1. Missouri River downstream from Fort Peck Dam
   - Paddlefish snagging:
     - open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from May 15 through June 30 from 6 AM to 9 PM (MT) daily, unless closed to harvest earlier by FWP.
     - closed Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays.
   - An unused yellow Paddlefish tag is required to fish for Paddlefish. The tag must be properly placed on the first Paddlefish caught and landed.
   - Catch-and-release snagging for Paddlefish is not permitted.

2. Yellowstone River from the mouth of the Bighorn River to Intake Dam (not including Intake Fishing Access Site) and downstream of Intake Fishing Access Site to North Dakota State Line
   - Paddlefish Snagging:
     - open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from May 15 through June 30 from 6 AM to 9 PM (MT) daily, unless closed to harvest earlier by FWP.
     - closed Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays.
   - An unused yellow Paddlefish tag is required to fish for Paddlefish. The tag must be properly placed on the first Paddlefish caught and landed.
   - Catch-and-release snagging for Paddlefish is not permitted.

3. Intake Fishing Access Site
   - Paddlefish Snagging:
     - open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from May 15 through June 30 from 6 AM to 9 PM (MT) daily, unless closed to harvest earlier by FWP.
     - An unused yellow Paddlefish tag is required to fish for Paddlefish. The tag must be properly placed on the first Paddlefish caught and landed.
     - Catch-and-release snagging: open Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays.

4. Intake Diversion Dam to about 1/4 mile downstream
   - Closed to fishing, snagging or landing Paddlefish from boats/vessels during the open Paddlefish season (i.e. May 15 through June 30 or earlier as posted on site).
   - Snagging: It is illegal to snag for fish other than Paddlefish.

Paddlefish Season Summary by River and River Section

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ND = North Dakota
FAS = Fishing Access Site
C&R = Catch and Release

TO REPORT FISHERIES VIOLATIONS CALL 1-800-TIP-MONT
To Tag a Paddlefish—
- Cut a small hole in the base of the dorsal fin (see illustration).
- Insert the metal loop portion of the plastic self-locking tag through this hole and seal tag.
- The metal loop must penetrate the fish so as to make the plastic self-locking tag non-removable when tag is sealed.
- The plastic self-locking tag must be completely sealed so it cannot be reopened.

Any fish not tagged in accordance with these instructions shall be considered to be untagged. You must have your conservation and Paddlefish license in your possession to fish for or/and take Paddlefish.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not seal your self-locking tag prior to attachment to fish. They cannot be reopened and will be void if sealed prior to attachment.

**MISSOURI RIVER UPSTREAM FROM FORT PECK DAM**

- There will be 1,000 harvest tags allocated in 2017. The season WILL NOT be shortened if more than 500 fish are harvested during the season. The number of tags allocated each year may change to ensure sustainable population management.
- Paddlefish harvest only tags will be available via lottery draw for the Upper Missouri River Paddlefish season (White Tag) only. Anglers need to apply individually or as a party (up to 5 people). Applications can be submitted either online at [http://fwp.mt.gov/](http://fwp.mt.gov/), at an FWP office or mailed. Applications must be RECEIVED by 5 pm March 30, 2017.
- Unsuccessful applicants can still snag and release Paddlefish with their Conservation License, Fishing License and Paddlefish catch and release only license.
- Successful applicants will be allowed to fish from May 1st through June 15th (unless closed earlier by FWP) from 6 AM to 9 PM (MST) daily.

**YELLOWSTONE & LOWER MISSOURI RIVERS**

- The Paddlefish fishery is managed under a harvest target in conjunction with North Dakota. Montana has set regulations so that annual harvest will not exceed 1,000 fish. FWP may close the season within 24 hours notice in any year if it appears the harvest target may be exceeded, and immediately at the Intake FAS and downstream to Cottonwood Creek, when it is estimated that the target has been reached. For current information on harvest status call the Miles City FWP office at 406-234-0900.
- The Montana nonprofit corporation designated to accept Paddlefish egg donations for the caviar market is authorized to transport lawfully taken and tagged Paddlefish donated by the angler in accordance with guidelines developed and implemented through the annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Paddlefish taken on the Yellowstone River between the Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge at Glendive and the North Dakota state line and donated by the angler at the Intake FAS or at the Sidney Bridge FAS are eligible for transport by designated individuals.

**Fort Peck Dredge Cuts (west of Park Grove Bridge & Nelson Dredge) - BLUE TAG**

- Bow and Arrow: open July 1 through August 31 for Paddlefish. 1 Paddlefish per angler. An unused blue Paddlefish tag is required to fish for Paddlefish.
- Snagging: no snagging allowed, this is an archery only season.