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CUTTING OR MUTILATION OF PADDLEFISH AND STURGEON PROHIBITED

It is unlawful to possess a cut or mutilated paddlefish or sturgeon while on the water unless the eggs have been removed and at least 2 inches of one ovary remains attached to each fish. Mutilation includes tearing or disfiguring of paddlefish in any way near the vent area. A 12-gauge needle may be used to determine the presence of eggs. Eggs must be kept in separate containers, one fish per container.

EXCEPTION: Fish may be blocked out but the carcass must be at least the legal minimum length limit for the water being fished.

PENALTY: Class 4