

2009 Paddlefish Snagging Season Regulations

Season: October 1 - 31

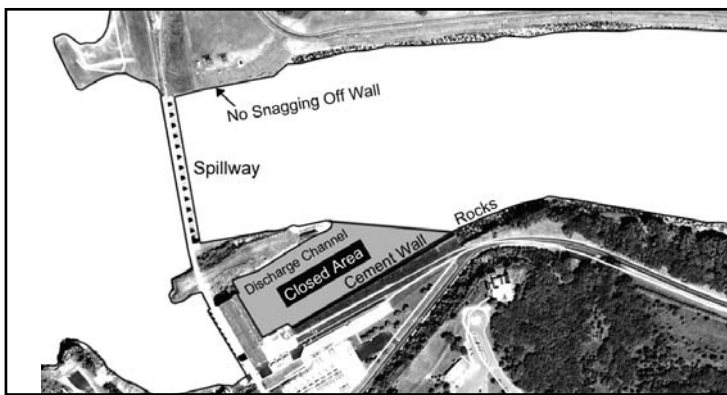
Shooting Hours: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. central time daily

Species: Paddlefish only

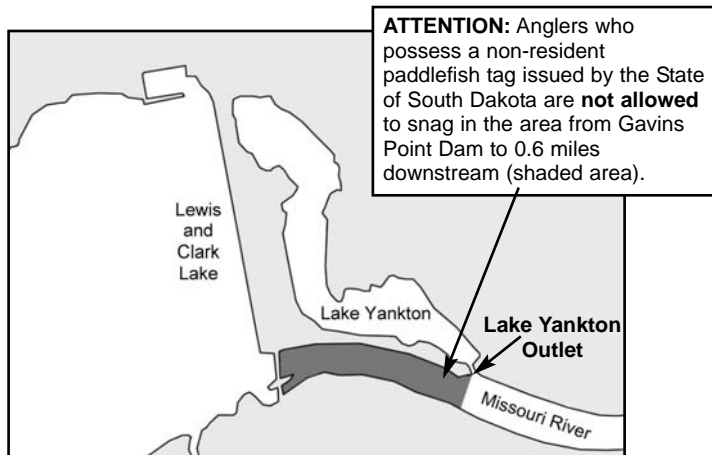
Limit: Daily and possession - equal to the number of tags issued (maximum of 2)

OPEN AREA:

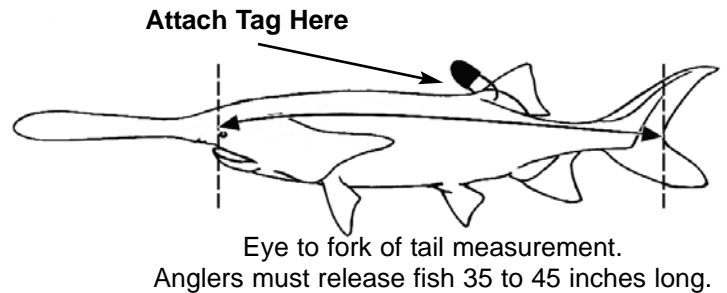
Residents - Snagging of paddlefish is permitted in the Missouri River from Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River (mile marker 734), except for a closed area that extends downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line that extends from the east end of the south bank cement wall of the discharge channel northwest to the east end of the chalk point. However, snagging off the north wall of the stilling basin is prohibited (see figure below).



Nonresidents - Snagging of paddlefish by anglers 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 snag 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 when paddlefish snagging. 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 paddlefish snagging.



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, or the snagged fish must be immediately returned, unharmed, to the water from which it was taken. *(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.

Minimum Size: Any paddlefish taken which measures between 35 inches and 45 inches (measured along and over the center line contour of the fish, lying flat, including the entire eye to the natural fork of the tail) must be immediately released to the water from which it was caught. Measure across the fish's body with a flexible tape (see figure above).

Other requirements:

- Paddlefish license holders must have a valid South Dakota fishing license in their possession while snagging.
- All paddlefish anglers must cast for, hook and retrieve their own fish.
- A person may not attempt to snag rough fish or paddlefish after reaching the paddlefish limit.
- A gaff hook or other penetrating device may not be used as an aid while landing snagged paddlefish.
- Tackle: One line and one hook may be used. Hook size is limited to a single or treble hook with a gap no wider than 1/2 inch between the point and the shaft (2/0 hook or smaller).
- **Only the snout in front of the eyes, gills and entrails of a paddlefish may be removed for transportation. The head, skin and tail must remain attached. Final processing may only be completed once the angler has reached their residence or immediately prior to consumption.**