



# MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

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Page 53	<p><b>BEAVERHEAD RIVER</b>  <b>Entire river</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rainbow trout: 1 daily and in possession.</li> <li>• Brown trout: Catch-and-release only.</li> <li>• Artificial lures and single-pointed hooks only. No treble or double hooks. Anglers may remove treble or double hooks from the lure and replace them with a single hook, or the shanks may be cut off the other hook points to leave a single hook. Lures with multiple hook attachments may still be used but any treble hook must be replaced by a single hook.</li> </ul> <p><b>Clark Canyon Dam to Pipe Organ Bridge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open third Saturday in May through Oct. 31.</li> </ul> <p><b>High Bridge FAS to Henneberry FAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed to float fishing by nonresidents and float outfitting on each Saturday from the third Saturday in May through Labor Day.</li> </ul> <p><b>Henneberry FAS to Pipe Organ Bridge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed to float fishing by nonresidents and float outfitting on each Sunday from the third Sunday in May through Labor Day.</li> </ul> <p><b>Highway 91 South Bridge (Tash Bridge) to Selway Bridge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed to float outfitting from the third Saturday in May through Labor Day.</li> </ul>	<p><b>BEAVERHEAD RIVER</b>  <b>Entire river</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Brown trout: 5 fish daily and in possession. All fish must be less than 18"; except for Clark Canyon Dam to High Bridge FAS and Barretts Diversion to the mouth, see special regulations below.</i></b></li> <li>• Artificial lures and single-pointed hooks only. No treble or double hooks. Anglers may remove treble or double hooks from the lure and replace them with a single hook, or the shanks may be cut off the other hook points to leave a single hook. Lures with multiple hook attachments may still be used but any treble hook must be replaced by a single hook.</li> </ul> <p><b>Clark Canyon Dam to Pipe Organ Bridge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open third Saturday in May through <b><i>Sept. 30.</i></b></li> </ul> <p><b>Clark Canyon Dam to High Bridge FAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Catch-and-release only.</i></b></li> </ul> <p><b>High Bridge FAS to Henneberry FAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed to float fishing by nonresidents and float outfitting on each Saturday from the third Saturday in May through Labor Day.</li> </ul>
Page 55	<p><b>BIG HOLE RIVER</b>  <b>Fishing Regulations</b>  <b>Entire river</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catch-and-release for arctic grayling.</li> </ul>	<p><b>BIG HOLE RIVER</b>  <b>Fishing Regulations</b>  <b>Entire river</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catch-and-release for arctic grayling.</li> </ul>



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	<p><b>Headwaters to Dickie Bridge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Combined trout: 5 daily and in possession, no size restriction.</li></ul> <p><b>Dickie Bridge to BLM Maiden Rock</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catch-and-release for rainbow trout Dec. 1 to third Saturday in May.</li><li>• Brown trout: Catch-and-release only.</li><li>• Artificial lures and single-pointed hooks only. No treble or double hooks. Anglers may remove treble or double hooks from the lure and replace them with a single hook, or the shanks may be cut off the other hook points to leave a single hook. Lures with multiple hook attachments may still be used but any treble hook must be replaced by a single hook.</li></ul> <p><b>BLM Maiden Rock to Brownes Bridge FAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open April 1 through Sept. 30.</li><li>• Brown trout: Catch-and-release only April 1 through Sept. 30.</li><li>• Artificial lures and single-pointed hooks only. No treble or double hooks. Anglers may remove treble or double hooks from the lure and replace them with a single hook, or the shanks may be cut off the other hook points to leave a single hook. Lures with multiple hook attachments may still be used but any treble hook must be replaced by a single hook.</li></ul> <p><b>Brownes Bridge FAS to the mouth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catch-and-release for rainbow trout Dec. 1 to the third Saturday in May.</li><li>• Brown trout: Catch-and-release only.</li><li>• Artificial lures and single-pointed hooks only. No treble or double hooks. Anglers may remove treble or double hooks from the lure and</li></ul>	<p><b>Headwaters to Dickie Bridge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Combined trout: 5 daily and in possession, no size restriction.</li></ul> <p><b>Dickie Bridge to the Mouth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Open April 1 through Sept. 30.</b></li><li>• <b>Catch-and-release only.</b></li><li>• Artificial lures and single-pointed hooks only. No treble or double hooks. Anglers may remove treble or double hooks from the lure and replace them with a single hook, or the shanks may be cut off the other hook points to leave a single hook. Lures with multiple hook attachments may still be used but any treble hook must be replaced by a single hook.</li></ul>
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Page 68	<p><b>RUBY RIVER</b></p> <p><b>Upstream from Ruby Reservoir</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combined trout: all may be cutthroat trout.</li> </ul> <p><b>Downstream from Ruby Dam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed entire year just below Ruby Dam (that portion of the Ruby River from its confluence with the Ruby Dam outlet channel upstream to the dam, including the outlet channel).</li> </ul>	<p><b>RUBY RIVER</b></p> <p><b>Upstream from Ruby Reservoir</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combined trout: all may be cutthroat trout.</li> </ul> <p><b>Downstream from Ruby Dam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Catch-and-release for rainbow trout.</i></b></li> <li>• Closed entire year just below Ruby Dam (that portion of the Ruby River from its confluence with the Ruby Dam outlet channel upstream to the dam, including the outlet channel).</li> </ul> <p><b>Ruby Dam to Alder Bridge (Ruby Island FAS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Catch-and-release for brown trout.</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Open April 1 through Sept. 30.</i></b></li> </ul> <p><b>Alder Bridge (Ruby Island FAS) to the Mouth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Brown trout: 1 daily and in possession, must be less than 18".</i></b></li> </ul>
Page 62	<p><b>HOLTER RESERVOIR:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catch-and-release for brown trout, except anglers 14 years of age or younger may take 1 brown trout daily and in possession, any size.</li> <li>• Walleye: 5 daily, only 1 over 25 inches. Possession limit is twice the daily limit.</li> <li>• Combined trout and kokanee salmon: 5 rainbow trout and kokanee salmon daily in any combination and 10 rainbow trout and kokanee salmon in possession in any combination.</li> <li>• Yellow perch: 25 daily and in possession.</li> <li>• Northern pike: no limit.</li> </ul>	<p><b>HOLTER RESERVOIR:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catch-and-release for brown trout, except anglers 14 years of age or younger may take 1 brown trout daily and in possession, any size.</li> <li>• Walleye: 5 daily, only 1 over 25 inches. Possession limit is twice the daily limit.</li> <li>• Combined trout and kokanee salmon: 5 rainbow trout and kokanee salmon daily in any combination and 10 rainbow trout and kokanee salmon in possession in any combination.</li> <li>• Yellow perch: 25 daily and <b>50</b> in possession.</li> <li>• Northern pike: no limit.</li> </ul>



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Page 62	Applications must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. March 25, 2023.	Applications must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. March <b>23</b> , 2023.
Addition to Page 79	<p><b><u>3) Yellowstone River from Bighorn River confluence to Intake Dam (not including Intake Fishing Access Site), downstream of Intake Fishing Access Site to North Dakota state line, Powder River downstream of Highway 10 bridge, and Missouri River downstream of Fort Peck Dam (Yellow Tag)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery is managed under a harvest target so annual harvest will not exceed 1,000 Paddlefish. FWP will</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>3) Yellowstone River from Bighorn River confluence to Intake Dam (not including Intake Fishing Access Site), downstream of Intake Fishing Access Site to North Dakota state line, Powder River downstream of Highway 10 bridge, and Missouri River downstream of Fort Peck Dam (Yellow Tag)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishery is managed under a harvest target so annual harvest will not exceed 1,000 Paddlefish. FWP will</li> </ul>



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	<p>announce a 24-hour closure of the harvest season through a public news release. Closure can be immediate at Intake FAS (Intake Dam to ½ mile downstream) to prevent exceeding the estimated harvest target. Other yellow tag areas will close as noted in the 24-hour notice. For current information on harvest status call the Miles City FWP office at 406-234-0900.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Following announcement of the harvest closure, catch-and-release snagging will be allowed, at Intake Fishing Access Site only, for 10 consecutive calendar days or through June 30, whichever comes first.</li><li>• <b>Paddlefish Harvest Days:</b> open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from May 15 through June 30 from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm (MST) daily, unless closed earlier by FWP.</li><li>• It is unlawful to release a Paddlefish on a harvest day during the Paddlefish season.</li><li>• An unused yellow Paddlefish tag is required to fish for Paddlefish. The tag must be properly placed on the first Paddlefish caught and landed.</li><li>• Paddlefishing closed Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays (see exception under Intake Fishing Access Site below).</li></ul> <p><b>Intake Fishing Access Site (Intake Dam to ½ mile downstream)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Paddlefish Catch-and-Release Days:</b> open Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays from May 15 through June 30 from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm (MST) daily, unless closed earlier by FWP.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Paddlefish caught on catch-and-release days must be released immediately, may not be gaffed, and must remain at least partially</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>announce a 24-hour closure of the harvest season through a public news release. Closure can be immediate at Intake FAS (Intake Dam to ½ mile downstream) to prevent exceeding the estimated harvest target. Other yellow tag areas will close as noted in the 24-hour notice. For current information on harvest status call the Miles City FWP office at 406-234-0900. • Following announcement of the harvest closure, catch-and-release snagging will be allowed, at Intake Fishing Access Site only, for 10 consecutive calendar days or through June 30, whichever comes first.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Paddlefish Harvest Days:</b> open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from May 15 through June 30 from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm (MST) daily, unless closed earlier by FWP.</li><li>• It is unlawful to release a Paddlefish on a harvest day during the Paddlefish season.</li><li>• An unused yellow Paddlefish tag is required to fish for Paddlefish. The tag must be properly placed on the first Paddlefish caught and landed.</li><li>• Paddlefishing closed Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays (see exception under Intake Fishing Access Site below).</li></ul> <p><b>Intake Fishing Access Site (Intake Dam to ½ mile downstream)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Paddlefish Catch-and-Release Days:</b> open Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays from May 15 through June 30 from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm (MST) daily, unless closed earlier by FWP.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Paddlefish caught on catch-and-release days must be released immediately, may not be gaffed, and must remain at least partially</li></ul></li></ul>
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Page 84	<p><b>YELLOWSTONE RIVER</b>  <b>Entire river</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smallmouth Bass: 10 daily and in possession.</li> </ul> <p><b>I-90 Bridge at Billings to the mouth of the Bighorn River</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combined trout: 5 daily and in possession, only 1 over 18 inches, all may be Cutthroat Trout.</li> <li>Sauger/Walleye: 5 daily only 2 may be a Sauger and 10 in possession only 4 may be Sauger.</li> </ul>	<p><b>YELLOWSTONE RIVER</b>  <b>Entire river</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smallmouth Bass: 10 daily and in possession.</li> </ul> <p><b>I-90 Bridge at Billings to the mouth of the Bighorn River</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combined trout: 5 daily and in possession, only 1 over 18 inches, all may be Cutthroat Trout.</li> <li>Sauger/Walleye: 5 daily only 2 may be a Sauger and 10 in possession only 4 may be Sauger.</li> </ul>

