41:07:05:02. Snagging season in special management areas. The snagging season for paddlefish and rough fish is open on the South Dakota-Nebraska boundary waters below Gavin's Point Dam and on the Big Sioux River from the I-29 bridge to the confluence of the Big Sioux River and the Missouri River from October 1 to October 31, inclusive.

The snagging hours on the South Dakota-Nebraska Boundary waters and areas of the Big Sioux River open to paddlefish snagging are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. central time daily. Only a legal angler with a valid paddlefish permit and associated unlocked tag may snag paddlefish and rough fish during this season.

For the South Dakota-Nebraska boundary waters the annual quota of 3,200 fish is allocated by a permit and tag issued by each state according to the following schedule: Nebraska - 1,600 permits; South Dakota - 1,550 resident and 50 nonresident permits. Permits and associated tags are available by lottery drawing after application. Any resident or nonresident permit remaining after the first lottery drawing is available first-come, first-served to any person not already holding a paddlefish permit who apply. After September 1, a person may apply for a second permit. A person may obtain a maximum of two permits a year. In addition to the 1,600 permits available in South Dakota, a person may apply for Unit SPF-ZZ1 for a preference point only and no opportunity for issuance of a permit.

The snagging season for paddlefish and rough fish is open on the waters of Lake Francis Case and the White River up to the Highway 47 bridge from May 1 to May 31, inclusive.

The snagging hours on the waters of Lake Francis Case and the White River are from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., inclusive, central time daily. Only a legal angler with a valid paddlefish permit and associated unlocked tag may snag paddlefish and rough fish during this season.

For the waters of Lake Francis Case and the White River, the annual quota of 350 fish is allocated by a permit and tag. Permits and associated tags are available by lottery drawing after application. Any resident permit remaining after the first lottery drawing is available first-come, first-served to any applicant not already holding a paddlefish permit. After April 1, a person may apply for a second permit. A person may obtain a maximum of two permits a year. In addition to the 350 permits available in South Dakota, a person may apply for Unit SFC-ZZ1 for a preference point only and no opportunity for issuance of a permit.

Any resident paddlefish angler 16 years of age and older and any nonresident paddlefish angler, except for a Nebraska resident paddlefish angler, regardless of age must obtain and have in possession a valid South Dakota fishing license and a valid, nontransferable paddlefish permit and associated unlocked tag to take or attempt to take paddlefish or rough fish by snagging. Any Nebraska resident angler possessing a valid Nebraska fishing license, or who is legally exempt from compliance with Nebraska license or permit requirements, is exempt from the South Dakota fishing license requirement. Any resident angler under 16 years of age shall have a valid paddlefish permit and associated unlocked tag in possession while snagging paddlefish or rough fish.
Each paddlefish caught and kept shall have the tag immediately affixed to the fish and locked in the manner and place indicated in the instructions provided with the tag. Each paddlefish caught and not kept shall be immediately returned, unharmed, to the water from which it was taken. All paddlefish anglers shall cast for and hook their own fish. No person may attempt to snag any fish after all paddlefish tags issued to the person have been locked.


Cross-Reference: Archery allowed for taking paddlefish, § 41:07:06:03.01.