

## Toston to Canyon Ferry Web Comments

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Ryan Dreier	Bozeman	MT	I believe the river should be the same as the lake at 10 total with only one 15" or above max.
Robert Sherer	Great Falls	MT	10 fish only one over 15". They are the same fish so it makes no sense to try and save them in the lake and then hammer them in the river.
Ryan Tuthill	Bozeman	MT	Walleye in this stretch of river should hold the same size and bag limit as proposed for Canyon Ferry Reservoir. I support only 1 fish over 15", as these are fish migrating from the lake to the river and from river back to the lake.
Coral Winters	Belgrade	MT	It should be the same as the lake, limit of 10 and only 1 over 15"
Marlin Cross	Great Falls	MT	1 Fish over 15 In. 10 Fish Limit why keep confusion in the structure.
Steven Harada	Wolf Point	MT	Reduce the daily bag limit to the Central District standard regulation for walleye: 5 fish daily, 10 in possession.
Andrew Devincenzi	Missoula	MT	The river regulations should not differ from the reservoir regulations. I feel as if it could increase opportunity for poaching and essentially nullify any benefit gained from modifying the reservoir regulations.
Stacy Ratliff	Florence	MT	Alternative 3: Reduce the daily bag limit to the Central District standard regulation for walleye: 5 fish daily, 10 in possession.
Amy J Harrell	Belgrade	MT	Limits should be same as resevoir
Stephan weber	East Helena	MT	Please reduce the bag limit to 10 walleye with only one over 15"
Brett Harrell	Belgrade	MT	Needs to be the same as the lake. Crazy to allow the slaughter of 18 inch walleye in the river.
Theron Thompson	Bozeman	MT	The river regulations should match the reservoir.
Nathan Peressini	Belgrade	MT	Option 2. The river should match the reservoir
Shane Winters	Belgrade	MT	It should be the same as the lake. With a limit of 10 and only one over 15"
Norman Comfort	Bozeman, MT	MT	No, I agree with the management plan for the lake but that should apply to the river as well I agree with purposed management plan for the lake- Limit of 10 with only one over 15"
Austin Barnhardt	Bozeman	MT	I agree with the management plan for the lake and think the same plan should be implemented on the Missouri River. The two management plans should be the same. Thank you.
Austin Zeadow	Townsend	MT	Please make limits in the upper Missouri River the same as the lake 10 walleyes no more then 1 over 15"
Brayden Davis	Great Falls	MT	I do NOT support the proposed regulation for upper Missouri River from Toston to CFR. This totally defeats the purpose of the CF/Hauser regulation as the fish head up the river to ultimately be hammered and kept. They are the same fish! I support Alternative 2 here. It simplifies regulations, easier to enforce and manages the fishery as an entire system on the SAME fish. CFR and River above should both be 10 fish, only one over 15"
Rick Pierce	Gillette	WY	It needs to be the same as the lakes down stream
Larry Harrell	Gillette	WY	It needs to be the same as Canyon Ferry
Chad Osborne	Billings	MT	10 walleye, one over 15"

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David Hernden	BOZEMAN	MT	The Missouri River below Toston dam to Canyon Ferry is part of one of the most popular trout fisheries in Montana, accounting for more than 12% of trout angling in the state, generating tens of millions of dollars annually. FWP should continue to prioritize the trout fishery in this section of river through management decisions that do not risk its sustainability or population dynamics. Walleye are an unintended introduction to this section of river because of the illegal introduction of this species to Canyon Ferry. FWP should not jeopardize the river's trout fishery by managing for more, bigger walleye below Toston dam. Together we will help preserve, protect, and conserve the rivers we love for future generations to enjoy.
Robert mahana	Helena	MT	Should be same as cf.
Larry Zeadow	Townsend	MT	I think the limits should be the same as the lake 10 fish no more then one over 15" protect these walleyes instead of trying to kill over of them.
Debra Taverniti	Bozeman	MT	The limit should be same as the lake regulations. A limit of 10 walleye and 1 over 15 inches.
Kevin McGovern	Laurel	MT	10 fish, only 1 over 15 inches
Gary Durfey	Hobson	MT	Alternative 2 is best change for the Missouri River. The main reason for being easier to enforce.
Mike Newton	Glendive	MT	I believe this stretch of water should have the same regulations as Canyon Ferry, 10 fish with one over 15 inches. This will benefit both fisheries immensely and has been long needed.
Scott D Keller	Great Falls	MT	I think it would make more sense to have the same regulations for walleye limits on both the Missouri River and Canyon Ferry Reservoir. I am very concerned that having different limits for walleye on Canyon Ferry and this portion of the Missouri River will cause confusion for fisherman, and enforcement personnel. Also the proposed regulations will protect walleye over 15" on Canyon Ferry but, not on the river. Won't the walleye travel from Canyon Ferry into the river and then back to Canyon Ferry? Keeping the same limit on both the Missouri River and Canyon Ferry will be best for the Walleye, the fisherman, and the enforcement personnel.
Michael Sedlock	Helena	MT	It doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize that the walleye in the river section are the same fish that are in Canyon Ferry Lake. Therefore, I support the same regulation of 10 fish per day with only 1 over 15 inches be applied for the river the same as the lake.
Darrell james Archey	Great Falls	MT	this limit should be the same as canyon ferry 10 fish 1 over 15 inch
Ted Kresge	Jefferson City	MT	I strongly support the change
Justin Haverluk	Belgrade	MT	The limit needs to be the same as canyon ferry 10 fish and only one over 15".
Dale Persons	Bozeman	MT	I would like to see this stretch of river also be regulated to 10 walleye daily and only one over 15".
Michael Schara	Laurel	MT	Same as above. Thank You
Jason Rorabaugh	Belgrade	MT	Keep the river the same as the reservoir. They are basically the same fish population and it will also prevent cheating.
Scott Feddes	Belgrade	MT	They should match to have the greatest impact in the shortest amount of time.
Lance Kresge	BOZEMAN	MT	The 10 fish with 1 over 15" regulation should be the same in the river as the reservoir. Lance Kresge< President Gallatin Madison Walleyes Unlimited
Jake Tuck	Great Falls	MT	The limit for the reservoir and the River should be the same. You are trying to fix a problem that does not exist.

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Kane Urdahl	Bozeman	MT	Change it to the same regulations as the lake. These are the same fish and need to be treated with the same regulations. The larger walleye run up river during the summer months. They need to be protected in this stretch of river just as they are proposing to do in the lake.
Tony martin	Fort benton	MT	Please keep river the same as the lake
Dale Spartas	Bozeman	MT	I agree with MTFWP and the restrictions and regulations they are proposing for the Missouri Toston to Canyon Ferry.
Richard	Clancy	MT	I agree with the proposed changes to the Missouri River fishing. It should be treated the same as the Reservoirs.
Jason Wiers	Bozeman	MT	Please keep the regulations the same for both. I'm pretty sure the fish that access both don't see them as separate bodies of water. Neither should we.
Katrina Warburton	Townsend	MT	The river regulation should match the reservoir. 1 over 15"
Rik Miller	Bozeman	MT	I fish this stretch of the Missouri regularly, and have for many years. I have noticed a decrease in trout population and size. I can only conclude that the increase in walleye populations in the river stretch below the dam have had a noticeable impact on the quality of the trout fishery. I would propose that the bag limit on the river remain as it currently is to hopefully reduce the walleye population in the river and give the trout species an opportunity to recover to a more robust level, as in years past.
Neal Cote	Missoula	MT	Stick to same limit on both the reservoir and the river. Pretty much a no brainer that fish from CF are running up into the river to spawn in spring.
J. Sampson	Helena	MT	I believe the regulations for this stretch of river should match those for Canyon Ferry.
Brody Henderson	Belgrade	MT	Keep the regs as is
Greg Chiles	East Helena	MT	I agree with proposal on regulations changes.
L. Keith Reed	Three Forks	MT	I'm very concerned about the potential for increased predation on trout populations. The 'one fish over 20" limit' might help that. Are the walleyes considered to be "invasive" in the river below Canyon Ferry? Were they introduced by FWP, some environmental "terrorist", or escaped accidentally from Canyon Ferry? Seems like your emphasis for fish management below Canyon Ferry should favor trout, not walleye, which I believe will become the top predator.
Sherry Hoekema	Bozeman	MT	This has to be the same regulation as the reservoir. Otherwise it would be impossible to enforce. So I support Alternative 2.
James Verzuh	Bozeman	MT	This is a an important and valuable trout fishery, please do not protect and promote the Walleye population at the expense of the trout. It is so great to catch large, healthy trout in this section. Walleye should be limited to only a few reservoirs in Montana.
Mike Coil	Bozeman	MT	Do all you can to reduce walleye in this section of river and manage the same to benefit trout only. That you have allowed the walleye fishery to now be in a position where your rule changes are even being proposed is shameful. Please don't keep chipping away at the quality of the trout fishery anywhere in SW Mont.
Tim Peterson	Winston	MT	I support management changes.
Russell Dissly	Bozeman	MT	Since the Missouri River is a fishery in itself it only makes sense that the proximity waters that make up separate bodies follow the same regulations. Once a stable fishery is once again established, reconsidering and micro managing can and should take place.

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Nate	Townsend	MT	I agree with the changes for the Missouri River as well but as my comment above a 15 inch size limit would not give the opportunity for the walleye to breed.
Pete Tompers	Great Falls	MT	Limit in river must match the lake as you are dealing with the same fish
Caleb Feuerstein	Helena	MT	I support this proposal. How many people actually fish for walleye between Toston and the lake?
Jon Moore	Helena	MT	In favor.
Tim	Helena	MT	I have not fished this area, but the size and bag limit would help
Pat Lorensen	Missoula	MT	I support the proposed changes
James yates III	Whitehall	MT	I agree with the proposed changes.
marko miller	GREAT FALLS	MT	I think the river sections above and below the reservoirs should have the same limits and slots as the reservoirs. option 2
Jesse taylor	Helena	MT	I think that the regulations for the river should match the lake
Davis Ritter	Roberts	MT	River should be the same as the reservoirs.
Tim Dreier	Bozeman	MT	The river should be 1 over 15" also to make enforcement possible and not to undermine the effort to improve the reservoir
Brian Dunaetz	Three Forks	MT	I would like to see the northern Boundary moved to the Townsend bridge With a 10 fish slot limit of maybe 10-15" With 1 between 15-20" I think a few years with a slot limit along these lines would help build numbers in this stretch of river. It has potential to be an incredible walleye fishery and offers alot of Spawning habitat aswell as a nursery for fry before moving down into CF.
Brian Rooney	Townsend	MT	Please keep the river system the same as the reservoir. This gets into a real struggle for people and for your enforcement.
Josh andres	Belgrade	MT	Should be the same as canyon ferry, 10 with 1 over 15"
Cody Mummey	Clancy	MT	5 Walleye per day / 1 fish over 18"
Tyler Bumgarner	Great Falls	MT	I vote for alternative 3, it's absolutely insane to not do what it takes to make canyon ferry the fishery it should be. The quality has been lacking to the point that I go elsewhere and spend my MO ey at other reservoirs and lakes.
DARYL MILLER	Three Forks	MT	option 2 the river should match the reservoir
Patricia McDonough	Townsend	MT	Need to be the same. Limit 10 with one over 15 inches. Need to have more warden presence to enforce these regulations. Lots of so called sportsmen are less than law abiding.
Jesse Langner	Bozeman	MT	Please keep regulations same as reservoir and protect the bigger fish in river.
Tim Frederick	Helena	MT	There should be no difference in regs between CFL and the river. These are mostly the same population and should be treated that way. Walleye move freely in between the lake and the river.
James T Carver	Malta	MT	Option 2 would be the best, making the river and lake the same limit.
Pete Jellar	Kalispell	MT	I support the 10 fish limit and slot limit of 1 over 15 inches
Rod Siemens	Townsend	MT	Support Alternative 3: Reduce the daily bag limit to the Central District standard regulation for walleye: 5 fish daily, 10 in possession.
Bob Bahr	Great Falls	MT	I support alternative 2 to have same bag limits as Canyon Ferry with same length and numbers in bag., Max 10 with 1 only over 15 inches. Just common sense. How could law enforcement enforce someone getting out of the lake with a 20 inch fish and them saying " I got it in the river"

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Mark Mariano	Butte	MT	I am writing to oppose the proposed regulation changes for walleye in the Missouri River from Toston to Canyon Ferry. However, if an alternate is debated, I would prefer Alternative 1. In my opinion, the fishing for keeper-sized walleye in this section of river is currently outstanding for fish 15 in. or greater. In the figure provided to the public (Figure 2), there seems to be a bimodal distribution of fish size (from 9 in. - 13 in. and 14 in. – 20 in.) that is long-tail left for fish over 20 in. By reducing the daily limit to one fish over 15 in., you would be effectively cutting the availability to harvested fish in half by limiting harvest to the smaller grouping of fish. Additionally, a fish worth killing and filleting needs to be at least 12 in. therefore, the walleye harvest would target only the fish between 12 in. and 15 in. These regulations would severely restrict the daily bag limit by proxy as well because the size of fish appropriate for harvest would be so limited. Limiting the harvest (directly and by proxy) of walleye in what seems to be a sustainable fishery would drastically reduce walleye harvest opportunities and could also lead to a reduction in the wild trout numbers as well.
Seth Wheeler	Great Falls	MT	Please go with Option 1. This will help this stretch of river thrive, or at least get it on the right track. Thank you.
Roger Olsen	Boulder	MT	Of these alternative I would support Alternative 2 the most. I would like to see a combination of 2 and 3 such as 5 fish limit with only 1 over 20/15. The walleye being caught in the river are the large breeders and continued targeting and reduction has only hurt the population. Again there are trout everywhere and they are doing great and in my opinion over populated. Rainbow and browns are also non native so give the walleye a chance where they want to do well.
Trisha	Eureka	MT	Reduce the take home limit to 5 and allow up to a 17" fish 15" is a reasonably small fish to Get a meal off of I primarily fish sakakawea due to working in that area. The minimum keep length is 15 and only 5 per day. The river runs pretty consistent with nice fish with this type of limit
Tim Jacobs	Kalispell	MT	I support the changes to the upper Missouri River walleye management.
Clay Anderson	Kalispell	MT	I'm in support of the Missouri River proposal

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Dale Gilbert	Ulm	MT	I support Alternative 2 that would be the same as the regulations proposed for the reservoir. I am adamantly opposed to both Alternative 1 and 3. Having a separate regulation that is different from the reservoir based on some imaginary boundary line between the reservoir and the river makes enforcement a problem ....both for the river and the reservoir. The river fish have been documented as NOT being a separate distinct population of fish. These fish are the fish from the reservoir that migrate into the river each spring and back out into the reservoir each fall. It has also been documented that angling pressure has increased significantly in the river and is increasing. Allowing the harvest of the 15-20" fish in the river would serve to undermine the efforts to protect those fish and delay or prevent seeing what the change in the reservoir may accomplish. The only thought at one point about the river was potentially thinking it may need more protection because fish in the river become very vulnerable and susceptible to angler harvest because they relate to very specific locations and concentrate. Bottom line to be effective the limits for the river and the reservoir need to be the same. It is noted, recent efforts have documented greater numbers of walleye in the river, but I really have to wonder if the data accurately reflects a real change or how much of the increase is because of significantly more effort and the timing of the additional surveys being done today...once the department learned the where, when and how to be more effective. During the CAC meeting, there was never any indication from the department at all about establishing a more liberal limit for the river...so it is disturbing to have this brought forward after the meeting last December the way it was. There has been no documentation that the walleye in the river are detrimental to the trout fishery that exists there. So there is no basis for a more liberal limit. Even the proposed 5 fish with no size limit, would undermine the limits proposed for the reservoir. There is no way, enforcement could do anything to anyone at the CF ramps or campground with limits beyond what is being proposed for the reservoir, because all people have to say is that those fish beyond the reservoir limits were caught in the river. Alternative 2 is the only thing that makes sense.
Patricia Hickey	Kalispell	MT	I support the proposed regulation change to enhance walleye fishing for the Missouri River from TostonDam to Canyon Ferry
Robert HICKEY	KALISPELL	MT	I support Proposed Changes to improve the walleye fishery for the Missouri River from Toston Dam to Canyon Ferry Reservoir:
Zach Flanagan	Townsend	MT	A 5-10 walleye limit is a great thing. We should never be catching and keeping 20 eye per day.
Scott Bond	Billings	MT	I believe the Missouri River should have the same proposed limit as the lakes
Tim Warburton	Billings	MT	Option 2. The river should match the reservoir
Taner Brown	Belgrade	MT	The river should be the same reg as the lake 10 fish with no more then one over 15"
Nate Messer	Helena	MT	Limit should be the same as the lakes they are the same waterway. Same fish swim back and forth freely.
Colter crawford	Townsend	MT	The limits should be made the same on the river as the lake
Jonathan Paulson	Bozeman	MT	Shut down all walleye fishing on there from Jan 1 to June 1 ensuring any spawning fishing up there have spawned and either stayed or migrated back to the lake

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Adam Conter	Helena	MT	Option 2 on your proposed plans. Simply for ease of use to fishermen and enforcement for officers.. However if the desire is to split the river from the lake. Make the split at the highway bridge. Again this would simplify enforcement and ease of use giving a hard boundary between the two areas.
Jim Stipcich	Hejena	MT	Support river regs be the same as CF regs
Cameron Nizzil	Townsend	MT	I think the regulations should be the same for walleye ten fish one over 15
lawrence hilton	hamilton	MT	the same as the above statements!
Steve Gaub	Helena	MT	Keep the regs the same as the reservoir.
Randy Morris	Helena	MT	I prefer to keep the limit and size the same as Canyon Ferry reservoir
Terry McArdle	East Helena	MT	To have different limits for the river compared to the reservoir is ridiculous. - Come on ..Propsals like this make you guys look nasty..., like you think we are really dumb. It points out that you want more quality fish havrested....We all know the river is where it is possible This is offensive.It is like offering us a peanut on the lake ...in return you keep up slaughter of better quality walleyes in the river. The river above CF should be 10 with only one over 15" same as the reservoir should be.
Pete Cradinal	Craig	MT	Should be the same as the Canyon Ferry regulations period!
Tom Robinson	Bozeman	MT	Same as canyon ferry.
Chris Anderson	Townsend	MT	Please limit to 5/day. Only one over 15". KEEP THE LIMITS AND REGS THE SAME FOR THE LAKE AND RIVER. Please.
Tom Tubbs	HELENA	MT	I would like the river section to match Canyon Ferry reservoir, 10 daily, 1 over 15".
Zach Gilliland	Colstrip	MT	I support alternative 1, to minimize the impacts on wild brown trout.
Lonnie lundin	Helena	MT	Regarding the river section from Canyon Ferry to Toston, the only logical and enforceable option would be to manage the fishery with the same regulations as Canyon Ferry. The fish in the river come from the lake, an imaginary line allowing increased harvest does not help the overall fishery, river and reservoir.
CHAD TOMPERS	BOZEMAN	MT	MAKE RIVER SAME AS THE RESORVOIR... SIMPLE
Guy Mellick	Billings	MT	I would like to see these changes. Or even 5 fish daily one over 15"
Gordon Robinson	GREAT FALLS	MT	The limit for this section of the river should mirror the reservoir requirements of 10 walleye, 1 over 15 inches. Allowing bigger fish to come out of this stretch of river would be defeating the purpose of limiting the size in the reservoir since it's pretty much the same fish population moving in and out. Allowing the bigger fish to survive and multiply will hopefully put this fishery on the way to healing and becoming what it once was.
Julie Gillespie	Helena	MT	I feel the river should be the same regulations as Canyon Ferry Reservoir. 10 FFish daily one of which can be over 15"

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Matt Zeadow	Townsend	MT	I support the same regulations from canyon ferry all the way up to toston dam. It would be impossible to enforce any illegal activity as in limits and also a boundary would be impossible to have. Also the documents that fwp included in this article don't support a different regulation for the river above canyon ferry. It is obvious the pressure in the river above canyon ferry is affecting the walleye population it obvious in the graphs fwp have on the main screen. The walleye population in the river section above canyon ferry are pretty much gone from the years past. Also the fish in the river are the same fish as the fish in canyon ferry so how would it be possible for fwp to get PSD up and also net number ( population ) off walleyes if you kill all the larger class fish they may or may not be in the river if you let people kill walleyes above 15". This is counter active and doesn't help any fish in ether section of the lake or river. I support 10 fish with only one over 15" In this section. It only makes sense by data numbers and also common sense. The management plan says the river section should be managed as a multi species fishery and there is zero evidence that walleyes affect trout population anywhere in any body of water.
Justin osborne	Three forks	MT	Treat the river and the lake the same
Jacob Spurlock	Townsend	MT	Complete under garbage!!!! I do not agree with proposed changes!!!! What the hell are you guys thinking for years fwp has been preaching science an it proven all big walleye aka the breeders am most of the walleye population run up river for the high water months from april-aug... an do no allow a slot limit is absolutely absurd!!! There needs to be a 3 fish limit one over 16!!!! This crap cant happen!!! You need to re-evaluate your disscions an make sure you change this for a more harsher implementation of a slot limit!! The river effects the whole dam lake!!!! Sincerely a very ticked off angler!
jim gillespie	HELENA	MT	I am in favor of maintaining the same regulation for the river from Canyon Ferry to Toston Dam as the reservoir.
Troy Warburton	toston	MT	The only regulation that should be accepted for the river is to match the new regulation for the lake. There's science and facts to support a protection limit on the river. If the river should be a different regulation than the reservoir it should be more strict if anything.
Brian McCarty	Harrison	MT	Seems to me it would be smart to have all the limits be the same in the lake and the river.
Bart Bratlien	Helena	MT	The regulation from Toston to Canyon Ferry should match Canyon Ferry based on the fact that Adam's study demonstrated that there does not exist a permanent, distinct population of walleyes in the river portion. This would also simplify enforcement in the event that a jet boat launches at the Silos and travels up the river to fish.
Jim Taflan	Helena	MT	Agree for same reason as the changes for canyon ferry and hauser reservoirs. thanks.
Bill Greenwood	Cascade	MT	Anything but the only one fish over 15".