

CHAPTER 2

FISHING REGULATIONS

Original House Bill No. 134

AN ACT to amend W.S. 23-3-201(a), (b), (d), by creating a new subsection (e) and by amending and renumbering (e) as (f) relating to fishing regulations; modifying fishing tackle requirements as specified; prohibiting taking fish by snagging; prohibiting the use of firearms to take or destroy any fish; modifying penalties; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 23-3-201(a), (b), (d), by creating a new subsection (e) and by amending and renumbering (e) as (f) is amended to read:

23-3-201. Fishing tackle; designation of waters for setline fishing; taking fish with firearm prohibited; snagging; penalties.

(a) Except as otherwise provided, fish may only be taken or fished for with a ~~single rod~~ MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) RODS or ~~pole~~ POLES, with ~~line~~ LINES and ~~hook~~ HOOKS attached, and with the user in attendance.

(b) No line shall have more than three (3) single or treble hooks, ~~or flies in series, or one (1) lure of any type with no more than four (4) hooks~~ LURES. AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

(i) "Hook" means a single device regardless of the number of prongs;
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(ii) "LURE" MEANS A SINGLE DEVICE REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF HOOKS.

(d) No person shall take, wound, or destroy any ~~game~~ fish of Wyoming with a firearm of any kind or nature.

(e) NO PERSON SHALL SNAG ANY FISH OF WYOMING EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "SNAG" MEANS ATTEMPTING TO TAKE A FISH IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE FISH DOES NOT TAKE THE HOOK VOLUNTARILY IN ITS MOUTH.

~~(e)(f)~~ Violation of subsection (a), (b), ~~or (c)~~ OR (e) OF THIS SECTION constitutes an ~~11th~~ A 9th degree misdemeanor. Violation of subsection (d) OF THIS SECTION constitutes a ~~10th~~ AN 8th degree misdemeanor.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 16, 1993.