



## Approved Commercial Bait Fish Seining Waters – 2021

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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
- ~~Clark Fork River (mouth of Flathead River to Thompson Falls Dam)~~
- *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 tributary), from May 15 to June 17 between Little Bitterroot Lake and the first road crossing (Pleasant Valley Road)
- *Horseshoe Lake (near Happy's Inn)*
- ~~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
- *Helena Valley Irrigation Canal*
- Kammerzell Reservoir
- Missouri River downstream from Morony Dam
- Muddy Creek Drainage near Vaughn, including all streams and drainage canals
- 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

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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* ~~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:

**WATER**

Anita Reservoir  
Bainville Railroad Ponds  
Baker Lake  
Beaver Creek Reservoir  
BLM Reservoirs  
BLM Reservoirs in Willow Creek Drainage  
Box Elder Reservoir  
Cole Ponds  
~~Coal Creek Reservoir~~  
Dry Fork Reservoir  
Engstrom Reservoir  
Frenchman Reservoir  
Gartside Reservoir  
Grub Reservoir  
Gut Shot Reservoir  
Hedstrom Reservoir  
Killenbeck Reservoir  
Kuester Reservoir  
Lindsay Reservoir  
Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Milk River and its impoundments downstream of Fresno Dam  
Nelson Reservoir  
Petrolia Reservoir  
Raymond Reservoir  
Shoot Reservoir  
Spotted Eagle Pond  
~~Talcott Pond~~  
Tongue River Reservoir  
Tripple Crossing Reservoir  
Valley Reservoir

**COUNTY**

Yellowstone  
Roosevelt  
Fallon  
Hill  
Blaine, Phillips  
Valley  
Sheridan  
Phillips  
~~Prairie~~  
Blaine  
Sheridan  
Phillips  
Richland  
Valley  
Valley  
McCone  
Daniels  
Richland  
Dawson  
Sheridan  
  
Phillips  
Petroleum  
Sheridan  
Valley  
Custer  
~~Custer~~  
Big Horn  
Valley  
Valley

VR2 Reservoir	Valley
Wards Reservoir	Valley
Whitetail Reservoir	Daniels
Wibaux Pond	Wibaux