservoir	Petroleum
Raymond Reservoir	Sheridan
<del>Shoot Reservoir</del>	<del>Valley</del>
Spotted Eagle Pond	Custer
Tongue River Reservoir	Big Horn
<del>Tripple Crossing Reservoir</del>	<del>Valley</del>
<del>Valley Reservoir</del>	<del>Valley</del>
<del>VR2 Reservoir</del>	<del>Valley</del>
Wards Reservoir	Valley
Whitetail Reservoir	Daniels
Wibaux Pond	Wibaux