

2009 Paddlefish Archery Season Regulations

Season: July 11 - August 9, 2009

Shooting Hours: Sunrise to sunset daily

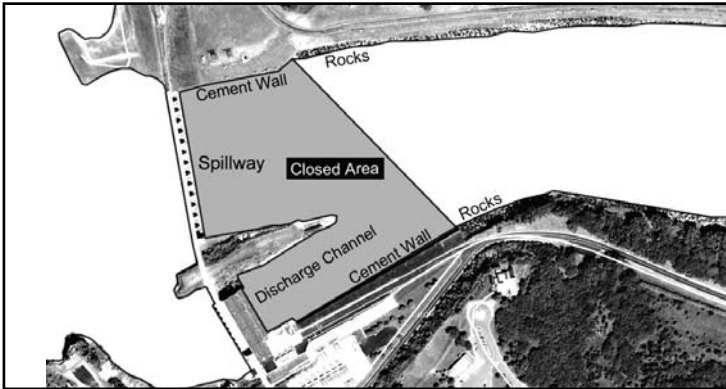
Species: Paddlefish only

Limit: Daily and possession - equal to the number of tags issued (maximum of 2)

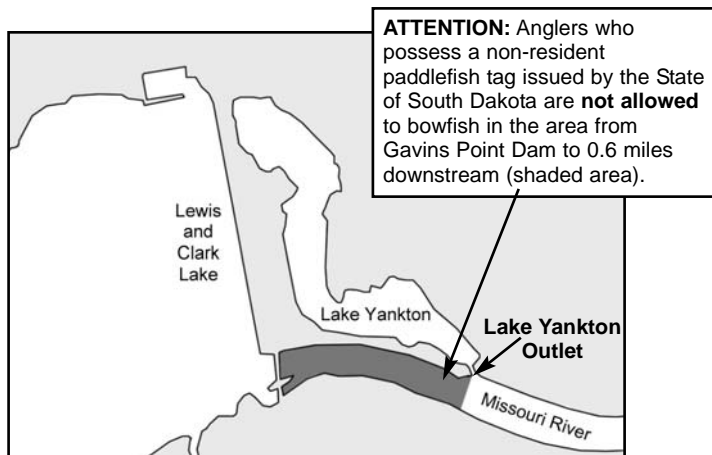
Method: Hand-drawn bow and arrow only. Crossbows are illegal. Arrows may have only one point, which must be barbed and attached to the bow by a line.

OPEN AREA:

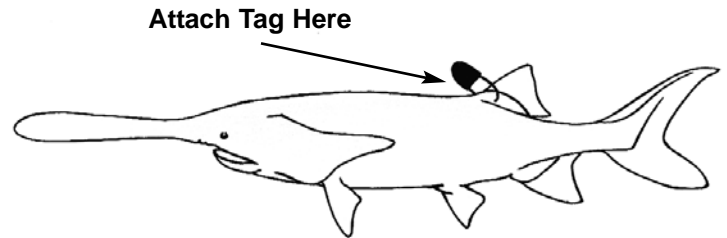
Residents - Paddlefish may be taken by bow and arrow and possessed on the open waters of the Missouri River from Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River (mile marker 734), except for a closed area that extends downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line that extends from the east end of the south bank cement wall of the discharge channel northwest to the east end of the north bank wall of the stilling basin (see figure below).



Nonresidents - Taking of paddlefish by archers possessing a nonresident South Dakota tag is only permitted in the Missouri River downstream from the point 0.6 miles below Gavins Point Dam (see figure below) to the mouth of the Big Sioux River (mile marker 734). Nonresidents wishing to archery fish paddlefish in the Missouri River within the area from the Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream must have a nonresident paddlefish license/tag issued by the state of Nebraska.



License: The license in this package must be signed in ink and in your possession while archery fishing paddlefish. The license and tag may not be transferred and the license and tag must be in your possession while fishing. Residents under 16 years of age, who are not required to have a fishing license, must have the paddlefish license signed and in their possession, along with their tag, while fishing. All nonresidents, regardless of age, are required to have a valid South Dakota fishing license and their paddlefish license in their possession while archery fishing.



Tagging: The tag received in the license package must be immediately affixed to the fish and locked in the manner and place as indicated above. *(To help prevent accidental tag loss, be sure to secure tag in the bottom, fleshy part of the dorsal fin.)* **Paddlefish tags that are locked closed before attachment or that are altered or modified in any way are void and will not be replaced.**

Other requirements:

- Paddlefish license holders must have a valid South Dakota fishing license in their possession while bow fishing.
- All paddlefish archers must shoot and retrieve their own fish.