

41:07:03:03. Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters -- Additional restrictions described. Daily limit, possession limit, length limit, and additional restrictions on special management waters are described as follows:

(1) Catfish may be taken without limit on the Grand, Moreau, Cheyenne, Belle Fourche, Bad, White, and Little Missouri Rivers; and in the inland waters of the Missouri River and its impoundments;

(2) In the waters of Lake Alvin and Nine Mile Creek from the Lake Alvin Dam to the Sioux River in Lincoln County, Lake Campbell in Campbell County, Murdo City Lake, Murdo Railroad Lake, and Richland Dam in Jones County, Sheridan Lake in Pennington County, Lake Hiddenwood in Walworth County, Lake Menno in Hutchinson County, Lake Mitchell in Davison County, Firesteel Creek above Lake Mitchell to Davison County Road No. 12 (Loomis Oil), Wilmarth Lake in Aurora County, Marindahl Lake and Lake Yankton in Yankton County, Tripp Lake in Hutchinson County, Rosehill Lake and Jones Lake in Hand County, Durkee Lake and Curlew Lake in Meade County, Burke Lake in Gregory County, Simon Lake in Potter County, Corsica Lake in Douglas County, Richmond Lake in Brown County, Lake Henry and East and West Heritage GPA ponds in Bon Homme County, and McCook Lake in Union County, New Underwood Lake in Pennington County, Stockade Lake and Bismarck Lake in Custer County, the minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches;

(3) In New Wall Dam in Pennington County, Newell Lake in Butte County, and Lake Waggoner in Haakon County, Clear Lake and Roy Lake in Marshall County, Reetz Lake, and Horseshoe Lake in Day County, only those largemouth and smallmouth bass less than 14 inches in length or 18 inches or greater in length may be taken, and of the largemouth and smallmouth bass taken daily no more than one may be 18 inches or greater in length;

(4) The following special requirements pertain to the waters in the Black Hills Fish Management Area:

(a) The areas described in subsections (b), (c), and (d) are restricted to artificial lures only and the use or possession of worms, baitfish, salmon eggs, corn, marshmallows, insects, moldable scented bait or naturally-occurring or man-made food intended to be used as bait within 100 feet of the water in those areas is prohibited;

(b) Rapid Creek, including the Pactola Stilling Basin below Pactola Dam to the foot bridge at Placerville Camp and Upper and Lower Yates Ponds at Cheyenne Crossing, are restricted to catch and release;

(c) Rapid Creek in Rapid City from Jackson Boulevard upstream to Park Drive is restricted to catch and release;

(d) Spearfish Creek from Homestake Hydro Dam No. 2 to Maurice Dam is restricted to catch and release for rainbow trout. Other trout species may be retained within established limits; and

(e) Only one trout 14 inches or greater in length, regardless of species, may be taken daily. However, in Pactola Reservoir, no more than one lake trout or brook trout-lake trout (splake) cross 24 inches or greater in length may be taken daily;

(5) All waters statewide are restricted to catch and release only for muskellunge and northern-muskellunge (tiger) cross;

(6) The season on paddlefish is closed except as provided in §§ 41:07:05:02 and 41:07:06:03.01;

(7) In inland waters, of the walleye, sauger, walleye-sauger hybrids, or combination thereof taken daily, no more than one may be 20 inches or greater in length, except as provided in subdivisions (10) and (11) of this section;

(8) In Lakes Francis Case and Sharpe, the minimum length limit for walleye, sauger, and walleye-sauger hybrids is 15 inches from September 1 to June 30, inclusive. However, in Lake Francis Case, length limits for walleye, sauger, and walleye-sauger hybrids do not apply to any angler while fishing through the ice from the northern, east-west Gregory-Charles Mix county line downstream to Fort Randall Dam, and such angler may not return or release to the water any walleye, sauger, or walleye-sauger hybrid caught;

(9) In Lake Mitchell including Firesteel Creek above Lake Mitchell to Davison County Road No. 12 (Loomis Oil), Richmond Lake, Pickerel Lake, Clear Lake (Marshall County), Roy Lake (Marshall County), Lake Enemy Swim, Elm Lake, Lake Angostura, Shadehill Reservoir, and from the Ft. Randall Dam downstream to the South Dakota-Nebraska state line on the Missouri River, the minimum length limit for walleye, sauger, and walleye-sauger hybrids is 15 inches;

(10) In Belle Fourche Reservoir (Orman Dam) and all waters contiguous thereto, including the terminal drop inlet canal, only those walleyes less than 15 inches in length or 18 inches or greater in length may be taken, and of the walleye taken daily no more than one may be 18 inches or greater in length;

(11) In Twin Lakes in Minnehaha County and Reetz Lake in Day County, the daily limit for walleye, sauger, or walleye-sauger hybrid is one, 28 inches or greater in length;

(12) In Lynn and Middle Lynn Lakes in Day County, Opitz Lake in Day and Marshall Counties, Newell Lake in Butte County, and Curlew Lake in Meade County, the daily limit for walleye, sauger, walleye-sauger hybrids, or combination thereof is two and the minimum length limit is 15 inches;

(13) From the Ft. Randall Dam downstream to the South Dakota-Nebraska state line on the Missouri River, the daily limit for white bass is 15, possession limit 30.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 2 SDR 36, effective November 12, 1975; 4 SDR 31, effective November 27, 1977; 5 SDR 46, effective January 1, 1979; 6 SDR 60, effective January 1, 1980;

7 SDR 48, effective November 25, 1980; 8 SDR 58, effective November 30, 1981; 9 SDR 76, effective December 23, 1982; 10 SDR 48, effective November 22, 1983; 10 SDR 76, 10 SDR 102, effective July 1, 1984; 11 SDR 80, effective December 16, 1984; 12 SDR 92, effective December 4, 1985; 13 SDR 68, effective December 11, 1986; 14 SDR 81, effective December 10, 1987; 15 SDR 88, effective December 18, 1988; 16 SDR 114, effective January 18, 1990; 17 SDR 87, effective December 10, 1990; 17 SDR 109, effective January 29, 1991; 18 SDR 98, effective December 12, 1991; 19 SDR 82, effective December 7, 1992; 19 SDR 108, effective January 26, 1993; 20 SDR 87, effective December 13, 1993; 21 SDR 102, effective December 8, 1994; 22 SDR 82, effective December 10, 1995; 23 SDR 87, effective December 3, 1996; 24 SDR 72, effective November 30, 1997; 25 SDR 85, effective December 21, 1998; 25 SDR 85, effective December 24, 1998; 26 SDR 85, effective December 26, 1999; 27 SDR 47, effective November 12, 2000; 28 SDR 44, effective October 3, 2001; 28 SDR 84, effective December 20, 2001; 28 SDR 166, effective June 4, 2002; 29 SDR 80, effective December 10, 2002; 29 SDR 107, effective February 3, 2003; 30 SDR 99, effective December 22, 2003; 30 SDR 115, effective February 4, 2004; 30 SDR 171, effective May 11, 2004; 31 SDR 89, effective December 27, 2004; 32 SDR 109, effective December 27, 2005; 33 SDR 107, effective December 27, 2006; 34 SDR 179, effective December 24, 2007; 35 SDR 184, effective February 2, 2009; 36 SDR 112, effective January 11, 2010; 37 SDR 112, effective December 8, 2010; 38 SDR 116, effective January 10, 2012; 39 SDR 100, effective December 3, 2012; 40 SDR 113, effective December 16, 2013; 41 SDR 107, effective January 5, 2015; 42 SDR 93, effective December 30, 2015; 43 SDR 89, effective December 29, 2016; 44 SDR 93, effective December 4, 2017; 44 SDR 151, effective April 30, 2018.

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