



Proposed Changes to Commercial Bait Fish Seining Waters – 2020

The list of approved commercial bait fish seining waters is provided with the Commercial Bait Seining License Application and is also printed in the Fishing Regulations booklet. Proposed deletions to the list are indicated by a ~~strike through~~, while proposed additions are indicated in *italics*.

PROPOSED 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
- Clark Fork River (mouth of Flathead River to Thompson Falls Dam)
- 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 tributary), from May 15 to June 17 between Little Bitterroot Lake and the first road crossing (Pleasant Valley Road).
- Noxon Rapids Reservoir
- Upper, Lower and Middle Thompson lakes

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
- Kammerzell Reservoir
- Missouri River downstream from Morony Dam
- Muddy Creek Drainage near Vaughn, including all streams and drainage canals
- ~~Stream and ditches in the~~ Yellowstone River *and all streams and ditches in the drainage* downstream from the ~~mouth of the Clarks Fork~~ *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

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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 and Little Dry Creek north of Highway #200 in Garfield County
- 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 the Tongue River
- Lone Tree Creek and Fox Creek, tributaries to the Yellowstone River 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> |
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| Anita Reservoir | Yellowstone |
| Bainville Railroad Ponds | Roosevelt |
| Baker Lake | Fallon |
| Beaver Creek Reservoir | Hill |
| BLM Reservoirs | Blaine, Phillips |
| BLM Reservoirs in Willow Creek Drainage | Valley |
| Box Elder Reservoir | Sheridan |
| Buxbaum West Reservoir | Richland |
| Cole Ponds | Phillips |
| Dry Fork Reservoir | Blaine |
| Engstrom Reservoir | Sheridan |
| Frenchman Reservoir | Phillips |
| Gartside Reservoir | Richland |
| Grub Reservoir | Valley |
| Gut Shot Reservoir | Valley |
| Hedstrom Reservoir | McCone |
| Killenbeck Reservoir | Daniels |
| Kuester Reservoir | Richland |
| Lindsay Reservoir | Dawson |
| Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge | Sheridan |
| Milk River and its impoundments downstream of Fresno Dam | |
| Nelson Reservoir | Phillips |
| Petrolia Reservoir | Petroleum |
| Raymond Reservoir | Sheridan |
| Shoot Reservoir | Valley |
| Spotted Eagle Pond | Custer |
| Talcott Pond | Custer |
| Tongue River Reservoir | Big Horn |
| Tripple Crossing Reservoir | Valley |
| Valley Reservoir | Valley |
| VR2 Reservoir | Valley |
| Wards Reservoir | Valley |
| Whiteside Reservoir | Garfield |
| Whitetail Reservoir | Daniels |
| Wibaux Pond | Wibaux |

