

**Obtaining Licenses** – Licenses are available only from the Game, Fish & Parks License Office, 20641 SD HWY 1806, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532.

**Eligibility** – Only South Dakota residents with a valid South Dakota fishing license.

**Fee** – Hoop Net or Trap Licenses are \$10 each. Setline Licenses are \$5 each.

**Tags** – Each setline, hoop net or trap must be marked with a metal tag furnished with the license.

**Size and Construction of Hoop Nets and Traps** – Hoop nets must not be more than 18 feet long nor more than four feet wide. No leads or wings are permitted.

Only hoop nets constructed of fabric mesh with twine size number 15 or larger and slat catfish traps constructed of wood or synthetic slats with at least two 1-1/2 inch openings in each end are allowed. Wire fish traps are prohibited.

**Setline Restriction** – Reels or other mechanical devices that operate a setline are prohibited.

**Checking** – Setlines, hoop nets and traps must be checked and emptied at least every 72 hours.

**Unauthorized Use** – No person may use or tend setlines, hoop nets or traps of another person.

**Open Areas** – Setline, hoop net and trap fishing is only allowed on portions of the Missouri River, its impoundment's and its western tributaries. Separate seasons and restrictions exist for the following areas:

**1. South Dakota-Nebraska Border Waters** are open, except closed in an area from the US 81 bridge at Yankton upstream to a line between the mouth of Sand Creek and the Santee Area Boat Basin.

- **Season:** Jan. 1 – Dec. 31.
- **Number of Setlines:** Two maximum with up to 10 hooks each.
- **Legal Setline Bait:** Whole baitfish (minnows), prepared or cut bait, worms, leopard frogs, and crayfish may be used to bait setlines.
- **Legal Setline Species and Limits:** Unlimited number of nongame (rough) fish; five channel catfish and five flathead catfish daily, 10 possession limit of each species; one blue catfish daily, one in possession.
- **Catfish Minimum Length:** 15 inches.
- **Number of Hoop Nets:** Six maximum.
- **Legal Hoop Net Species and Limits:** Unlimited number of nongame (rough) fish only. Catfish caught in hoop nets must be immediately released.
- **Sale of Fish:** Catfish may not be sold, bartered or traded.

**2. Missouri River from Fort Randall Dam to the US 14 Bridge at Pierre and Lake Oahe from the Oahe Dam to the North Dakota state line** is open, except closed in an area from Crow Creek (Buffalo County) upstream to Big Bend Dam.

- **Season:** May 1 – Oct. 31.
- **Number of Setlines:** Six maximum with up to 20 hooks each.
- **Legal Setline Bait:** Only prepared or cut bait, worms, leopard frogs, and crayfish may be used to bait setlines. Whole baitfish (minnows) are prohibited.
- **Number of Hoop Nets or Traps:** Six maximum.
- **Legal Species and Limits:** Unlimited numbers of nongame (rough) fish, channel catfish and flathead catfish.
- **Catfish Minimum Length:** 12 inches.
- **Sale of Fish:** Legal fish may be sold, bartered or traded if a receipt of sale is given to each purchaser, a record is kept by the licensee, and a report is provided to the state annually no later than Dec. 31 of the year the transaction took place. Failure to report is grounds for refusing to issue setline and hoop net licenses the following year.

**3. Western Tributaries of the Missouri River**, which include the main stream portion of the following rivers:

**White River; Bad River; Cheyenne River** from Lake Oahe to the Wyoming state line except from the dam grade of Angostura Reservoir upstream to a line between Sec. 9 and 10, RS5, T9S, Fall River County; **Moreau River; Grand River** upstream to SD 73; **Little Missouri River** in Harding County; **Belle Fourche River**, excluding any diversion and inlet canals.

- **Season:** May 1 – Oct. 31.
- **Number of Setlines:** Two maximum, except six maximum are allowed on the White River, with up to 20 hooks each.
- **Legal Setline Bait:** Only prepared or cut bait, worms, leopard frogs, and crayfish may be used to bait setlines. Whole baitfish (minnows) are prohibited.
- **Hoop Nets and Traps:** Prohibited.
- **Legal Species and Limits:** Unlimited number of nongame (rough) fish, channel catfish and flathead catfish.
- **Catfish Minimum Length:** 12 inches.
- **Sale of Fish:** May not be sold, bartered or traded.



