

Abstract for Jim Vashro:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has developed a database to document illegal or unauthorized fish introductions across Montana. The database is organized by administrative region, drainage and water. Entries note the fish species and dates when status changes. To date we have documented more than 500 introductions in nearly 300 waters involving 50 fish species. Several case histories and impacts will be discussed along with the motivation for illegal introductions. Educational, preventive and enforcement initiatives will be discussed.

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