FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION
Fishing, Bird Hunting, and Recreation Regulations of the
CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES
and the
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
EFFECTIVE FROM THE DATE OF
MARCH 1, 2009 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2010
For persons who are
NOT ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE TRIBES

Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation, and
Conservation
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1-800-TIP-MONT
(406) 847-6668
(406) 675-4700
OR (406) 752-5501
Help Protect Native Species
Know the Flathead Reservations
Native Fish

On the Flathead Indian Reservation, there is a growing concern for several of our native fish species, primarily the BULL trout, and the WESTSLOPE CUTFROAT trout. Populations of these fish are in decline across the Reservation, and it is important for anglers to properly identify BULL and WESTSLOPE CUTFROAT trout and understand the regulations protecting them. When handling fish, be sure to wet your hands, and keep the fish in the water if possible. If in doubt about the identity of your fish, do not take a chance—release it!

NATIVE FISH

Bull Trout – Species of Special Concern
A Threatened Species listed under the Endangered Species Act “NO BLACK, PUT IT BACK”

No adipose fin

No markings on dorsal fin

No marks on back

No yellow spots on back

No orange spots on side

Full yellow spots on side

White leading edge on fins

Minnow-like shape overall

Small, irregularly shaped black spots, open eyes on belly

Black or red marks band usually present

Spots more densely toward rear of fish


Westslope Cutthroat Trout – Species of Special Concern

No adipose fin

No markings on dorsal fin

No marks on back

No yellow spots on back

No orange spots on side

White leading edge on fins

Minnow-like shape overall

Small, irregularly shaped black spots, open eyes on belly

White minnow-like shape overall

Black or red marks band usually present

Spots more densely toward rear of fish


Mountain Whitefish

No spots on back

No adipose fin

No marks on back

No yellow spots on back

No orange spots on side

White leading edge on fins

Minnow-like shape overall

Small, irregularly shaped black spots, open eyes on belly

Black or red marks band usually present

Spots more densely toward rear of fish


Northern Pikeminnow

No adipose fin

No marks on back

No yellow spots on back

No orange spots on side

White leading edge on fins

Minnow-like shape overall

Small, irregularly shaped black spots, open eyes on belly

Black or red marks band usually present

Spots more densely toward rear of fish


NON-NATIVE FISH

Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout – Species of Special Concern

No adipose fin

No marks on back

No yellow spots on back

No orange spots on side

White leading edge on fins

Minnow-like shape overall

Small, irregularly shaped black spots, open eyes on belly

Black or red marks band usually present

Spots more densely toward rear of fish


Brook Trout

No adipose fin

No marks on back

No yellow spots on back

No orange spots on side

White leading edge on fins

Minnow-like shape overall

Small, irregularly shaped black spots, open eyes on belly

Black or red marks band usually present

Spots more densely toward rear of fish


NON-NATIVE FISH

Rainbow Trout

Pink or red markings band usually present

Anus fins may be deeper than longer

Aids in identification


Lake Trout

White leading edges present on fins

Numerous light spots near red or orange

Tail deeply forked


Brown Trout

Black or brown spots often on sides

Tail shallowly forked

Tail fin slightly forked


Lake Whitefish

Body deep and flat-sided

Mouth of medium size

Mouth of medium size


Black Bullhead

Chin barbels black, black spotted or grey

Tail fin slightly forked

(f) no adipose fin


Kokanee

Anus fin may be smaller than external

Shallow mouth in dorsal fins


Largemouth Bass

Upper jaw reaches behind upper margin of eye in adult

Dorsal fin almost completely divided by deep notch


Smallmouth Bass

Lower jaw reaches behind upper margin of eye

Upper jaw reaches behind upper margin of eye


Yellow Perch

White yellow to yellow-green with 8 narrow bands

Pale spots

Numerous dark spots


Northern Pike

Dorsal fin near tail fin

Body long

Numerous dark spots
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### 2009-2010 Reservation Permit Vendors for Non-Members

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Reservation Permits are also available on the internet at [http://app.mt.gov/als/index](http://app.mt.gov/als/index).

A Reservation Permit must be purchased initially from a retail outlet/Reservation Permit vendor, then subsequent permits can be purchased online.

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UNLESS DEFINED OTHERWISE, ALL WORDS AND PHRASES IN THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BE GIVEN THEIR PLAIN AND SIMPLE MEANING.

PART I
2009-10 RESERVATION LICENSING

Regulations contained herein that pertain to hunting pheasant, Hungarian Partridge, migratory waterfowl (ducks, mergansers, and geese only) coots, and fishing, are pursuant to the provisions of the State – Tribal Cooperative Agreement (hereafter “Agreement”) between the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation (hereafter “Tribes”) and the Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks (hereafter “State”). All other regulations contained herein are the product of the government of the Tribes and are not a part of the joint regulations of the State and Tribes under the Agreement. They are included in this publication as a convenience to all non-tribal members who may utilize Reservation lands for recreation purposes outside the scope of the Agreement. The Tribes and the State find as follows:

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** Flathead Lake (south half) Combined Use/Fishing Permit – This permit is not applicable for any other activities or use throughout the reservation except for those individuals engaged in fishing the Reservation portion of Flathead Lake.
FOOD BANKS AND COMMUNITY KITCHENS

Please consider contributing your catch of lake trout and lake whitefish to the following community service centers. Please call the center nearest you to ask about how to prepare your catch and where to go to contribute it. Some facilities may or may not accept fish. Although most facilities will accept fresh or frozen, cleaned, or filleted fish. Call the nearest facility to you for more details.

Tribal Commodities Office: 745-4115
Ronan Bread Basket: 676-4357
Bigfork Food Bank: 837-2297
Flathead Food Bank: 752-3662
Lakeside Pantry: 844-2779
Missoula Food Bank: 549-0543

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email Hotline Connection
Our customers can access information on a variety of topics including fishing, wildlife, and recreation. Email our Information and Education Specialist at germainew@cskt.org
Fax and Customer Service
Customers can send a fax to CSKT, Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation, and Conservation to 406-883-2896 for general information. Those seeking nonresident hunting license information should call 406-675-2700 or 406-883-2888 and ask for the Permit Agent.

Regulations are available on-line at www.cskt.org.

Section 2. Permits and Stamps Required
A. The holder of a current Permit may engage in recreational activities on Tribal lands within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in Ordinance 44D and these regulations.
B. To lawfully fish on the Reservation non-members must be licensed in accordance with the following terms:
   (1) Non-members 12 through 14 years of age must have a valid Permit in possession but do not need a Flathead Reservation fishing stamp.
   (2) Non-member non-residents of the Flathead Reservation 15 years of age and older must possess a valid Permit, to which is permanently affixed a Flathead Reservation fishing stamp.
   (3) Non-member residents of the Flathead Reservation 15 years through 61 years of age must possess a valid Permit, to which is permanently affixed a Flathead Reservation fishing stamp.
   (4) Non-member residents of the Flathead Reservation 62 years of age and older must have a valid Permit in possession but do not need a Flathead Reservation fishing stamp. This is valid for the entire state of Montana.
   (5) Disabled non-members are entitled to fish with only a valid Permit in their possession. This permit can be purchased at the Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation, and Conservation office located in Polson.
   (6) Disabled non-members are entitled to hunt birds with only a valid Permit in their possession. This permit can be purchased at the Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation, and Conservation office located in Polson.

Section 3. No Permit Is Required of a Non-member When:
A. Engaged in recreational activities (not including hunting or fishing) on fee status lands within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation.
B. Engaged in boating, swimming, and related recreational activities (but not including hunting or fishing) in Flathead Lake.
C. Engaged in recreational activities (not including fishing) within the exterior boundaries of the Ninepipe and Pablo Reservoir National Wildlife Refuges.

There is no hunting on the National Bison Range. For information and other regulations contact the Bison Range office in Moose, Montana at (406) 644-2211.

Section 4. Failure to Possess a Joint-Use Permit
Failure of a non-member to possess a valid Permit, with appropriate stamps attached, as required by these Regulations, shall constitute a violation of the regulation and may constitute trespass.

Section 5. State Use of Permits and Stamps
A. Residents of the Flathead Reservation who have purchased Permits and stamps and a comparable State license may obtain a refund for the Permits and stamps from the State. Information concerning refunds may be obtained by contacting License Section, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1420 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, Montana, 59620, telephone 444-2950.
B. Non-resident Flathead Reservation permits and stamps are only valid on the Flathead Reservation.
C. A valid Resident of Flathead Reservation Use Permit will be honored by the State as a conservation license for the purchase of any State resident hunting or fishing license.
D. The holder of a Resident of Flathead Reservation Use Permit with a valid Flathead Reservation fishing stamp may purchase a state paddleship license. The State shall allow free fishing where lawful for
Section 5. Applications, Termination of Permits and Stamps

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain or possess a license, permit or stamp for use on the Reservation if the applicant’s rights or privileges to hunt, fish or recreate have been revoked by a court of competent jurisdiction.

B. To qualify as a legal Flathead Reservation resident, the applicant must have permanently resided and have his/her principal domicile within the Reservation for 6 months immediately prior to making application and have proof such as a Montana drivers license.

C. Non-members may buy Permits or stamps from any seller authorized by the Tribal Council to sell Permits or stamps. A list of persons authorized to issue such Permits and stamps is maintained at the Tribal office and at the Tribal Council to sell Permits or stamps. A list of persons authorized to issue such Permits and stamps is maintained at the Tribal office and at the Tribal Council to sell Permits or stamps.

D. Lures and Bait:

- Fish may be used as bait except in water limited to artificial lures only. Leeches, worms, insects, and larvae may be used as bait. Non-game (fish with no bag limits on section 2A) may be used as bait. Artificial lures do not include imitation of or as a substitute for natural bait.
- Artificial lures include all lures that are made to look like natural fish. Artificial lures include fish eggs chemically treated or processed natural or artificial baits, or any natural or man-made food, or any man-made fish that have been treated with natural or artificial fish attracting or feeding stimulants.
- No live fish or live crabs, frogs, toads or salamanders may be used as bait. No portion of salmonids (trout, salmon, and whitefish) except eggs may be used as bait. Non-game fish (with no bag limits on section 2A) or parts thereof, may be used as bait, except in waters limited to artificial lures only. Leeches, worms, insects, and larvae may be used as bait except in water limited to artificial lures only.

E. The holder of a valid Resident of Flathead Reservation Use Permit with a valid Flathead Reservation bird stamp will be honored by the State of Montana. The holder of a valid Flathead Reservation bird license may purchase a state wildlife stamp. The State shall also allow free bird hunting where lawful for youths 12, 13 and 14 years of age and seniors over 65 who hold a valid Resident of Flathead Reservation Use Permit, and holders of a Resident of Flathead Reservation Use Permit for the Disabled.

F. Residents of Flathead Reservation under the age of 15 and over 65 years of age that hold a valid Resident of Flathead Reservation Use Permit are entitled to purchase regular resident deer and elk tags at one-half price.

G. Altering, changing, loaning, or transferring to another any permit or stamp for use on the Reservation is prohibited, nor shall any person change or possess fish that have been bought or sold as a result of the provisions of these regulations.

H. Harvest of any Reservation fish and wildlife, or parts thereof, for financial gain is prohibited.

I. Violations of the Joint Regulations may result in proceedings in Federal, Tribal or State court as specified in the State-Tribal Cooperative Agreement.

J. It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain or possess a license, permit or stamp for use on the Reservation if the applicant’s rights or privileges to hunt, fish or recreate have been revoked by a court of competent jurisdiction.

K. Non-members may buy Permits or stamps from any seller authorized by the Tribal Council to sell Permits or stamps. A list of persons authorized to issue such Permits and stamps is maintained at the Tribal office and at the Tribal Council to sell Permits or stamps.

L. Any Permit or stamp issued to a non-member shall be void after the last day of February next succeeding its issuance unless otherwise specified in the management unit regulations.

M. Possession limit shall mean the number of fish, which may be in one person’s possession at any time in any form, fresh, processed, stamp on file or otherwise. On opening day of any season only one daily limit shall be in possession.

N. A person fishing on a water body may have in his immediate physical control only a daily limit allowed for that water body.

O. Release the fish in quiet water close to the area where it was hooked.

P. To ensure a released fish has the best chance for survival:
- Play the fish as rapidly as possible. Do not play it to total exhaustion.
- Keep the fish in water as much as possible when handling and remove hooks
- Remove the hook gently. Do not squeeze the fish or put your fingers in its gills.
- If the fish is deeply hooked, cut the line. Do not yank the hook out. Most fish survive with hooks left in them.
- Release the fish only after it has gained its equilibrium. If necessary, gently hold the fish upright in the current facing upstream and move it slowly back and forth.

Q. If you catch a tagged fish, please report the following information to any of the following locations:

- Tribes’ Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation, and Conservation in Polson, MT.
- Flathead and Jocko Rivers are open to fishing all year. See Part II, Section 3.
- The Plunge:
- Deep-Water Catch and Release: Lake Trout
- Wal-Mart in Polson, MT
- Tribes’ Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation, and Conservation in Polson, MT.
- Wal-Mart in Polson, MT
- Roman Sports and Western

Information requested:
1. tag’s number and color;
2. date the fish was caught;
3. species of the fish;
4. fish’s length and weight (close as possible);
5. location of the catch (body of water and distance from nearest landmark);
6. if the fish was kept or released;
7. name and address of the angler.

Fishing can be improved through use of this information. Accuracy and completeness of your report is essential.
HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF WHIRLING DISEASE

Drainages that are currently whirling disease positive include the Jocko River, Mission and Post Creek. Use particular care when moving from a stream known to support the parasite that causes whirling disease.

- Do not use parts of trout, salmon, or whitefish for bait;
- Do not collect or use sculpin for bait;
- Do not dispose of fish entrails, skeletal parts, or other by-products in any body of water;
- Do not transport fish from one body of water to another;
- We recommend that anglers leaving a positive stream not move to a presumed negative watershed in the same day;
- After fishing, we suggest that anglers drain all water from your boat and equipment-including coolers, buckets, and live wells and thoroughly rinse and dry all fishing equipment, boats, and wading gear before departing a fishing access site or boat dock;
- Remove all mud and aquatic plants from you vehicle, boat, anchor, trailer, and axles, waders, boots, and fishing gear before departing a fishing access site or boat dock;
- As a further precaution against spreading the whirling disease parasite anglers can disinfect their gear using common household bleach mixed in a 30:1 water-to-bleach ratio sprayed on gear and left for 10 minutes; this can kill all but the resistant spore stage of whirling disease.

FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES

Certain species and sizes of fish in Flathead Lake are known to carry unhealthy levels of contaminants, such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB’s) and mercury. The two factors primarily responsible for this problem are the large size of Flathead Lake and the presence of predatory fish having long life spans. Large lakes are more effective sinks for contaminants than small lakes and old fish have longer to accumulate contaminants than young fish. Anglers should educate themselves on this problem and implement practices that reduce their risks. Women of childbearing age and children are most likely to experience health effects. Of Flathead Lake fish, the lake trout are usually the most contaminated, especially for fish greater than 28 inches long.

Table 1. Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services meal guidelines for consumption of fish contaminated with mercury and PCB’s. Concentrations of mercury and PCBs (ug/g) in fish length groups (inches) and recommended consumption for people eating fish from Flathead Lake over the entire year. Meal guidelines are less restrictive if fish are only eaten on a seasonal basis or for short periods.

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For more information on the health risks/benefits of fish consumption, call the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Fisheries Program at (406) 675-2700, or the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services at (406) 444-3986.

E. Check Stations:
F. Fishing Hours:
G. Fish:
H. Means of Taking:

(1) Only a single line with up to two hooks, with or without a pole, may be used for fishing unless otherwise specified in management unit regulations. The pole or line must be in a fisherman’s immediate control. (See exception under Part II Section 3 H (2) for Flathead Lake).
(2) Ice fishing on lakes and reservoirs is open to angling with 2 attended lines, with up to 2 hooks per line.
(3) Snagging of fish is unlawful.
(4) The use of lead or lead based lures is prohibited in Ninepipe and Pablo reservoirs. (See Part II, Section 3 G (2) VI for Ninepipe Reservoir and Part II, Section 3 G (3) for Pablo Reservoir).

I. Size of Hole for Ice fishing.

The maximum size hole that may be cut for ice fishing is 144 square inches at the surface of the ice.

J. It is Unlawful:
(1) To fish or take fish within 200 feet upstream or downstream from any fish passage (ladder) or fish protection (screen) structure.
(2) To use them to transport or introduce any fish or viable fish eggs into any water.
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(5) To fish or take fish within 200 feet upstream or downstream from any fish passage (ladder) or fish protection (screen) structure.
(6) To use electric or use any carbide, lime, dynamite, or other explosive compounds, or any corrosive or narcotic poison or to have any of the same in one’s possession within one hundred (100) feet of any water body where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.
(7) To hire or retain an outfitter or guide unless authorized by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.
(8) To water any part of fish suitable for food.
(9) To fish in waters posted closed to fishing.
(10) To remove fish from any research sampling gear (fish traps, gill nets, etc.).

Section 2. Standard Fishing and Possession Limits

A. Daily Creel Limit:
(1) All waters within the South Fork Jocko Primitive Area are closed to non-members.
(2) Trout fishing is open year-round to catch and release fishing only with artificial lures and flies. Brook and lake trout may be kept in accordance with Part II, Section 2A.

B. Management Unit 2: Post and Mission Creek Drainage:
(1) Mission Creek, upstream from Mission Reservoir to the falls at the trailhead, is closed to fishing or taking fish the entire year.
(2) Dry Lake Creek, upstream from St. Mary’s Lake (Tabor Reservoir) to the concrete weir and St. Mary’s Lake 200 feet of the mouth of Dry Lake Creek are closed to fishing or taking fish the entire year.

C. Possession Limit
A fisherman may have no more than two days of the daily limit of any species in his possession at any location at any time.

Section 3. Exceptions to the Standard Fishing and Possession Limits

A. Management Unit 1: Jocko River Drainage, excluding lakes and reservoirs:
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(2) Ninepipe Reservoir:

(1) Combination rainbow/cutthroat trout: 5 fish, only one of which may be longer than 14 inches.

(2) Cutthroat trout: 5 fish, only one of which may be longer than 14 inches.

(3) Pablo Reservoir:

(a) The bass limit is 5 fish, only 2 over 15 inches.

(b) Pablo Reservoir may be closed to fishing or taking fish at all times when the reservoir is drawn down in surface elevation below 3,190 feet above mean sea level, and such closure shall be posted.

(c) Kicking Horse Reservoir may be closed to fishing or taking fish at all times when the reservoir is drawn down in surface elevation below 3,050 feet above mean sea level, and such closure shall be posted.

(4) Kicking Horse Reservoir:

(a) The bass limit is 5 fish, only 2 over 15 inches, and all bass over 12 and less than 15 inches must be released.

(b) South Crow Creek Feeder Canal, from the irrigation headworks downstream to Kicking Horse Reservoir, is closed to fishing for the entire year.

(c) Kicking Horse Reservoir may be closed to fishing or taking fish at all times when the reservoir is drawn down in surface elevation below 3,050 feet above mean sea level, and such closure shall be posted.

(5) Mission Reservoir:

(a) Shall be closed to fishing or taking fish at all times when the reservoir is drawn down in surface elevation below 3,360 feet above mean sea level, and such closure shall be posted.

(b) St. Mary’s Lake:

(a) St. Mary’s Lake or Tabor Reservoir is closed to the use by wildlife. The following fishing regulations are for the protection of wildlife.

(i) It is unlawful to use float tubes, boats, or other flotation devices (see refuge regulations).

(ii) The reservoir is closed to fishing during waterfowl season (see refuge regulations).

(iii) From the close of waterfowl season until March 1 fishing is allowed on the entire reservoir including ice fishing.

(iv) From March 1-July 15 fishing is allowed in two areas along the shorelines as follows: (a) from the picnic area, located near the south west corner of the reservoir north and east around the reservoir to the posted sign; and (b) from the Highway 93 bridge, located on the east side of the reservoir north and west around the reservoir to the posted sign.

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PART V
Hunting and Trapping

A. The entire Reservation is closed to hunting or trapping, or attempting to hunt or take, fur-bearing and any other species of animal other than fish. Hungarian Partridge, pheasants, ducks, geese, mergansers and coots. Hunting or taking by non-members is allowed only during open seasons established by regulation for those fish and wildlife species enumerated in the fishing and bird hunting regulations promulgated by the Flathead Reservation Fish and Wildlife Board. A violation of this prohibition shall constitute a violation of Tribal Ordinance 401 and may also constitute a violation of federal law.

B. Non-Tribal members shall not accompany, nor may they assist Tribal members in any aspect of the pursuit, kill, field dressing or transportation of unprocessed big game from the place of taking to the place of the hunter's domicile. (See exceptions in OF-Reservation Wild Bison Hunting Regulations.)

PART VI
Access to Hunting and Fishing Areas

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A. Unless otherwise restricted by these regulations or other applicable law, a person may hunt or fish on lands not posted to prohibit hunting or fishing activities. An owner of land may post his land to prohibit hunting or fishing by or for one of the following methods:

   (1) Placement of signs greater than 50 square inches in size prohibiting hunting or fishing.
   
   (2) Painting fence posts with not less than 50 square inches of fluorescent orange paint, except when metal fence posts are used the entire post must be painted fluorescent orange.
   
   B. The posting provisions of Part 1 above must be placed at each outer gate and at normal point of access to the property, including both sides of a water body crossing the property where the water body intersects an outer boundary line and other conspicuous locations.

C. Leases of land owned by the Tribes may, upon written approval of the Tribal Council, post the leased land to prohibit hunting or fishing or both on an annual basis.

D. The presence of green paint on signs or fence posts denotes Tribal land. Not all Tribal land is marked.

E. Means of Taking: For all permitted species; Only shotguns not larger than 10 gauge incapable of holding more than three shells from the shoulder. Only federally-licensed non-toxic shotshell shot types legal for use in shotguns for migratory bird and upland game hunting on the Reservation. Hunting Hungarian Partridges, pheasants and migratory waterfowl in which hunting involves bait is prohibited. However, use of artificial decoys to hunt migratory waterfowl shall not be deemed a taking of upland game if the use of artificial decoys does not attract migratory waterfowl.

F. Shooting Hours: Shooting hours on the Reservation are sunrises to sunsets for all species unless specified otherwise in the annual bird hunting regulations.  Legal sunrise and sunset times are found on the Zone 1 Tables in the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks regulations.  Killing of all migratory birds is regulated by the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Migratory waterfowl (ducks, mergansers, and geese) and costs are the only species, which can be legally killed. However, hunting migratory waterfowl is regulated by the annual regulation-setting process in which waterfowl hunting regulations are promulgated each year.

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H. Limitation: Non-members are prohibited from hunting or taking any other species of birds unless otherwise expressly authorized by Reservation Regulations.

I. It is unlawful to shoot firearms from or across public roadways and/or public rights-of-way.

J. The use of a motor or engine propelled boat or watercraft to hunt waterfowl is lawful only when all motion caused by such motor or engine has ceased. A boat motor may be no larger that 15 horsepower except on Flathead Lake upstream from Kerr Dam.

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PART IV
Recreation Regulations

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The Tribes reserve the right to post Tribal lands and waters for additional regulations and restrictions not contained herein pertaining to environmental protection, conservation, public safety and regulation pursuant to recommendations of the Tribal Natural Resources Department.

The following acts are prohibited while engaged in recreation activities unless otherwise addressed in these regulations. Recreation activities subject to regulation include snowmobiling, off-road driving, picnicking, boating, skiing, hiking, photography, swimming, and other related activities.

A. Discharging any firearm in a negligent manner or in any campground area.

B. Building or fabricating any structure for any purpose.

C. Leaving refuse, litter, or waste materials on the disposal of any refuse other than human waste in sanitation units. (PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT)

D. Guiding,出了iing or any form of commercial activity not permitted by the Tribes.

E. Leaving campfires unattended.

F. Using or cutting live vegetation or trees for campfires.

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Access and usage of the Flathead River and shoreline within 560 feet upstream from Kerr Dam and within 250 feet downstream from Kerr Dam prohibited.  For more information, consult with the Tribe.

The following recreation areas are closed to entry by members of the Tribe, except that a non-member spouse and non-member children of a member of the Tribe may accompany that member for purposes other than hunting and fishing: provided such non-members, when applicable, possess a valid recreation Permit.  The presence of wild animal meat in camp shall constitute a hunting camp.

(1) The South Fork Jocko Primitive Area, described as: That portion of the South Fork of the Jocko River area beginning at the point where the Reservation Boundary intersects the Jocko-Seely Swan Road, thence south and west along the Reservation Boundary to the intersection with the north line of the northern section of the East Fork of Finley Creek, thence west along said road to the intersection of the section line common to Sections 34 and 33, T.10N., R.199W., thence north along the section line to the intersection with the south bank of the Upper Jocko River.  Articles of livestock northeast along the southeast bank of said canal to the intersection with the Jocko River, thence east along the south bank of the Jocko River and South Fork of the Jocko River, thence along the Jocko-Seely Swan Road that swaps northeast from the South Fork of the Jocko River to the point of beginning.

(2) The Kiwapikunik-1 (Lacrosse) Special Management Area, described as: That northwest portion of the Flathead Indian Reservation located at the intersection of the Reservation Boundary and Hubarb Dam Road located in the N1/2, Section 10, T.25N., R.24W., thence southerly and easterly along said road to it’s intersection with Trip Road.  Thence westerly and southerly along Trip Road to it’s intersection with West Road.  Thence westerly and southerly along West Road to it’s intersection with Par West Road.  Thence due west to the 1/4 corner located at the center of Section 10, T.24N., R.24W., Thence in a straight line southerly and westerly to the highest point on said canal located in the center of Section 34, T.23N., R.24W., Thence southerly and westerly to the highest point on said canal along said drainage divide of Mill Creek located in the SW1/4, NE1/4, Section 5, T.23N., R.24W.  Thence westerly and southerly along said drainage divide to it’s intersection with the L-2050 Road.  Thence southerly along the L-2050 Road to it’s intersection with the Reservation Boundary. Thence northerly, westerly and easterly along said boundary to the point of beginning.

(3) The Wolf Point Tribal Park near Polson, Montana

(4) Kupawicqnuk Tribal Park near Elmo, Montana

(5) Polson Tribal Park in Polson, Montana

Section 3.  Camping Regulations

A. To lawfully camp on Flathead Reservation Tribal lands, non-members must be lawfully on the Reservation in accordance with the following:

(1) Non-members 18 years of age and older must possess a valid permit, to which is permanently affixed a Flathead Reservation camping stamp. (See Part 1, Section 2, Part F, for exceptions)

(2) The following acts are prohibited while camping in non-wilderness areas:

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(2) Camping in other than established campgrounds or semi-developed use sites as evidenced by tables, toilets, fire rings, hitch racks, or otherwise is prohibited.

(3) Camping in excess of consecutive days at one site, unless posted otherwise.

(4) Camping within 100 feet of a lakeshore or streambank except in an established campground.

(5) Camping on the Lower Flathead River between Kerr Dam and Buffalo Rapids and camping on the islands down stream from Buffalo Bridge.

(6) Hunting or fishing unless a valid hunting or fishing stamp is affixed to the vehicle.

(7) Use of snowmobiles for travel purposes.

(8) The following activities involving snowmobiles are prohibited: A. Operating motorized vehicles off of authorized roadways is prohibited.  For more information, consult with the Tribe.

(9) Camping within 100 feet of a water source or trail.  This includes lakeshores, shorelines, streams, and water bodies.

(10) The gathering of firewood and the disposal of human wastes at 100 feet of a water source, trail, or campsite.

(11) The use of any cleansers other than biodegradable soap.

(12) The removal of any natural material from the wilderness.

(13) The violation of any hunting, fishing, and recreation regulation for the Flathead Reservation.

(14) Dogs may only be in the wilderness when accompanied by their owners and must be under the owner’s control.

Section 4.  Mission Mountains Tribal Wilderness Regulations

A. Grizzly Bear Management Zone:

(1) The Special Grizzly Bear Management Zone, commonly referred to as the McDonald Peak Grizzly Bear Closure Area, is closed to all recreational use from July 15 to October 1 each year unless posted otherwise. (See Recreation map for location)

(2) The Ashley Lake drainage from the Lakes to the Pobs-A canal is restricted to day use only until the Grizzly Bear Management Zone is open to recreation. (See Recreation map for location)

(3) The entire Wilderness Area is closed to all livestock use between March 1 and June 30.  This spring closure includes all pack and riding stock.

(4) The following areas are prohibited while livestock are on foot:

(5) The picketing or restraint of livestock shall be at least 100 feet from any water body or established campsite. Livestock shall be kept at least 10 feet from the base of any tree.

B. General Regulations:

(1) Any group exceeding eight people and eight head of livestock unless approved in writing by the Tribes.

(2) The use of any motorized or mechanical vehicles or devices such as snowmobiles, motorcycles, or mountain bicycles.

(3) Having any firearms or archery equipment in one’s possession.

(4) The cutting of any live trees or vegetation.

(5) ATV’s or motorcycles, and Snowmobiles.

(6) The construction of new trails or any permanent structure.

(7) Over-the-counter use of snowmobiles or snowmobile transport.

(8) The use of a campfire longer than three (3) consecutive days.