Regulation changes to the definition of minnow and the use of mollusks as bait were omitted from the What’s New page at the time of publication, though the changes were incorporated into the brochure on pages 7 and 9.

FOR CLARITY:

Goldfish are no longer classified as minnows and cannot be used as bait.

The taking and using of mollusks as bait for commercial or personal use is prohibited.

The online version of the brochure has been updated with this correction.

Please see the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website at cpw.state.co.us/regulations for complete regulation information.

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HELP IMPROVE YOUR FISHERIES

The “keep all you catch” fish species for Juniata Reservoir were incorrectly listed at the time of publication:

You can keep all you catch ONLY of smallmouth bass at Juniata Reservoir. Statewide bag limits apply for walleye.

The online version of the brochure has been updated with this correction.

STATE RECORDS BY WEIGHT; STATE RECORDS PROGRAM

The State Records by Weight chart has been updated for consistency in lengths and weights. The description of the State Records Program has been revised as well.

The online version of the brochure has been updated with this correction.

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Denver, 80203
303-297-1192

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2018 COLORADO FISHING
WHAT’S NEW: 2018

REGULATION CHANGES & NEW INFORMATION

- LICENSING SYSTEM CHANGES: We have transitioned to an integrated licensing, pass and reservation system that’s now a one-stop shop for all items that can be purchased from us, including hunting and fishing licenses and park passes. All customers who make purchases online will need a unique identifier, such as a driver’s license or CID (Customer Identification number, found on a previously purchased CPW hunting or fishing license), to create an online account. Go online for step-by-step instructions on how to create your account, or find the guide and how-to video online: cpw.state.co.us/CPWshop

- SLINGBOWS NOW A LEGAL MANNER OF TAKE WHERE ARCHERY EQUIPMENT IS ALLOWED: Slingbows can now be used for taking aquatic species that can also be taken with archery equipment, such as bullfrogs, carp, northern pike, gizzard shad, white and longnose suckers on the eastern slope and kokanee in waters open to snagging. See page 7 for exact definition, page 8 for legal fishing methods and pages 11–39 for water-specific restrictions.

- BESWICK POND IN MESA CO. CLOSED TO FISHING: Located within the Pear Park section of James M. Robb–Colorado River State Park, the pond is closed to fishing to help the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) with its endangered fish recovery program. All other CPW ponds in this same area are open to fishing. See page 12.

- TROUT CREEK REGULATIONS CLARIFIED: The artificial flies and lures restriction, and catch and release of cutthroat trout have been removed from the portion of Trout Creek downstream of Sheriff Reservoir dam to the confluence with the Yampa River. However, these restrictions remain in place for the headwaters of Trout Creek downstream to, but not including, Sheriff Reservoir. Upstream of Sheriff Reservoir, there is no longer a bag or possession limit for whitefish. Downstream of Sheriff Reservoir dam to the confluence with the Yampa River, the daily bag limit of 4 and a possession limit of 8 whitefish are retained. These changes will diversify the angling experiences the area has to offer. See page 38.

- GOLDFISH NO LONGER CLASSIFIED AS MINNOWS: Goldfish have been removed from the definition of “minnow” and are not acceptable for use as bait. See page 7.

- MOLLUSKS CANNOT BE USED AS BAIT: All mollusks are prohibited from being used as bait for both personal and commercial use. See page 9.

- NEW BOATING REQUIREMENTS FOR ANGLERS:
  1. It is the responsibility of the vessel or other floating device operator to clean, drain water from all compartments and motors/engines in between launches, and dry the vessel or other floating device in between launches.
  2. Upon removal of a vessel or other floating device from waters of the state, and before leaving the boat launch or parking area, the operator is required to remove aquatic plants and water drain plug(s). It is prohibited to transport a vessel or other floating device over land with aquatic plants or water drain plugs in place. See page 6, Aquatic Nuisance Species.

LICENSE INFORMATION

LICENSE FEES & HABITAT STAMPS

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Customers buying a one-day or additional day license are exempt from the Habitat Stamp fee with the first two of these licenses. The Habitat fee will be assessed when a third license of this type is purchased.

All prices include a 25-cent search-and-rescue fee and a 75-cent fee for the Wildlife Management Public Education Fund.

ANNUAL LICENSES ARE VALID APRIL 1, 2018–MARCH 31, 2019

WHAT YOU NEED TO BUY A LICENSE
1. ID, Secure and verifiable ID.
2. PROOF of residency for Colorado residents. (See page 2.)
3. HABITAT STAMP. (See below.)
4. A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER is required for new customers ages 16 and older (age 12 for a second-rod stamp).

HABITAT STAMPS ARE REQUIRED FOR ANGLERS
Habitat Stamps are $10 and only one is required per person, per year for anyone ages 18–64. Stamps are valid April 1–March 31.

- You must purchase a stamp before buying or applying for a hunting or fishing license.
- A lifetime stamp is $300.25.
- Anyone who holds a free Lifetime Fishing License, a Veteran’s Lifetime Fishing License or are approved for the Big Game Mobility Impaired Hunting Program is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See cpw.state.co.us/Accessibility.

SEASON DATES Colorado waters are open to taking fish, amphibians and crustaceans day and night, year round, except if otherwise stated in the regulation section of this brochure. See pages 11–39.

FREE FISHING DAYS Residents and nonresidents can fish without a license or Habitat Stamp on June 2–3, 2018. All other rules and regulations apply.

HEALTH ADVISORIES

EATING YOUR CATCH?
Colorado Parks and Wildlife encourages Colorado residents to go fishing and enjoy eating the fish they catch. Keep in mind that not all fish should be eaten in unlimited amounts. Fish are an important part of a healthy diet: They are a lean, low-calorie source of protein and nutrients. However, some fish meat may contain chemicals that could pose health risks. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, in cooperation with CPW, tests fish throughout the state for the presence of certain contaminants (such as mercury, arsenic and selenium) that may be present in some fish.

CURRENT ADVISORIES ARE ONLINE: colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-fish-consumption
LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

► ADULTS: People 16 and older are required to buy and carry with them a fishing license to fish or take fish, amphibians and crustaceans, except as prohibited.

► YOUTH: Those under 16 can take a full bag and possession limit without a license. However, they must have a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.

► SENIORS: Colorado residents 64 and older can obtain an annual fishing license for $1, which is the 25-cent search and rescue fee and 75-cent Wildlife Management Education Fund surcharge. License must be carried while fishing. Seniors must have a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.
  a. Free lifetime low-income fishing licenses also are available for Colorado residents 64 or older. For information and eligibility requirements, contact any CPW location.

► SECOND-ROD STAMP: Anglers can use a second rod, hand line or tip-up by purchasing a second-rod stamp. One stamp is allowed per season and is nontransferable. A second-rod stamp does not entitle an angler to an additional bag limit, nor can it be used for another person to fish.
  a. Those with disability licenses must purchase a stamp if fishing with a second line.
  b. A second-rod stamp is not required when only using trotlines or jugs.
  c. Youths under 16 must have and carry with them a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.
  d. Seniors fishing with a senior license must have a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.

► COMMERCIAL LICENSE: $40; required to take or possess bait fish, amphibians or crustaceans for commercial purposes. Applications are available at CPW locations. License holders must submit an annual report to CPW within 30 days of the license expiration date. Holders are required to provide live-fish buyers with a receipt stating the seller’s name, date of sale, species and number sold.

► CHILD SUPPORT DELINQUENCY: State and Federal law require a Social Security number to buy a license. It is not displayed on the license but is provided, if requested, to Child Support Enforcement authorities. Hunting and fishing licenses are not issued to those suspended for noncompliance with child support. Any current licenses become invalid if held by an individual who is deemed noncompliant by Child Support Enforcement.

► ARMED FORCES EXEMPTION: Colorado residents on active duty with U.S. armed forces out of state can fish free without a license while here on temporary leave, maximum of 30 days a year. You must carry official leave papers while fishing.

SPECIAL LICENSE INFORMATION

DISABILITY LICENSES
You can obtain applications for disabled licenses on the CPW website or at CPW locations. Send them to 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80216. Licenses are valid only during Colorado residency.

Those eligible for free licenses are:

1. U.S. armed forces members, active or retired, who are resident patients of a U.S. armed forces hospital or convalescent facility in Colorado.
2. Resident patients of a Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital or state mental institution or mental health institution.
3. Colorado residents who are totally and permanently disabled must provide either:
   a. Documentation proving disability of 60 percent or more that began seven years ago or longer.
   b. Or, a physician’s statement attesting that the applicant is “totally and permanently disabled.”
4. Colorado residents who are disabled veterans or Purple Heart recipients can obtain a Lifetime Fishing/Small Game VA Combo License. To qualify, the following documentation must be provided:
   a. Proof of a service-connected disability of 60 percent or more, as rated by the VA. An eligibility letter can be obtained from the VA by calling 1-800-827-1000.
   c. Purple Heart recipients who can provide documented proof are also eligible for a VA Combo License.

REMEMBER: Colorado licenses with a black banner that states “Not Valid for Federal Identification, Voting or Public Benefit” cannot be used to prove residency.

3. U.S. military personnel and military personnel of U.S. allies on active duty in Colorado under permanent orders and their dependents. This includes people who were Colorado residents when they entered the military and keep Colorado as their home of record, and their dependents (with Colorado as their home of record). Also included are personnel of the U.S. Diplomatic Service or diplomatic services of nations recognized by the U.S. assigned here on permanent active duty orders and their dependents. Active duty does not include reserve status, National Guard or government contractors.

4. Full-time students enrolled and attending an accredited Colorado college, university or trade school at least six months immediately before applying for or buying a license. This includes students who are temporarily absent from Colorado but still enrolled. Colorado residents who attend school full time, out of state and pay nonresident tuition qualify for a resident license.

5. Children under 18 have the same residency status as their parent, legal guardian or person with whom they live most of the time per court order.

6. If you have a home in Colorado and another state, call 303-297-1192 to make sure you comply with Colorado residency requirements before obtaining a hunting or fishing license.

7. Except as in No. 3 and No. 4 above, you lose your Colorado residency if you apply for, buy or accept a hunting or fishing license as a resident of another state or country, register to vote outside Colorado or get a driver’s license using an address in another state.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

These are the requirements to qualify as a Colorado resident to buy a fishing license:

1. You must live in Colorado at least six consecutive months immediately before applying for or buying a license, and must intend to make Colorado home (except No. 3 and No. 4 below). The residence address you give to buy or apply for a license must be the same as on your Colorado income tax return. Resident licenses are valid only during Colorado residency, including resident lifetime licenses.
2. A valid Colorado driver’s license or Colorado ID is proof of residency if it was issued at least six months prior to buying a license. If your ID or driver’s license was issued or renewed less than six months prior to purchasing a license, you must provide documentation that proves you have been a resident for the required six-month period. REMINDER: Colorado licenses with a black banner that states “Not Valid for Federal Identification, Voting or Public Benefit” cannot be used to prove residency.
GENERAL INFORMATION
GET SET UP IN THE NEW SYSTEM

The NEW, INTEGRATED LICENSING, PASS AND RESERVATION SYSTEM is a one-stop shop for all items that can be purchased from CPW, including hunting and fishing licenses and park passes.

ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR ACCOUNT SET UP, YOU CAN:
- Buy a fishing license.
- View your purchase history.
- View your camping reservations.
- Get a park pass.
- Get a Colorado Outdoors subscription.
- Keep your contact and payment information current.

Go to CPW.STATE.CO.US/CPWSHOP to get signed up today!

HELP IMPROVE YOUR FISHERIES
SOME FISH SPECIES ARE GOOD WHERE THEY BELONG, BUT IN THE WRONG BODY OF WATER THEY CAN RUIN A FISHERY:
- CPW biologists are no longer stocking fish in some waters because illegally introduced fish can compete with and/or eat fish that would normally be stocked. Fish are stocked by CPW in other waters to ensure better use of your license dollars. CPW hatcheries are also raising larger sized fish to stock so that illegally introduced fish have a smaller chance of eating stocked fish. This situation results in increased expenses to CPW, and fewer fish available to anglers.
- In the wrong place, some fish species can change the entire ecosystem, reducing the quality of fishing overall and interfering with CPW fishery management.
- Unlimited bag and possession limits are often established to aid in the management of species that were illegally stocked and/or not compatible with CPW fishery management.
- For waters with no bag and possession limits for certain species, anglers are encouraged to “catch and keep” these fish.

HERE ARE SOME WATERS WHERE YOU CAN KEEP ALL YOU CATCH OF CERTAIN SPECIES:
- Crawford Reservoir: northern pike
- Green Mountain Reservoir: northern pike
- Elkhead Reservoir: northern pike and smallmouth bass
- Harvey Gap Reservoir: northern pike and smallmouth bass
- Juniata Reservoir: smallmouth bass
- Ridgway Reservoir: smallmouth bass
- Rifle Gap Reservoir: northern pike and smallmouth bass
- Stagecoach Reservoir: northern pike and walleye
- Wolford Mountain Reservoir: northern pike
- Many other rivers and lakes on the west slope have no bag and possession limits for certain species. Check the Special Regulations on pages 11–39 of this brochure.
- Check online health advisories at: colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-fish-consumption

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?
- Do not move fish from one body of water to another! Anyone caught moving fish illegally may be fined up to $5,000, can lose hunting and fishing privileges and may be held liable for the costs of eradication or removal. Collection and transportation of wild-caught live fish as bait is restricted in most of the state. Know these rules and follow them if you use live bait.
- Report any poaching activity to Operation Game Thief:

REPORT POACHERS

OPERATION GAME THIEF: 1-877-265-6648
EMAIL: GAME.THEIF@STATE.CO.US

Earn a reward payment for reporting wildlife violations by calling Operation Game Thief. Callers can remain anonymous.
(This number is not for information requests or emergencies.)

FISHING INFORMATION RESOURCES
FISHING CONDITIONS
- cpw.state.co.us/FishingConditions
- Fishing and stocking reports are generated weekly April 1–Oct. 31, and twice a month Nov. 1–March 31. Sign up to receive the reports at: cpw.state.co.us/SignUp/FishingReport
- cpw.state.co.us/FishStocking

BOAT REGISTRATION
- cpw.state.co.us/BoatingRegistration

REPORT OIL SPILLS
- To report an oil or chemical spill in the water, call the 24-hour hotline at Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 1-877-518-5608.
STATE RECORDS PROGRAM

Colorado’s original fishing record program, records by weight are tracked in 45 different species. CPW considers records in two categories: records by weight and record fish released by length. Potential record holders must have a valid Colorado fishing license or be younger than 16.

For the record by weight program, the fish must be weighed on a state-inspected and certified scale, and the person witnessing the weighing must sign the entry form. A picture of the person holding the fish must be submitted with the application. The fish, not frozen, gutted or altered in any way, must be examined and identified by a CPW fisheries biologist, hatchery manager or wildlife manager. For the record fish release by length program, a picture with a measuring device behind the fish is required and a witness must sign the application.

Records for the longest and heaviest fish caught can change any time. Current statistics can be found on the CPW website at cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/AwardsRecords.aspx.

MEASURE YOUR CATCH

Measure your fish from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. You may squeeze the tailfin together as shown in the bass (illustrated in the first picture below) to obtain a maximum length or you may tilt the tail down (as seen in the lake trout at bottom).

AWARD LENGTHS FOR CATCH & RELEASE

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FISHERY PROGRAMS

GOLD MEDAL WATERS

Gold Medal Waters are the highest quality cold-water habitats and have the capability to produce many quality-size (14 inches or longer) trout.

CPW has established criteria and management guidelines to support the public interest in angling, observing and protecting these significant cold-water fishery resources.

Gold Medal Waters are defined as any river or lake which is producing a standing stock of at least 60 pounds per acre, and at least 12 trout that are 14 inches or longer per acre on a sustained basis.

River segments designated as Gold Medal Trout Waters must be a minimum of 2 miles in length, and lakes must be a minimum of 50 acres.

The following lakes and streams in Colorado offer the greatest potential for trophy trout fishing:

GOLD MEDAL STREAMS

- **ANIMAS RIVER:** From Lightner Creek to Rivera Crossing bridge.
- **ARKANSAS RIVER:** From the confluence with the Lake Fork of the Arkansas, near Leadville, downstream to Parkdale at the Hwy. 50 bridge crossing above the Royal Gorge.
- **BLUE RIVER:** From Dillon Reservoir dam to Hamilton Creek Road bridge; also from Green Mountain Reservoir dam to Colorado River.
- **COLORADO RIVER:** From Fraser River to Troublesome Creek, and from Canyon Creek (Grand County) to Rock Creek.
- **FRIYINGPAN RIVER:** From Ruedi Reservoir dam to the Roaring Fork River.
- **GORE CREEK:** From Red Sandstone Creek to Eagle River.
- **GUNNISON RIVER:** From 200 yards downstream of Crystal Reservoir dam to the North Fork of the Gunnison.
- **NORTH PLATTE RIVER:** From south boundary of Routt National Forest to Wyoming (Northgate Canyon).
- **RIO GRANDE:** From Hwy. 149 bridge at South Fork downstream to Rio Grande canal diversion structure.
- **ROARING FORK RIVER:** From the Fryingpan River to the Colorado River.
- **SOUTH PLATTE RIVER:**
  - From the confluence of the middle and south forks to Spinney Mountain Reservoir inlet.
  - From Spinney Mountain Reservoir outlet to Eleven Mile Reservoir inlet.
  - From Cheesman Reservoir dam to the south boundary of the Wigwam Club property.
  - From the north boundary of Wigwam Club property to Scraggy View picnic ground.
  - Middle fork, from the Hwy. 9 bridge to the south fork confluence.

GOLD MEDAL LAKES

- **NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE** in Jackson County
- **SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR** in Park County
- **STEAMBOAT LAKE** in Routt County

WILD TROUT & GOLD MEDAL WATERS POLICY:

cpw.state.co.us/fish/GoldMedalPolicy

MASTER ANGLER PROGRAM

The CPW Master Angler Award Program recognizes anglers who catch fish of trophy size and promote conservation.

There are two categories: fish that are kept and fish released. Awards are based on fish length, so fish can be measured and released.

To promote responsible conservation of fishery resources, CPW will recognize qualifying length northern pike and smallmouth bass caught in waters west of the Continental Divide in the “Kept Fish” category only.

Anglers who catch a fish of qualifying length receive a Master Angler certificate and patch. Those who achieve record status also receive a matching lapel pin. Anglers can win multiple certificates but only one patch per year.

Only fish caught in Colorado are eligible. Entrants must have hooked, played, landed or released the fish. Snagged fish are ineligible. Fish length is measured from the jaw tip to tail tip.

Entries must be submitted within 60 days of catch. A clear, side-view photograph of the fish must accompany entries with one witness verification. Two witnesses are required for entries without photos.

For an entry form, contact the Master Angler Award Program, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216, or go to cpw.state.co.us/fish/MasterAngler.

WILD TROUT PROGRAM

CPW is responsible for the preservation and protection of native and non-native wild trout populations. Most mountain streams and some high lakes in Colorado support populations of wild trout.

These resources are important to the integrity of Colorado’s trout fisheries; as an indicator of properly functioning aquatic ecosystems; and for their intrinsic value to those seeking a unique, aesthetic and significant fishery resource.

To assure the continuation and availability of wild self-sustaining trout populations the Parks and Wildlife Commission has established specific management guidelines for those aquatic habitats which support all life stages of trout.

These waters are to be managed to the extent possible to maintain these wild trout populations.

STREAM SURVEYS

STREAM SURVEYS HELP BIOLOGISTS MANAGE FISHING

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is the state agency responsible for fisheries management of public waters in Colorado.

The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake and stream survey. These surveys periodically monitor fish populations.

During the process, fish are collected using a variety of gear and the necessary biological data is recorded. This gauges the entire fish community rather than a single species.

The collected data is used to track fish population trends, evaluate the effectiveness of management actions such as stocking and regulations, and establish realistic management goals for a given lake or stream.

The fisheries section of CPW conducts hundreds of lake and stream surveys each year.

High-priority and brood waters such as Chatfield, Pueblo and Horsetooth reservoirs and the Gunnison River are surveyed annually. Smaller, more remote, or lightly used lakes or streams may only be surveyed once every 5–10 years.

Most of the survey fieldwork takes place from early June through late September; however, many areas also conduct more specialized sampling beginning right after ice-out and again in the fall prior to freeze-up.

MORE ABOUT HOW FISHERY BIOLOGISTS SAMPLE FISH:

cpw.state.co.us/fish/Management

FISHERY DATA FOR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE COLORADO WATERS:

cpw.state.co.us/fish/FisheryData
AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

DON'T LET INVASIVE SPECIES RUIN YOUR FAVORITE FISHING SPOT

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) are a significant and rapidly growing threat to Colorado's fisheries and water supplies. ANS are invasive animals, plants and diseases that are not native to our rivers, lakes, streams and wetlands. Once introduced, most ANS cannot be eradicated and cost millions to manage. Preventing the introduction and spread of ANS is critical to maintaining our fisheries.

Threats to Colorado’s aquatic ecosystem and fisheries include zebra and quagga mussels, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) and Eurasian watermilfoil. Help CPW combat these invasive species and prevent new ANS from entering our state by following these guidelines:

NEW 1. It is the responsibility of the vessel or other floating device operator to clean, drain water from all compartments and motors/engines between launches, and dry the vessel or other floating device in between launches.

NEW 2. Upon removal of a vessel or other floating device from waters of the state, and before leaving the boat launch or parking area, the operator is required to remove aquatic plants and water drain plug(s). It is prohibited to transport a vessel or other floating device over land with aquatic plants or water drain plugs in place.

3. Remove all plants, animals or mud and thoroughly wash boats, trailers, waders and equipment that have come in contact with the water before leaving a lake or stream.

4. Drain any space or item that could hold water, including live wells, bait containers, bilge, ballast tanks, storage areas, engine cooling systems or any other place on boats or equipment that might hold water.

5. Allow boats, engines, boots and gear to dry completely before moving to other waters.

6. If draining and drying are not possible, wash boats, trailers and equipment carefully and completely with hot water (120–140 degrees F).

7. Stop by the CPW office in Denver (6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216) Monday–Friday for a free professional ANS inspection or decontamination. Check the CPW website for all 72 statewide inspection station hours of operation.

8. Don’t move or transport fish between water bodies. This can spread diseases and nuisance species.

9. Don’t dispose of fish entrails or other byproducts into any body of water.

MORE ON INVASIVE SPECIES:
cpw.state.co.us/Invasive-Species

ATTENTION BOATERS

ANS can hitchhike on boats and gear, being introduced into new waters accidentally. Inspect your boat between uses and make sure it is clean, drained and dry.

Colorado has a mandatory boat-inspection program. Your boat must be inspected if:

1. The boat has been in any water that is positive or suspect for ANS.

2. The boat has been in any water body outside of Colorado.

3. The boat will enter any water where inspections are required.

There are 72 inspection and decontamination stations in Colorado. Check the CPW website or call ahead for important details on hours of operation, ramp closures, fees and reservoir-specific boating policies: cpw.state.co.us/fish/BoatInspections

RUSTY CRAYFISH

AGGRESSIVE AND OPPORTUNISTIC

Crayfish are not native to parts of Colorado, yet they have become established in many waters throughout the state.

Rusty crayfish endanger aquatic native species and sportfish by:

▶ PREYING on all life stages of fish, amphibians and invertebrates and other species of crayfish.

▶ COMPETING aggressively for habitat and food.

▶ DESTROYING productive habitat in our streams, ponds and lakes.

Crayfish can be taken for personal consumption, but care should be taken with their use and disposal.

▪ Even though crayfish can be taken live east of the Continental Divide, it is recommended that tails of all crayfish be removed immediately and packed in ice for transport.

▪ Do not throw unused bait crayfish, or bait of any kind, back in the water alive.

LIVE TRANSPORT PROHIBITED

FROM WATERS WEST OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

All crayfish caught west of the Continental Divide must be immediately killed (by removing the head from the thorax) and taken into possession, or immediately returned to the water from which they were taken.

AT SANCHEZ RESERVOIR SWA

Rusty crayfish have been discovered at Sanchez Reservoir State Wildlife Area (SWA) in Costilla County. To prevent their spread within and beyond this area, a CPW order prevents the transport of any live crayfish from Sanchez Reservoir SWA.

LEARN HOW TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF RUSTY CRAYFISH:
cpw.state.co.us/RustyCrayfish

DISINFECTING YOUR GEAR

Disinfect waders or boots between uses. Scrub the bottom of waders with a wire brush and remove all mud, plants and organic materials. Following all label precautions, perform one of the following before going into the next body of water:

OPTION 1: Submerge waders and gear in a tub filled with mixture of 6 ounces of a quaternary ammonium-based institutional cleaner (such as Super HDQ Neutral) per gallon of water for at least 10 minutes, scrubbing debris from gear and visually inspecting the gear for mud, plants or snails before rinsing. Rinse with water from ANS-free source. Dispose of chemicals properly, away from the water body.

OPTION 2: Spray or soak gear with water hotter than 140 degrees F for at least 10 minutes.

OPTION 3: Dry waders and equipment completely for at least 10 days in between uses.

OPTION 4: Place waders and boots in a freezer overnight between uses.

REPORT IT

If you think you have caught an invasive species, report it to CPW by emailing:
Invasive.Species@state.co.us
Or call: 303-291-7295
GLOSSARY OF FISHING TERMS

- **ARTIFICIAL FLYES AND LURES** means devices made entirely of, or a combination of, natural or synthetic nonedible, nonscented (regardless if the scent is added in the manufacturing process or applied afterward), or materials such as wood, plastic, silicone, rubber, epoxy, glass, hair, metal, feathers or fiber, designed to attract fish. This does not include anything defined as bait below.

- **BAIT** means any hand-moldable material designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell; those devices to which scents or smell attractants have been added or externally applied (regardless if the scent is added in the manufacturing process or applied afterward); scented manufactured fish eggs and traditional organic baits, including but not limited to worms, grubs, crickets, leeches, dough baits or stink baits, insects, crayfish, human food, fish, fish parts or fish eggs.

- **CHUMMING** is placing fish, parts of fish or other feeding material in the waters for the purpose of attracting fish to a particular area in order that they might be taken. This does not include fishing with baited hooks or live traps.

- **COMMON HOOK** is any hook or multiple hooks having a common shank. All hooks attached to a manufactured artificial lure shall be considered a common hook.

- **FISHING** is defined as efforts to take fish, amphibians or crustaceans, including by hook and line, handline, trotline, jug, seine, net, underwater spearfishing, archery, snagging or gigging.

- **FLOAT TUBE** means a floating device which suspends a single occupant in the water from the seat down and is not propelled by oars, paddles or motors.

- **GAME FISH** means all species of fish except unregulated species, prohibited non-game, endangered and threatened species, which currently exist or may be introduced into the state and which are classified as game fish by the Parks and Wildlife Commission. This includes, but is not limited to brown, brook, cutthroat, golden, lake (Mackinaw), and rainbow trout; cutbow (rainbow/cutthroat hybrids), spake (lake trout/brook trout hybrids) and tiger trout (brown/brook trout hybrids); Arctic char; grayling; kokanee salmon; whitefish; sculpin; smallmouth, largemouth, spotted, striped and white bass; wipers (striped bass/white bass hybrids); carp; bullhead, blue, channel and flathead catfish; black and white crappie; drum; northern pike; tiger muskie; Sacramento and yellow perch; sauger; saugeye (wall-eye/ sauger hybrids); speckled dace; rainbow smelt; tench; walleye; bluegill; bluegill hybrids (bluegill/green sunfish); green, redear and pumpkinseed sunfish; gizzard shad; longnose and white suckers; and minnows.

- **GIG** is a barred fork with one or more tines attached to a handle.

- **JUGS** means floats which are attached to a line and common hook.

- **MINNOW** means all members of the families of fish classified Cyprinidae (which includes, but is not limited to: carp, chub, dace, fathead minnow, shiner, stoneroller and tench), Cyprinodontidae (including but not limited to: killifish) and Clupeidae (gizzard shad), except those designated as nongame, threatened or endangered, or those designated as nonregulated. See pages 8–9 and Chapters 10 and 11 of CPW regulations online.

- **NATURAL STREAM** is one where water naturally flows regularly or intermittently for at least part of the year. Man-made ditches or other channels are not considered natural streams.

- **NET** means seine, dip net, gill net, cast net, trap net, hoop net or similar devices used to take or as an aid in taking fish, amphibians or crustaceans.

- **PERSONALLY ATTENDED LINE** means a rod and line, hand line or tip-up that is used for fishing and which is under the personal control of a person who is in proximity to it.

- **SIZE OR LENGTH** means the total length of a fish with head and tail attached measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.

- **SEINING** means the capture of live fish with the use of a net that hangs vertically in the water and is used to enclose fish when its ends are pulled together, or are drawn ashore.

- **SLINGBOW** means a hand-held device, not drawn or held mechanically, with the arms or attachment points to which an elastic band is attached for propelling an arrow. Also includes string releases or mechanical releases which are hand-drawn and handheld, with no other attachment or connection to the slingbow other than to the bowstring. Wrist-brace attachments are considered normal components of a slingbow.

- **SNAGGING** is the taking of fish by snatching with hooks, gang hooks, artificial flies or lures, or similar devices where the fish is hooked in a part of the body other than the mouth.

- **TROTLINE** is a single, anchored line with a float at each end from which droplines are attached.

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ONLINE RESOURCES

- **FISHING ATLAS**
  Find all of the color-coded fishing regulation maps in this brochure (pages 11–39) online: cpw.state.co.us/fish/Maps

- **FISHING NEWS & EVENTS**
  Check out upcoming fishing tournaments, such as Debunk the Winter Funk at Stagecoach State Park and the Kokanee Giveaway.

- **CATCH OF THE WEEK**
  Send us your photo for a chance to be featured online: dnr_fish.reporter@state.co.us

- **FISHING FACTS**
  Get your weekly dose of interesting information about all things fish: Do you know what fish is able to live in the coldest environment? Do you know that river ice is usually weaker than pond or lake ice? Learn more!

- **FISHERY MANAGEMENT & SURVEYS OF COLORADO’S WATERS**
  CPW is the lead agency responsible for fisheries management of public waters in the state of Colorado. The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake and stream survey; you can find the PDF online.

- **FISHING REPORT & STOCKING REPORT**
  Sign up for the weekly Fishing and Stocking Reports to stay informed.

- **AND MORE! GO TO: CPW.STATE.CO.US/FISH**
FISHING LAWS

LEGAL FISHING METHODS

1. ONE PERSONALLY ATTENDED LINE: Each line shall have only three common hooks attached.

2. TROTLINES
   a. Permitted only on these reservoirs (as listed in this brochure): Adobe Creek, Bonny, Henry, Horse Creek, John Martin, Meredith, Navajo, Nee Gronda, Nee Noshe, Nee So Pah, Queens (North and South), Thurston and Two Buttes.
   b. No one may use more than one trotline.
   c. Must be anchored, marked at each end by floats, be no longer than 150 feet with no more than 25 droplines, and shall be weighted to place the line at least 3 feet under water.
   d. Only three barbed hooks allowed on a common hook on each dropline.
   e. Must be tagged with the user’s CID number and date set or user’s name when CID is unavailable.
   f. All trotlines shall be personally checked at least once every 24-hour period.

3. JUGS
   a. Permitted only on these reservoirs (as listed in this brochure): Adobe Creek, Bonny, Henry, Horse Creek, John Martin, Meredith, Nee Gronda, Nee Noshe, Nee So Pah, Queens (North and South), Thurston and Two Buttes.
   b. Only 10 jugs are allowed for each license holder, each with only one single line and one common hook.
   c. Must be tagged with the user’s CID number or name when CID is unavailable.
   d. Must be personally checked at least once an hour.

NEW 4. UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING, ARCHERY, SLINGBOWS AND GIGS
Bow anglers are advised to reference the current State Recreation Lands brochure for more regulations on waters that allow archery fishing.

a. Underwater spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs may be used statewide for the taking of carp and northern pike, except as prohibited by these regulations or land management agencies. East of the Continental Divide, gizzard shad and white or longnose suckers may also be taken, unless otherwise prohibited in Special Regulations: Fishing Waters, pages 11–39. Other fish may be taken when authorized for specific waters in the regulation section.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS

THREATENED, ENDANGERED & NONGAME SPECIES
If caught, these species must be returned to the water immediately. Except, taking greenback cutthroat trout is permitted in specific waters and with restrictions as listed in this brochure.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE OR USE THE FOLLOWING: Arkansas darter, bluehead sucker, bonytail chub, boreal toad, brassy minnow, Colorado pikeminnow, common shiner, flannelmouth sucker, flathead chub, greenback cutthroat trout, humpback chub, Iowa darter, lake chub, mollusks, mountain sucker, northern leopard frog, northern redbelly dace, plains leopard frog, razorback sucker, Rio Grande chub, Rio Grande sucker, river shiner, roundtail chub, southern redbelly dace, stonecat, suckermouth minnow, wood frog and Woodhouse’s toad.

1. CATCH AND RELEASE: Any fish released upon catch must be released alive and into the same body of water from which it was taken.

2. PROHIBITED FISHING METHODS INCLUDE: Chumming, using toxicants or poisons, stupefying substances, electrofishing.

3. PROHIBITED SPECIES: These species and their viable eggs are detrimental to other fish and habitat in Colorado. Unless authorized in writing by CPW for controlled and experimental purposes, it is illegal to export, import, transport, stock, sell or release: burbot, piraña, trahira, gar (all species), snakeheads or murrals, stickleback, walking catfish, tilapia, bowfin, Rudd, zebra mussels, quagga mussels, New Zealand mudsnail, Eurasian ruffe, white perch, rusty crayfish, carp (silver, catfish, Indian, bighead, giant barb, mrigal, largescale silver, rohu, black and mahseers), Asian swamp eel, green frog and gobies, fish hook fleas and spiny water fleas.

   Any person who takes fish species listed above may possess them in unlimited number for personal use, as long as the fish are killed prior to transporting from the point where they were taken.

4. USE AND COLLECTION OF BAIT FISH:
   a. Except as otherwise noted in this brochure, in waters east of the Continental Divide and below 7,000 feet elevation, live fish collected for use as bait may only be used in the same body of water from which they were collected. In addition, collection and use is allowed in any man-made ditches and canals within one-half of a mile of the adjoining lake or reservoir. Use of any baitfish collected in those ditches and canals is restricted to only the water from which it was collected and the adjoining lake or reservoir. Baitfish collected under this provision may not be otherwise transported or stored for later use.
   b. The collection, use or possession of live fish for use as bait is prohibited in all waters east of the Continental Divide above 7,000 feet elevation and all waters west of the Continental Divide, except in Navajo Reservoir; collection, use or possession of live fish for bait is also prohibited in the Arkansas River above Parkdale (in Fremont and Chaffee counties) and in Watson Lake in Larimer County.
c. In Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers counties, live fish collected for personal use as bait may be transported, stored or used anywhere within these counties. Transportation to, or use of, any such baitfish in any other county is prohibited.

d. The only fish allowed to be taken for commercial use are minnows, gizzard shad, white and longnose suckers and carp. All live aquatic organisms from a commercial source and transported by anglers must at all times be accompanied by a receipt from the source. It is illegal to import any live native or non-native aquatic wildlife into Colorado without authorization from CPW or as stated in regulations.

e. The only species allowed to be taken and used for personal use as bait (either alive or dead) by fishing, seining, netting, trapping or dipping are minnows, bluegill, hybrid bluegill, carp, sunfish, gizzard shad, sculpin, white and longnose suckers, yellow perch and rainbow smelt. Statewide bag limits apply to sunfish, bluegill, hybrid bluegills and yellow perch.

f. The seining, netting, trapping and dipping of fish is prohibited statewide in all natural streams, springs, all waters in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, Elbert, Jefferson and Park counties, and all public standing waters in Rio Grande, Saguache, Conejos, Costilla, Alamosa, Mineral and Hinsdale counties in the Rio Grande drainage. This does not apply to fish handled or produced at commercially licensed aquaculture facilities.

g. BULLFROGS AND SALAMANDERS: Bullfrogs and the aquatic gilled form of the tiger salamander for private and commercial use are permitted. Statewide bag limits apply. Bullfrogs can be taken by fishing, archery, hand, gigs and nets. Artificial light is allowed. Salamander larvae can be taken by fishing, hand, traps, seines or nets.

h. CRUSTACEANS: Take methods include by hand, baited lines, traps, pots, nets or seines for food or bait. Taking crustaceans, crayfish, with a commercial fishing license is allowed with the following restrictions: The minimum size is 3 inches for commercial food (measured from the tip of the acumen (bony spike between the eye) to the telson (last bony plate in the tail)); crayfish with eggs attached must be returned to the water immediately; all set pots and traps must be labeled with the user's CID or user's name if a CID is unavailable.

In all waters west of the Continental Divide all crayfish must be returned to the water of origin immediately or killed by separating the abdomen from the cephalothorax (tail from body) and taken into possession immediately upon catch.

i. MOLLUSKS: Taking mollusks is prohibited.

5. ICE FISHING: The following rules apply to waters open for ice fishing:
a. Ice-fishing holes cannot exceed 10 inches in diameter, or 10 inches on any side.
b. All fires on the ice must be enclosed in a container.
c. No litter allowed on the ice.
d. Portable ice-fishing shelters (where permitted) must be removed at the end of the day.
e. Permanent ice-fishing shelters (where permitted) must display the name and CID number of the owner or user on the outside of the shelter facing the shore. Writing must be in legible, contrasting color letters at least 2 inches high.

6. RELEASING TAGGED FISH: It is illegal to release tagged or marked fish, except for approved contests, into public waters. Tagged or marked fish can be released in public waters for scientific research with written application and approval by CPW at least 30 days before release.

7. DONATING FISH: You can donate edible parts of fish to like-license holders anywhere or to anyone at the recipient’s home. Donor and recipient subject to bag and possession limits. A “like-license” is a Colorado fishing license.

8. TRANSPORTING, EXPORTING FISH: The license holder must accompany any species in this brochure, or parts of game fish, that are transported within or exported from Colorado. Wildlife shipped by common carrier must be accompanied by license or photocopy of license and donation certificate, if needed.

9. ILLEGAL TAKE AND TRANSFER OF FISH: Only people designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may take fish, amphibians, mollusks or crustaceans within the boundaries of any Federal fish hatchery or rearing unit.
a. Molesting, disturbing or damaging gill nets, traps or seines set by CPW is prohibited.

10. EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF FISHING WATERS: Emergency closure of waters may be authorized for up to nine months when environmental conditions in these waters warrant and fishing could result in unacceptable levels of fish mortality. Public notice will be given if waters are closed and notice will be posted at the site. Closures may occur when any of these criteria are met:
a. Daily max. water temperatures exceed 74 degrees F, or the daily average temperature exceeds 72 degrees F.
b. Measured stream flows are 25 percent or less of the historical average low flow for the period.
c. Fungus and other visible signs of deterioration may be present.
d. Daily minimum dissolved oxygen levels are below five parts per million (ppm).
e. When environmental events such as wildfires, mudslides, oil spills or similar events have occurred, resulting in the need for recovery time or remedial action for a fish population.

11. PROTECTED WATERS: Fishing may be prohibited as posted to protect threatened or endangered species, spawning areas, waters used in CPW research projects, newly acquired access to fishing waters and the integrity of aquatic wildlife.

12. EMERGENCY PUBLIC SALVAGE: If substantial numbers of fish are in imminent danger of being lost, CPW can allow licensed anglers to take fish during daylight hours. Public notice will be given and notice will be posted at the site regarding the catch limit and approved fishing methods.

13. FISHING CONTESTS: Fishing contests cannot be advertised, promoted or conducted without CPW approval if the purpose is to take marked or tagged fish released in waters open to public fishing.

Applications and a $40 nonrefundable fee must be made 60 days before the contest. Written approval must be obtained from landowners or agencies before applying. Contests are not permitted on streams, rivers, other flowing water or Gold Medal Waters, or commercial or private lakes licensed by CPW. All standard fishing regulations apply.

Contests for tagged or marked trout will be permitted only on waters greater than 200 surface acres and managed as a catchable fishery. Public fishing areas will remain open during a contest, regardless of contest fees. Sponsors shall document the number of participants, average time spent fishing and estimated total catch by species in a written report for CPW within 20 days of the contest end.

Are you catching our emails?
If not, you're missing out on fishing conditions, tips, news and upcoming events, as well as regulation updates.

4 EASY STEPS TO ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:
1. Go to cpw.state.co.us
2. Click “Things To Do”
3. Click “Fishing Report”
4. Click “Sign Up”
The CPW Call Center can also assist you: 303-297-1192
FISHING LAWS

READING THE LIMITS CHART

Statewide limits for species are listed in the chart to the right. Species not on this chart have no bag or possession limits or are restricted or illegal to take. See Special Conditions and Restrictions, page 8.

Some waters have more restrictive limits than what is listed on the chart. See Special Regulations: Fishing Waters, pages 11–39, for the area you plan to fish to learn more about specific waters. If a water is not on the list or no bag limit is specified, these statewide limits apply.

FISHING IN STATE PARKS AND NATIONAL PARKS

Fishing is available at most of Colorado's state parks. If you plan a fishing trip to these waters, check the CPW Park Finder for any additional entrance fees and restrictions that may apply where you're going: cpw.state.co.us/fish/ParkFinder

National parks also offer fishing opportunities around the state, but may have different bag limits and regulations. One example of this is at Rocky Mountain National Park.

DAILY BAG LIMIT

Maximum number of fish you can take in a day, regardless of what you do with them that day.

- Fish caught and placed on a stringer, in a container or live well, or not returned to the same water immediately count in your daily bag or possession limit.
- Fish released immediately are not part of the limit.

POSSESSION LIMIT

Maximum number of fish allowed at any time, including in the field, transporting, at home or in storage. Transporting live fish without proper permits is prohibited.

- Fish taken and later smoked, canned, frozen or preserved for consumption are part of the possession limit until consumed.

STATEWIDE BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS

STATEWIDE LIMITS

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* in aggregate means the limit may consist of one species or a mixed bag of more than one species.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS: FISHING WATERS

**GOLD MEDAL WATERS:** Waters that offer the greatest potential for trophy trout fishing. See page 5 for details.

**ORANGE WATER NAMES:** Waters listed in orange alert that regulations for that water have changed since last year, or that the waters are newly added to this brochure.

**FISHING MAPS ARE ONLINE:** PDFs of the maps in the brochure are available online. Store them on your smartphone for use in the field: cpw.state.co.us/fish/Maps

THE FOLLOWING WATERS AND CPW PROPERTIES HAVE MORE RESTRICTIVE FISHING REGULATIONS THAN STANDARD BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS, manner of take, fishing hours, etc. If a specific water doesn’t appear in this list, statewide regulations (page 10) apply.

**ATTENTION!** This brochure includes fishing regulations. State wildlife areas have additional access and land regulations. If you plan to visit a SWA, you must consult CPW’s current State Recreation Lands brochure for specific property regulations.

Special regulations are designed to provide the best fishing and maintain the long-term welfare of fish. They include bag limits, size limits and harvest restrictions.

By reducing bag limits and requiring that certain fish be returned to the water, larger fish may result. While many streams and rivers support a daily bag and possession limit, anglers are asked to reduce their harvest by practicing voluntary, selective harvest.

**ABRAMS CREEK — EAGLE**
*MAP: PAGE 15*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**ADAMS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS LAKES (PUBLIC WORKS AND MANN-NYHOLT LAKES) — ADAMS**
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

**ADOBE CREEK RESERVOIR (BLUE LAKE) — BENT, KIOWA**
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

**AGNES LAKES (UPPER AND LOWER LAKES) — JACKSON**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**AKRON CITY LAKE — WASHINGTON**
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

**ALBERTA PARK RESERVOIR — MINERAL**
*MAP: PAGE 27*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**AMERICAN LAKES (SNOW AND MICHIGAN LAKES) — JACKSON**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**ANIMAS RIVER — LA PLATA**
*FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH LIGHTNER CREEK TO THE RIVERA CROSSING BRIDGE:*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

*FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH HERMOSA CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:*
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

**ANTELOPE CREEK, WEST — GUNNISON**
*MAP: PAGE 19*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**ANTERO RESERVOIR — PARK**
*MAP: PAGE 30*
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
2. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

**APACHE CREEK, NORTH AND SOUTH FORKS — HUERFANO**
*FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:*
1. Fishing prohibited.

**ARAPAHOE BEND NATURAL AREA (BASS, BEAVER, CORMORANT AND SNAPPER PONDS) — LARIMER**
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

**ARAPAHO CREEK — GRAND**
*MAP: PAGE 16*
FROM MONARCH LAKE DOWNSTREAM TO USFS RD. 125:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**ARCHULETA CREEK — SAGUACHE**
*MAP: PAGE 19*
WITHIN THE COCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SNYDER RANCH) DOWNSTREAM FROM DOME LAKES STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**ARKANSAS RIVER — CHAFFEE, FREMONT, PUEBLO**
*FROM THE STOCKYARD BRIDGE (CHAFFEE CR 102) BELOW SALIDA DOWNSTREAM 7.5 MILES TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH BADGER CREEK:*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout and cutbow must be returned to water immediately.

WITHIN THE PUEBLO RESERVOIR STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Bag, possession and min. size for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate, 18 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

*FROM THE BRIDGE AT VALCO PONDS DOWNSTREAM TO PUEBLO BLVD. (EXCEPT AT PUEBLO NATURE CENTER AS POSTED):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout longer than 16 inches must be returned to water immediately.

**ANKARA RIVER, MIDDLE FORK OF THE SOUTH ARKANSAS — CHAFFEE**
*FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO BOSS LAKE:*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**AUGUSTORA CREEK — ARCHULETA**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**AURORA (SENAC) RESERVOIR — ARAPAHOE**
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
2. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye is 18 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

**BARD CREEK — CLEAR CREEK**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**BARKER RESERVOIR — BOULDER**
1. Ice fishing prohibited.

**BARR LAKE — ADAMS**
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

**BEAR CREEK — CONEJOS**
*MAP: PAGE 18*
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE CONEJOS RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**BEAR CREEK — EL PASO**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO GOLD CAMP ROAD:
1. Fishing prohibited.
BEAR CREEK — JEFFERSON
FROM THE BASE OF EVERGREEN LAKE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout (except rainbow and cutbow) is 2.
3. Rainbow trout and cutbow must be returned to water immediately.

BEAR CREEK — MONTEZUMA
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH THE DOLORES RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR — JEFFERSON
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

BEAR RIVER — GARFIELD, ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

BEAVER CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

BEAVER CREEK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

BEAVER CREEK — MINERAL
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

BEAVER CREEK RESERVOIR — RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 27

BEAVER CREEK, WEST — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

NEW ▶ BESWICK POND — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Fishing prohibited.

BIG BEND CREEK — LA PLATA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

BIG CREEK LAKE (LOWER) — JACKSON
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout and/or splake is 3. Only 1 may be longer than 26 inches.

BIG HOLE CREEK — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

BIG LAKE — CONJEO
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

BIG THOMPSON RIVER — LARIMER
FROM THE BASE OF OLYMPUS DAM AT LAKE ESTES DOWNSTREAM TO BRIDGE AT WALTONIA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

BLACK CANYON — SAN JUAN
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
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2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**BLACK HOLLOW CREEK — LARIMER**  
*MAP: PAGE 25*  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**BLANCA WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA (BLM PONDS) — ALAMOSA**  
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.  

**BLUE MESA RESERVOIR — GUNNISON**  
*MAP: PAGES 19, 21*  
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.  
2. No bag or possession limit for lake trout.  
3. Only 1 lake trout longer than 32 inches may be taken per day.  
5. Bag limit for kokanee is 5.  
6. Possession limit for kokanee is 10.

**BLUE RIVER — GRAND, SUMMIT**  
*MAP: PAGE 13*  
**GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM DILLON RESERVOIR DAM TO HAMILTON CREEK ROAD BRIDGE**

FROM THE NORTH INLET AT SUMMIT CR 3 (COYNE VALLEY ROAD 3 MILES NORTH OF BRECKENRIDGE) DOWNSTREAM TO DILLON RESERVOIR:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM DILLON DAM DOWNSTREAM TO NORTH CITY LIMITS OF SILVERTHORNE:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM NORTH CITY LIMITS OF SILVERTHORNE DOWNSTREAM TO COLO. 9 BRIDGE OVER THE BLUE RIVER AT BLUE RIVER STATE WILDLIFE AREA:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM COLO. 9 BRIDGE OVER THE BLUE RIVER AT BLUE RIVER STATE WILDLIFE AREA DOWNSTREAM TO GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET:  

**G From GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLORADO RIVER:**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**BOBTAIL CREEK — GRAND**  
*MAP: PAGE 16*  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE DENVER WATER BOARD DIVERSION:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**BONNY RESERVOIR — YUMA**  
*NOTE: At publication, this reservoir is dry and not expected to be refilled.*  
1. No bag or possession limit for any game fish species.  
2. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

**BOSS LAKE — CHAFFEE**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**BOULDER CREEK — BOULDER**  
FROM THE UPPER END OF Eben Fine Park (Within Boulder City Limits) Downstream to 55th Street:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**BOYD LAKE — LARIMER**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.  
2. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.  
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

**BRUSH CREEK — EAGLE**  
*MAP: PAGE 15*  
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE EAGLE RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 2.5 MILES:  
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
BRUSH CREEK, WEST — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 15
IN THE SYLVAN LAKE INLET AND UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited Sept. 1–Nov. 30.

BRUSH HOLLOW RESERVOIR — FREMONT
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass is 15 inches long.

BULL BASIN RESERVOIR NO. 1 — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

BULL CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1, NO. 2 AND CONNECTING CHANNELS — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

BURGESS CREEK — GARFIELD, ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

BUTTON ROCK (RALPH PRICE) RESERVOIR — BOULDER
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Fishing prohibited Nov. 1–April 30.
4. Additional permit from city of Longmont required. Call 303-651-8649 for details.

CABIN CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 33
FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited.

CANYON CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM NORTH SIDE OF I-70 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:

CARnero CREEK: MIDDLE, NORTH AND SOUTH — SAGUACHE
MAP: PAGE 27
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CARTER CREEK — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CARTER LAKE — LARIMER
1. Bag, max. size for walleye is 3, 21 inches long.
2. Possession limit for walleye is 5.
3. It is unlawful to possess filleted or cleaned fish in boat on lake.

CASCADE CREEK — CONEJOs
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CASCADE CREEK — HUERFANO
HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Fishing prohibited.

CASTLE CREEK — LA PLATA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CAT CREEK — RIO GRANDE, CONEJOs
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CAT CREEK, NORTH AND SOUTH FORKS — RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CATARACT CREEK — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CERRO SUMMIT (MONTROSE) RESERVOIR — MONTROSE
MAP: PAGE 21
1. Fishing is prohibited from December 1–February 28.
2. Fishing access is restricted to the parking lot, the trail and up to 50 feet from the water line from March 1–August 15.
3. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
4. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
5. Ice fishing is prohibited.

CHALK CREEK — CHAFFEE
WITHIN WRIGHT’S LAKE STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

CHARTIER POND — MORGAN
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

CHATFIELD RESERVOIR AND CHATFIELD STATE PARK — DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON
MAP: PAGE 31
WITHIN CHATFIELD STATE PARK, INCLUDING THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER AND ALL PONDS WITHIN THE PARK BOUNDARY:
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag and min. size for walleye is 3, 18 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam or walleye spawning nets March 15–April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are completed.

CHEESMAN RESERVOIR — DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON
MAP: PAGE 31
1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1–April 30.
2. Fishing prohibited one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
3. Fishing prohibited on dam and around reservoir as posted.

CHEYENNE CREEK, NORTH — EL PASO, TELLER
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO GOLD CAMP ROAD:
1. Fishing prohibited.

CIMARRON RIVER — MONTROSE
MAP: PAGE 21

TAKE KIDS FISHING
- Corn Lake, Mesa Co.
- Fairplay Beach, Park Co.
- Frantz Lake, Chaffee Co.
- Haviland Lake, La Plata Co.
- Midwestern Farm Pond, Prowers Co.
- Monument Lake, El Paso Co.
- St. Vrain State Park, Boulder Co.
- West Lake, Mesa Co.

More places:
cpw.state.co.us/fish/takekidsfishing
**River Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **A**: Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- **B**: - 2 trout limit
- **C**: - 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- **D**: - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Gold Medal Water
- **E**: - Fishing prohibited Sept. 1 - Nov. 30

**Glenwood Springs Area Colorado River Regulations** please see Middle Colorado/Roaring Fork Rivers Map

**Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers**

**CLEAR CREEK — CHAFFEE**

**MAP: PAGE 12**  
FROM THE GAUGING STATION (APPROXIMATELY 0.5 MILE ABOVE CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR) DOWNSTREAM TO CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR:  

**CLEAR CREEK — LA PLATA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**CLEAR CREEK HOLDING PONDS (SANDOVAL POND) — ADAMS**

1. Fishing prohibited except for youths in CPW angler education activities.

**CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR — CHAFFEE**

**MAP: PAGE 12**  

**CLEAR LAKE — JACKSON**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**CLINE RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREA — PARK**  
(See Tarryall Creek on page 37 for more information.)  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.  

**CLINTON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT**

**MAP: PAGE 13**  
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**COCHETOPA CREEK — SAGUACHE**

**MAP: PAGE 19**  
WITHIN COCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SNYDER RANCH):  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**COLORADO RIVER — GARFIELD, EAGLE, GRAND, MESA**

**MAPS: PAGES 16, 22, 28**  
GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRASER RIVER TO TROUBLESOME CREEK, AND FROM CANYON CREEK TO ROCK CREEK.

FROM LAKE GRANBY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE U.S. 40 BRIDGE APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES WEST OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS:  
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE U.S. 40 BRIDGE APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES WEST OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH TROUBLESOME CREEK (APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES EAST OF KREMMLING):  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE WILLIAMS FORK RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:  
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**CONJOEBS RIVER — CONJOEBS**

**MAP: PAGE 18**  
FROM THE LOWER BRIDGE AT TOWN OF PLATERO DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF THE CONJOEBS RIVER:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**Lake Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:  
**Gypsum Ponds SWA** — 2 trout limit  
Sylvan Lake - Fishing prohibited from Sept. 1 - Nov. 30 in inlet and upstream 0.5 miles
Upper Colorado River - Headwaters to Radium

**Lake Regulations**

**Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:**
- Grand Lake - 4 lake trout limit; Only 1 lake trout greater than 36 inches; All lake trout 26 - 36 inches must be released; Portable ice fishing shelters only; Gaffs and tail snare prohibited
- Lake Granby - 4 lake trout limit; From Jan. 1 - Aug. 31, limit for trout (except lake trout) is 4, singly or in aggregate; From Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, limit for trout (except lake trout) is 4, singly or in aggregate; From Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, limit for kokanee is 10; Snagging kokanee permitted from Sept. 1 - Dec. 31 except in Columbine Bay from the inlet of Twin Creek upstream; Gaffs and tail snare prohibited; Portable ice fishing shelters only
- Columbine Bay, Lake Granby - Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - Dec. 31 from the Twin Creek inlet upstream
- Wolford Mountain Reservoir - Portable ice fishing shelters only
- Willow Creek Reservoir - Portable ice fishing shelters only

**River Regulations**

**Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:**
- Fly/ lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly/ lure only; All rainbow trout must be released
- 2 trout limit
- Fly/ lure only; All trout must be released
- Fly/ lure only; 2 trout limit
- Snagging prohibited; Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
- Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15 - Nov. 30; Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Sept. 14 and Dec. 1 - Dec. 31; Northern pike from 24 - 36 inches must be released
- Fly/ lure only; All trout must be released; *Non-native fish regulation
- 2 trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation
- *Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- **Gold Medal Water** - Colorado River from Fraser River confluence to Troublesome Creek confluence

*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

For Colorado River Regulations below Radium please see Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers map

For Blue River Basin Regulations Please see Blue River Basin Map

For Denver Water Board diversions please see Denver Water Board map

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CUTTHROAT TROUT: HOLDING ON TO A LEGACY

The rugged topography of the Rocky Mountain West has led to stream isolation and, in turn, the evolution of 14 recognized subspecies of cutthroat trout, making it the most diverse and wide-ranging trout species in North America.

The greenback, Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat trout still call Colorado home, but all three have endured dramatic reductions in their native ranges, primarily due to the introduction of non-native trout.

Rainbow trout hybridize with native cutthroat trout, while brook and brown trout tend to replace them in streams and rivers where they occur together.

All three cutthroat trout subspecies are either currently listed or have been petitioned to be listed under the Endangered Species Act as a result.

In an effort to preserve the legacy of these prized game fish, multiagency conservation teams have been established for each subspecies. Aquatic biologists on these teams use a variety of conservation measures to reclaim historic habitats and establish new populations.

PROTECTED CUTCHEON WATERS

Various cutthroat waters, specifically those considered Cutthroat Conservation and Recreation Waters, are protected throughout the state.

In these waters, fishing is allowed by artificial flies and lures only, and all cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

These restrictions protect the growing number of cutthroat trout streams and lakes that are being included in conservation and recovery efforts.

**PROTECTED CUTCHEON WATERS**

**Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**

**DEEP CREEK — SAN MIGUEL**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**DEER BEAVER CREEK — SAGUACHE**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**DELANEY BUTTE LAKES (NORTH, SOUTH, AND EAST) — JACKSON**

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Brown trout 14–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
4. Rainbow, cutthroat and cutbow trout 18–22 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

**NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE:**
1. Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.
2. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 feet of dam Sept. 15–Nov. 15.

**SOUTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE:**
1. Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.

**DePoorter LAKE — SEDGWICK**
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

**DILLON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT**

1. Arctic char under 20 inches must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag, possession and min. size limit for Arctic char is 1, 20 inches long.

**DIVIDE CREEK, WEST — GARFIELD**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Cutthroat trout © CPW**

FROM MEEKHAVEN RESORT DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER BOUNDARY OF ASPEN GLADE CAMPGROUND:
1. Artificial flies only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**CONEJO RIVER, LAKE FORK — CONEJOS**

MAP: PAGE 2
FROM THE HEADWATERS INCLUDING BIG LAKE, DOWNSTREAM TO AND INCLUDING ROCK LAKE AND ITS OUTLET:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**CONNECTED LAKE — MESA**

MAP: PAGE 22
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 18 inches long.

**COOPER LAKE — HINSDALE**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**CORNELIUS CREEK — LARIMER**

MAP: PAGE 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**CORRAL CREEK — SAN JUAN**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH HERMOSA CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**CORRAL CREEK — SUMMIT**

MAP: PAGE 13
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**COTTONWOOD CREEK, LITTLE — MOFFAT**

MAP: PAGE 36
FROM FREEMAN RESERVOIR UPSTREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE:

**CRAWFORD RESERVOIR — DELTA**

1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth bass is one fish, 18 inches long.
2. No bag or possession limit for yellow perch.

FROM THE FENCE ON TOP OF THE CRAWFORD RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY FENCE:

**CROSHO RESERVOIR — RIO BLANCO**

MAP: PAGE 36
1. Bag, possession and min. size for grayling is 2, 16 inches long.

**CRYSTAL LAKE — LAKE**

MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

**CRYSTAL RESERVOIR — MONTROSE**

MAP: PAGE 21

**CULEBRA CREEK — COSTILLA**

FROM COLD. 159 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES TO THE JAQUEZ BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**CUNNINGHAM CREEK — PITKIN**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**DAIGRE LAKE — HUERFANO**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

**DEADMAN GULCH — ROUJT**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**DEEP CREEK — LA PLATA**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**DEEP CREEK — SAN MIGUEL**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**DEEP CREEK — SAGUACHE**

MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**DEER BEAVER CREEK — SAGUACHE**

MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**DELANEY BUTTE LAKES (NORTH, SOUTH, AND EAST)**

**JACKSON**
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Brown trout 14–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
4. Rainbow, cutthroat and cutbow trout 18–22 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

**NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE:**
1. Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.
2. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 feet of dam Sept. 15–Nov. 15.

**SOUTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE:**
1. Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.

**DePoorter LAKE — SEDGWICK**
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

**DILLON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT**

MAP: PAGE 13
1. Arctic char under 20 inches must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag, possession and min. size limit for Arctic char is 1, 20 inches long.

**DIVIDE CREEK, WEST — GARFIELD**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH BROOK CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
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Conejos and Alamosa River Drainages

- Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
  - Big Lake: Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
  - Rock Lake: Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
  - Kerr Lake: Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
  - South Fork: Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches

- Conejos and Alamosa River Drainages
  - Waterfall at South San Juan Wilderness boundary
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  - No Name Lake
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  - South Fork
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  - To Del Norte
  - To Alamosa
  - To La Jara
  - To Antonito

- Upper boundary Aspen Glade Campground
- Lower bridge Menkhaven Resort
- Aspen Glade Campground
- Upper boundary Menkhaven Resort
- Aspen Glade Campground
- To South Fork
- To Del Norte
- To Alamosa
- To La Jara
- To Antonito

- Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
  - Big Lake: Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
  - Rock Lake: Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
  - Kerr Lake: Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
  - South Fork: Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
Upper Gunnison Basin - Taylor Park Reservoir to Blue Mesa Reservoir

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
- Fishing prohibited as posted
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches; No taking of kokanee
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches; No taking of kokanee; Fishing prohibited Aug. 1-Oct. 31
- Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches; All rainbow trout must be released; No taking of kokanee Aug. 1-Oct. 31; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31
- Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches; All rainbow trout must be released; No taking of kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31
- Fly/lure only; All fish must be released
- Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches; All rainbow trout must be released
- 2 trout limit
- Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Blue Mesa Reservoir - Ice fishing shelters must be portable; No bag or possession limit for lake trout; Only 1 lake trout over 32 inches per day; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31; Bag limit for kokanee is 5; Possession limit for kokanee is 10
Morrow Point Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31
Taylor Park Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31; Gaffs and tail snares prohibited; 3 lake trout limit; Only one lake trout over 26 inches per day

For Gunnison River regulations below Blue Mesa Reservoir see Lower Gunnison Basin Map
DIXON LAKE — LARIMER  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

DOLORES RIVER — DOLORES, MESA, MONTEZUMA, MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL  
FROM CONFLUENCE WITH WEST FORK OF THE DOLORES RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF MCPHEE RESERVOIR:  
1. Taking kokanee prohibited except Nov. 15–Dec. 31 when snagging permitted.

FROM MCPHEE DAM DOWNSTREAM APPROXIMATELY 11 MILES TO THE BRADFIELD BRIDGE:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM MCPHEE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:  
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

FROM THE BRADFIELD BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:  
1. No bag or possession limit for brown trout.

DUTY PARK LAKE — MORGAN  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

DOUG CREEK — MONTROSE  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

DUKE LAKE — MESA  
MAP: PAGE 22  
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 18 inches long.

EAGLE RIVER — EAGLE  
MAP: PAGE 15  
FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE EAST FORK AND THE SOUTH FORK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:  
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE I-70 EXIT 147 BRIDGE IN EAGLE DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:  
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

EAST PASS CREEK — SAGUACHE  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

EAST RIVER — GUNNISON  
MAP: PAGE 19  
FROM THE UPSTREAM PROPERTY BOUNDARY AT THE ROARING JUDY FISH HATCHERY DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH THE TAYLOR RIVER:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 12 inches long.
3. Taking kokanee prohibited.

FROM ROARING JUDY HATCHERY OUTLET DOWNSTREAM TO SOUTHERN ROARING JUDY SFU BOUNDARY:  

ECHO CANYON RESERVOIR — ARCHULETA  
1. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

ELAINE T. VALENTE OPEN SPACE LAKES, NORTH LAKE — ADAMS  
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.

ELEVEN MILE RESERVOIR — PARK  
MAP: PAGE 30  
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4. Only 2 may be longer than 16 inches.
3. No bag or possession limit on yellow perch.

ELK CREEK — SAN MIGUEL  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

ELK RIVER — ROUTT  
MAP: PAGE 36  
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

ELK RIVER (NORTH, SOUTH, AND MIDDLE FORKS) — ROUTT  
MAP: PAGE 36  
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

ELKHEAD RESERVOIR — MOFFAT, ROUTT  
MAP: PAGE 36  
1. Bag and possession limit for crappie is 10.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.

EMERALD LAKES (BIG AND LITTLE) — HINSDALE  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 14 inches long.

EMERALD LAKE:  
IN THE LAKE CREEK INLET FOR 0.5 OF A MILE ABOVE BIG EMERALD LAKE:  

ERIE LAKE — BOULDER  
1. All largemouth and smallmouth must be returned to the water immediately.

EVANS CITY LAKE (RIVERSIDE PARK) — WELD  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

FALL CREEK — MINERAL  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO WOLF CREEK:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.


FISH FOR KOKANEE  
1. Blue Mesa Reservoir, Gunnison Co.
2. Lake Granby, Grand Co.
3. Vallecito Reservoir, La Plata and San Juan Cos.
4. Sweetwater Lake, Garfield Co.
5. Wolford Mountain Reservoir, Grand Co.

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FALL CREEK — SAN MIGUEL  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO WOODS LAKE:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FAWN CREEK — RIO BLANCO  
MAP: PAGE 33  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FISH CREEK — ROUTT  
MAP: PAGE 36  
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

FLORENCE RIVER — LA PLATA  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO LEMON RESERVOIR:  

FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE EAST OF DURANGO DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ANIMAS RIVER:  
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

FORBES PARK LAKE — COSTILLA  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.
Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Blue Mesa Reservoir - Ice fishing shelters must be portable; No bag or possession limit for lake trout; only 1 lake trout over 32 inches per day; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31; Bag limit for kokanee is 5; Possession limit for kokanee is 10

Cerro Summit Reservoir - Fly/lure only; All fish must be released; Ice fishing prohibited; Fishing prohibited Dec. 1-Feb. 28; Fishing access restricted to parking lot, trail, and up to 50 feet from the water line March 1-Aug. 15; 1 largemouth bass limit, min 18 inches; No bag or possession limit for yellow perch; Fishing in the spillway, stilling basin, or the outlet canal is prohibited; Underwater spearfishing may be used as a method of fishing for northern pike or carp in accordance with CPW regulations; Underwater spearfishing prohibited within 100 feet of any marina, boat ramp, swim beach or dam

Crawford Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31

Morrow Point Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31

Paonia Reservoir - Fishing prohibited from the top of the dam down to the boundary fence below the stilling basin

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

A - Flylure only; All cutthroat must be released; Gold Medal Water
B - Flylure only; All rainbow trout must be released; Gold Medal Water
C - Fishing prohibited as posted
D - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31
E - Flylure only; All rainbow trout must be released; Gold Medal Water; *Non-native fish regulation
F - Fishing in the spillway, the stilling basin and the outlet canal is prohibited.
G - Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31
H - *Non-native fish regulation
I - Flylure only; All trout must be released; *Non-native fish regulation

*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
### Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- **Bewick Pond** - Fishing prohibited
- **Bull Basin Res. #1, Bull Creek Res. #1 & #2, and connecting channels** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- **Connected & Duke Lakes** - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 18 inches
- **Hallenbeck Reservoir** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- **Jerry Creek Reservoirs #1 & #2** - Fly/lure only; Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; All fish must be released; Float tubes with chest-high waders permitted
- **Juniata Reservoir** - Fly/lure only; Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; Largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released; Only 2 largemouth bass greater than 15 inches allowed
- **Mack Mesa Reservoir** - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches
- **Hallenbeck Reservoir** - Fly/lure only; Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; All fish must be released; Float tubes with chest-high waders permitted
- **Juniata Reservoir** - Fly/lure only; Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; Largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released; Only 2 largemouth bass greater than 15 inches allowed
- **Silver Lake** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- **Youngs Creek reservoirs #1, #2, and #3** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released

### River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- **A** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
  - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- **B** - 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- **C** - Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - last day of Feb.
FRANK EASEMENT PONDS (NORTH AND SOUTH) — WELD
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

FRASER CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 33
FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited.

FRASER RIVER — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH ST. LOUIS CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FREEZER RESERVOIR — MOFFAT
MAP: PAGE 36
WITHIN 50 YARDS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE INLET AND UPSTREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE:

FRENCH GULCH — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FRED GULCH — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FRYINGPAN LAKES NO. 2 AND NO. 3 — PITKIN
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FRYINGPAN RIVER — EAGLE, PITKIN
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM RUEDI DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER, APPROXIMATELY 14 MILES:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout is 2, 14 inches long.
3. Trout (except brown trout) must be returned to the water immediately.

GEORGE CREEK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

GORE CREEK — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 15
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH RED SANDSTONE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE EAGLE RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

GRAND LAKE — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4.
   Only 1 may be longer than 36 inches. All lake trout 26–36 inches long must be returned to water immediately.
3. Gaffs and tail snares prohibited.

GRANDVIEW PONDS — ADAMS
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

GRANEROS CREEK — PUEBLO
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Fishing prohibited.

GRASSY CREEK — SAN JUAN
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

GREEN CREEK, LITTLE — GRAND, ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 8.

GREEN RIVER — MOFFAT
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

GRAY CREEK — ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK
MAP: PAGE 28
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

GREAT MOUNTAIN WATERS — WELD
MAP: PAGE 26
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

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2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

GREEN RESERVOIR — BOLDO
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
3. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
4. Possession of largemouth or smallmouth bass while fishing Golden Park Ponds No. 1 or 2 is prohibited.

ON GOLDEN PARK POND NO. 3:
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

GREAT MOUNTAIN WATERS — WELD
MAP: PAGE 26
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
3. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
4. Possession of largemouth or smallmouth bass while fishing Golden Park Ponds No. 1 or 2 is prohibited.

GRITZ CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

GRIZZLY CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

GROSS RESERVOIR — BOULDER
1. Fishing prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

GROUNDHOG CREEK — DOLORES
FROM GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited April 15–July 15.

GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR — DOLORES
IN THE NASH CREEK AND GROUNDHOG CREEK INLETS UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited April 15–July 15.

GUNNISON RIVER — DELTA, GUNNISON, MONROSE
GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM 200 YARDS DOWNSTREAM OF THE CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO NORTH FORK OF THE GUNNISON.
MAP: PAGE 21
FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE EAST AND TAYLOR RIVERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE U.S. 50 BRIDGE:
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE EAST AND TAYLOR RIVERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF VALLECITO RESERVOIR:

GRIMES CREEK — LA PLATA
FROM THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION PROPERTY DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF VALLECITO RESERVOIR:
1. Fishing is prohibited from Sept. 1–Nov. 14.

GRIFFITH RESERVOIR — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

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FROM THE CLOSURE SIGN BELOW MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM:

MAP: PAGE 21

FROM CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 200 YARDS:

MAP: PAGE 21
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM 200 YARDS DOWNSTREAM OF THE CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE RELIEF DITCH DIVERSION (5 MILES ABOVE AUSTIN BRIDGE):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SMITH FORK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
2. Fishing prohibited as posted.

GUNNISON RIVER, LAKE FORK — GUNNISON, HINSDALE FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL AT SHERMAN:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FROM FIRST BRIDGE CROSSING ABOVE LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL:
1. Artificial flies only.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH HIGH BRIDGE GULCH DOWNSTREAM TO THE BLM BOUNDARY BELOW “THE GATE” CAMPGROUND:

MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE BLM BOUNDARY BELOW “THE GATE” CAMPGROUND TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CHERRY CREEK:

MAP: PAGE 19
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

GRAND JUNCTION — BUCANSAY FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE RELIEF DITCH DIVERSION (5 MILES ABOVE AUSTIN BRIDGE):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
3. Fishing prohibited.

FROM THE CLOSURE SIGN BELOW MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM UPSTREAM TO THE RELIEF DITCH DIVERSION (5 MILES ABOVE AUSTIN BRIDGE):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for channel catfish is 2.
3. Use of spearguns, slingbows, archery, gigs for take of northern pike is prohibited.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH CHERRY CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER RED BRIDGE CAMPGROUND BOUNDARY:

MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE UPPER RED BRIDGE CAMPGROUND BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM TO BLUE MESA RESERVOIR:

MAP: PAGE 19

GUNNISON RIVER, NORTH FORK — DELTA, GUNNISON FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH ANTHRACITE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE GUNNISON RIVER:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
2. Fishing prohibited.

GUNNISON RIVER, LAKE FORK — GUNNISON, HINSDALE FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
2. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
3. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to water immediately. No more than 2 largemouth bass in any bag and possession limit can be longer than 15 inches.

GYPSON PONDS STATE WILDLIFE AREA — EAGLE MAP: PAGE 15
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

HANNAH — RIO BLANCO MAP: PAGE 33
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HALLENBECK (PURDY MESA) RESERVOIR — MESA MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
3. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to water immediately. No more than 2 largemouth bass in any bag and possession limit can be longer than 15 inches.

HAMILTON CREEK — GRAND MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HANGING LAKE — GARFIELD MAP: PAGE 28
1. Fishing prohibited.

HAYDEN CREEK, SOUTH PRONG — FREMONT FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH HAYDEN CREEK:
1. Fishing prohibited.

HEADACHE CREEK — ARCHULETA 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HEBERTON CREEK — GARFIELD MAP: PAGE 33 FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited.

HENRY RESERVOIR — CROWLEY 1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

HERMAN GULCH — CLEAR CREEK 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HERMOSA CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH EAST CROSS CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HERMOSA CREEK, EAST FORK — LA PLATA 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HIDDEN LAKES — LAKE 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HIGHLINE RESERVOIR — MESA MAP: PAGE 22
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.

HIMES CREEK — MINERAL 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HINE LAKE — JEFFERSON 1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 18 inches long.

HOHNHOLZ LAKE NO. 3 — LARIMER 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4.

HOLYOKE CITY LAKE (LIONS CLUB FISHING HOLE) — PHILLIPS 1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

Thank you. Your hunting and fishing licenses pay to protect Colorado habitat.
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Joe Wright Reservoir - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Long Draw Reservoir - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- Parvin Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- Watson Lake - Smallmouth bass minimum size is 12 inches; No live minnows
- Zimmerman Lake - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; Fishing prohibited in inlet area Jan. 1 - July 31

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- Fishing prohibited
- Fly/lure only; Fishing prohibited from Jan. 1 - July 31

Upper Poudre River Drainage

To Wyoming

To Fort Collins

To Laramie
Homestead Conveyance Channel (Spinney Mountain Reservoir Inlet Ditch) — Park
MAP: Page 30
1. Fishing prohibited.

Horse Creek Reservoir (Timber Lake) — Bent, Otero
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

Horseshoe Reservoir — Huerfano
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.

Horseshoe Reservoir — Larimer
1. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.
2. Fishing prohibited in inlet area as posted March 15–May 31.

Hotel Draw — San Juan
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Hudson Town Pond — Weld
1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

Huerfano River — Huerfano
From the headwaters downstream to the USFS Boundary:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

Hunt Lake — Chaffee
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Illinois River — Jackson
Within Diamond J and Yarmony Ranch State Wildlife Areas:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

Jackson Lake (Reservoir) — Morgan
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Min. size for wipers is 15 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
5. Fishing prohibited in outlet ditch below dam around rotary screen.
6. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

Jayhawkers Ponds — Larimer
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 5.

Jerry Creek Reservoirs No. 1 and 2 — Mesa
MAP: Page 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Float tubes with chest-high waders permitted.

Jim Creek — Conejos
MAP: Page 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Joe Wright Creek — Larimer
MAP: Page 25
From the confluence with Joe Wright Reservoir upstream to Colo. 14:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

Joe Wright Reservoir — Larimer
MAP: Page 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

John Martin Reservoir — Bent
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

Johnstown Reservoir — Weld
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

Jumbo Reservoir — Logan, Sedgwick
1. Min. size for wipers is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
5. Visitors ages 18–64 must have annual Jumbo/Prewitt Res. access permit, except those who have a valid annual Colorado hunting or fishing license. Permits are $36, available on the CPW website or at authorized sales agents.

Juniata Reservoir — Mesa
MAP: Page 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to the water immediately. No more than 2 largemouth bass in any bag and possession limit can be lower than 15 inches.

Kelly Lake — Jackson
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

Kelso Creek — Mesa
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Kenney Reservoir — Rio Blanco
MAP: Page 34
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

Kerr Lake — Conejos
MAP: Page 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

Ketner Lake — Jefferson
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

Kingfisher Pond (Fort Collins Environmental Learning Center) — Larimer
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

Kinney Creek (3 Miles East of Hot Sulphur Springs) — Grand
MAP: Page 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Koa Lake — Boulder
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

La Plata River — La Plata
From the U.S. 160 Bridge downstream to the State Line:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

Lagerman Reservoir — Boulder
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

Lake Arbor — Jefferson
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye, saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

Lake Creek — Hinsdale
From Big Emerald Lake Inlet Upstream for 0.5 of a Mile:

Lake Dorothea — Las Animas
Within Lake Dorothea State Wildlife Area, including Schwachheim Creek and all other drainages into the lake:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

Lake Fork Creek — Lake
MAP: Page 12
From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Glacier Creek:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Lake Granby — Grand
MAP: Page 16
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4.
Upper Rio Grande Basin

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Alberta Park Reservoir - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
Beaver Creek Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1–Dec. 31
Poage Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches
West San Francisco Lake - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
River Regulations:
- Beaver Creek Reservoir
- Lake Regulations
- Upper Rio Grande Basin

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Alberta Park Reservoir
- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
- Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, maximum 12 inches
- Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- All rainbow trout must be released; Gold Medal Water

IN COLUMBINE BAY FROM THE INLET OF TWIN CREEK INLET:

LAKE JOHN — JACKSON
1. Bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee is 4, singly or in aggregate.

LARAMIE RIVER — LARIMER
WITHIN HOHNHOLZ STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

LASKEY GULCH — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

LESTER CREEK — ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
FOR 0.25 OF A MILE UPSTREAM AND 0.25 OF A MILE DOWNSTREAM FROM PEARL LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.

LON HAGLER RESERVOIR — LARIMER
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
2. Only one channel catfish in the bag or possession limit may exceed 20 inches long.

LONE PINE CREEK — LARIMER
FROM PARVIN LAKE UPSTREAM TO LARIMER CR 74E (RED FEATHER LAKES ROAD):
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

LONETREE RESERVOIR — LARIMER
1. The bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate.

LONG DRAW RESERVOIR — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

LOS PINOS CREEK — SAGUACHE
MAP: PAGE 19
WITHIN COCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SNYDER RANCH):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.

LOS PINOS RIVER — HINSDALE, LA PLATA
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE IN BAYFIELD DOWNSTREAM TO NAVAJO RESERVOIR:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

LOST TRAIL CREEK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 28
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

LOWELL PONDS — ADAMS
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

MACK MESA RESERVOIR — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Hanging Lake - Fishing is prohibited
- Harvey Gap Reservoir - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches; 2 channel catfish limit; Use of spearfishing, archery, slingsbows and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited
- Rifle Gap Reservoir - 1 walleye limit, minimum 18 inches; 20 yellow perch limit

Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers

For Colorado River Regulations above Dotsero please see Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers Map

For Colorado River Regulations below Rifle please see Lower Colorado River and Grand Mesa Map

Inset Map

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- C - Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 15 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30
- D - Fly only; All cutthroat must be released
- E - Fly only; *Non-native fish regulation
- F - Fly only; All trout (except brown trout) must be released; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- G - Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Gold Medal Water
- H - Fly only; 2 trout limit; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 15 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30; Gold Medal Water
- I - Statewide trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation
- J - Fly only; All trout must be released
- K - 2 trout limit; Statewide trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation

- Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- *Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
MAD CREEK — ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

MANCOS RIVER — MONTEZUMA
FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE IN MANCOS DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

MARTIN LAKE — HUERFANO
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.

MAY CREEK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH POUDRE RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All trout must be returned to water immediately.

McELMO CREEK — MONTEZUMA
FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE EAST OF CORTEZ DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

McKAY LAKE — ADAMS
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Largemouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.

McMURRY PONDS — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

McPhee Reservoir — MonTEZUMA
1. Largemouth and smallmouth bass 10–15 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
2. No bag or possession limit for walleye.

MEAD PONDS — WELD
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

MEADOW CREEK — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 15
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MEADOW CREEK, EAST — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 15
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MEDANO CREEK — SAGUACHE, ALAMOSA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MEDANO CREEK, HUDSON BRANCH — SAGUACHE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MEDANO CREEK, LITTLE — SAGUACHE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MEREDITH RESERVOIR — CROWLEY
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

MICHIGAN RIVER — JACKSON
WITHIN BROWNLEE, MURPHY AND DIAMOND J STATE WILDLIFE AREAS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

MIDDLE CREEK, EAST — SAGUACHE
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL APPROXIMATELY 2.5 MILES

UPSTREAM FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH MIDDLE CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MINERS CREEK — SAGUACHE
MAP: PAGE 27
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MITCHELL CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER BOUNDARY OF THE GLENWOOD SPRINGS FISH HATCHERY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MONTGOMERY RESERVOIR — PARK
1. Ice fishing prohibited.

ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RESERVOIR AND FROM THE WEST FACE OF THE DAM:
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

MONUMENT RESERVOIR — LAS ANIMAS

MORRISON CREEK — ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

MORROW POINT RESERVOIR — GUNNISON, MONTROSE
MAP: PAGE 19

MOUNT ELBERT FOREBAY RESERVOIR — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
2. Lake trout 22–34 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

MUD Creek — SAN MIGUEL
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO WOODS LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MUD Creek, LITTLE - GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

NASH CREEK — DOLORES
FROM GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited April 15–July 15.

NATE CREEK — OURAY
MAP: PAGE 21
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

NATIVE LAKE — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

NAVAJO LAKE — DOLORES
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

NAVAJO RESERVOIR — ARCHULETA
1. Trotlines permitted.

NAVAJO RIVER — ARCHULETA, CONEJOS
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO BRIDAL VEIL FALLS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE OSO DIVERSION DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

NEE GRONDA RESERVOIR — KIowa
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

NEE NOSHE RESERVOIR — KIowa
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

NEE SO PAH RESERVOIR (SWEETWATER AND JET) — KIowa
NOTE: At publication, this reservoir is dry.
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

NEWLIN CREEK — CUSTER, FREMONT
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Fishing prohibited.

NICKELSON CREEK — PITKIN
MAP: PAGE 28
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
**South Platte River in South Park**

**Lake Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Antero Res.** - 2 trout limit; Portable ice fishing shelters only
- **Eleven Mile Res.** - 4 trout limit; Only 2 trout over 16 inches; No limit for yellow perch; Portable ice fishing shelters only
- **Spinney Mtn. Res.** - Fly/lure only; 1 trout over 20 inches; No fishing from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise; Ice fishing prohibited; No bag or possession limit for yellow perch; Gold Medal Water

**River Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Fly/lure only; Trout 12-20 in. must be released;**
- **2 trout limit; Only 1 trout over 20 in.; Gold Medal Water**
- **Fly/lure only; All trout must be released**
- **Fly/lure only; Trout 12-20 in. must be released; 2 trout limit; Only 1 trout over 20 in.**
- **Fly/lure only; All fish must be released; Portions may be closed Sept. 15 - Dec. 31; Gold Medal Water**
- **Flying is prohibited (Homestake Conveyance Channel)**

### NO NAME CREEK — GARFIELD

**MAP: PAGE 28**

From the Confluence with the Colorado River upstream for 0.5 of a mile:

### NOLAN CREEK — EAGLE

**MAP: PAGE 15**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

### NORTH LAKE STATE WILDLIFE AREA — LAS ANIMAS
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

### SOUTH PLATTE RIVER — JACKSON

Within Brownlee II or Verner State Wildlife Areas:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

### SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, NORTH FORK — JACKSON

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

### NORTH SHIELDS PONDS — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

### OVERLAND TRAIL POND — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

### PANOIA RESERVOIR — GUNNISON

**MAP: PAGE 21**

From the top of Paonia Dam downstream to the boundary fence below the Stilling Basin:
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

### PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST FORK — GARFIELD

**MAP: PAGE 22**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

### PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST MIDDLE FORK — GARFIELD

**MAP: PAGE 22**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

### PARVIN LAKE — LARIMER

**MAP: PAGE 25**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

In the Inlet Stream (Lone Pine Creek) upstream to Larimer CR 74E (Red Feather Lakes Road):
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.
**South Platte River from Cheesman Res. to Chatfield Res.**

**Lake Regulations**  Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Cheesman Res.** - Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - April 30; No fishing from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise; Fishing prohibited on the dam and around reservoir as posted; Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Sept. 30; Ice fishing prohibited

- **Chatfield Res. and all waters within state park including South Platte River** - 3 walleye limit, minimum 18 inches; Only 1 walleye over 21 inches per day; Minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches; Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 feet of dam or walleye spawning operation nets March 15 - April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are completed.

**Spring Gulch Pond** - Fly/lure only; All fish must be returned to water immediately.

**South Platte River from Cheesman Res. to Chatfield Res.**

**River Regulations**  Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **A** - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; Gold Medal Water
- **B** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Gold Medal Water
- **C** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
PASTURE CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN
1. Artificial flies and lures only. 2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

PEARL LAKE — ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
INCLUDING INLET STREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE ABOVE INLET AND THE OUTLET STREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE BELOW THE OUTLET:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.

PELLA CROSSING RECREATION AREA PONDS (ALL PONDS) — BOULDER
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.

PETTY CREEK — SAN JUAN
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

PIEDRA RIVER — ARCHULETA
FROM PIEDRA RIVER BRIDGE ON USFS 631 (PIEDRA ROAD) DOWNSTREAM TO THE LOWER BOUNDARY OF THE TRES PIEDRA RANCH (1.5 MILES ABOVE U.S. 160):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

PIEDRA RIVER, EAST FORK — MINERAL, HINSDALE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

PIECE PEAK NORTH SLOPE RECREATION AREA — EL PASO, TELLER
CRYSTAL, NORTH CATAMOUNT & SOUTH CATAMOUNT RESERVOIRS:
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
NORTH CATAMOUNT RESERVOIR ONLY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

PIECE PEAK SOUTH SLOPE RECREATION AREA — EL PASO, TELLER
Permits Required. Visit Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services website and then Open Spaces for more information on opening and closing dates, permits and other rules.

BOEHMER RESERVOIR, BOEHMER CREEK:
1. Fishing prohibited in Boehmer Reservoir and Boehmer Creek, from the headwaters to Mason Reservoir.

MASON RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 1, 16 inches long.

McREYNOLDS RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

PIT D POND — BOULDER
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

POAGE LAKE — RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 27
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 12 inches long.

POOSE CREEK — RIO BLANCO
MAP: PAGE 27
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

PORCUPINE LAKE — ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

POUDRE PONDS NO. 1 — WELD
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

POUDRE RIVER — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM FOR 1 MILE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

POUDRE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM FOR 1 MILE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

PREWITT RESERVOIR — LOGAN, WASHINGTON
1. Min. size for wipers is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye, saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
5. Visitors ages 18–64 must have annual Jumbo/ Prewitt Res. access permit, except those who have a valid annual Colorado hunting or fishing license. Permits are $36, available on the CPW website or at authorized sales agents.

PROSPECT PARK LAKES — JEFFERSON
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

WASSA LAKE AND WEST PROSPECT LAKES ONLY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.

PROSPECT PONDS NO. 2 AND 3 — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

PUEBLO RESERVOIR — PUEBLO
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag, possession, min. size for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate, 18 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Underwater spearfishing allowed for channel, blue and flathead catfish with an aggregate bag and possession limit of 5 and for wiper with a bag and possession limit of 5.
5. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam from 4 p.m.–9 a.m. March 15–April 15.
6. It is unlawful to possess or cleaned fish in boat on lake.

PURGATOIRE RIVER, MIDDLE FORK — LAS ANIMAS WITHIN BOSECO DEL OSO STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

PURGATOIRE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — LAS ANIMAS WITHIN BOSECO DEL OSO STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

QUEENS RESERVOIR, NORTH AND SOUTH — KIOWA
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.
White River - Headwaters to Meeker

MAP: PAGE 16

- QUINCY RESERVOIR — ARAPAHOE
  1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
  2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
  3. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18 inches long.
  4. Access controlled by Aurora Parks & Rec. as posted.

- RAMPART RESERVOIR — EL PASO
  1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
  2. Ice fishing prohibited.

- RANCH CREEK, NORTH FORK — GRAND
  MAP: PAGE 16
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- RED LION STATE WILDLIFE AREA — LOGAN
  1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
  2. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

- RELAY CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- RHODES GULCH — CONEJOS
  MAP: PAGE 18
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Trappers Lake - Fly/Lure Only; 2 cutthroat limit, 11 inches maximum size; Fishing prohibited in inlets and upstream 1/2 mi.; Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of all inlet streams; Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of the outlet and downstream to the first falls; No limit on brook trout

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- 2 trout limit
- 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch, and crappie
- Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch, and crappie

- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- 2 cutthroat limit, 11 inches maximum size; Fishing prohibited in inlets and upstream 1/2 mi.; Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of all inlet streams; Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of the outlet and downstream to the first falls; No limit on brook trout

- Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
- Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout 18 inches long.
- Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout 20 inches long.
- Bag, possession and min. size for walleye is 1, 18 inches long.
- Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 1, 12 inches long.
- Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
- Bag and possession limit for rainbow trout is 2, 16 inches long.
- Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout is 2, 12 inches long.

- RIO LADO CREEK — MONTEZUMA
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- RIO DE LOS PINOS — CONEJOS
  MAP: PAGE 18
  FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL AT THE SOUTH SAN JUAN WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- RIO GRANDE — HINSDALE, MINERAL, RIO GRANDE
  MAP: PAGE 27
  FROM LOWER BOUNDARY OF RIVER HILL CAMPGROUND DOWNSTREAM TO THE WEST FENCE OF MASONIC PARK:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
  3. Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout is 2, 12 inches long.

- RIO BLANCO — RIO BLANCO
  MAP: PAGE 34
  FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO SAN JUAN WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- RIO BLANCO RIVER — ARCHULETA AND CONEJOS
  FROM THE BLANCO DIVERSION DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SAN JUAN RIVER:
  1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

- RIO DE LOS PINOS — CONEJOS
  MAP: PAGE 18
  FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL AT THE SOUTH SAN JUAN WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- RIO GRANDE — HINSDALE, MINERAL, RIO GRANDE
  MAP: PAGE 27
  FROM LOWER BOUNDARY OF RIVER HILL CAMPGROUND DOWNSTREAM TO THE WEST FENCE OF MASONIC PARK:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
  3. Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout is 2, 12 inches long.

- RIO DE LOS PINOS — CONEJOS
  MAP: PAGE 18
  FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL AT THE SOUTH SAN JUAN WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- RIO GRANDE — HINSDALE, MINERAL, RIO GRANDE
  MAP: PAGE 27
  FROM LOWER BOUNDARY OF RIVER HILL CAMPGROUND DOWNSTREAM TO THE WEST FENCE OF MASONIC PARK:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
  3. Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout is 2, 12 inches long.

- RIO DE LOS PINOS — CONEJOS
  MAP: PAGE 18
  FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL AT THE SOUTH SAN JUAN WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
White River - Meeker to Utah State Line

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Kenney Reservoir - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

Rio Blanco Lake - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

A 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch, and crappie

B No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

Fishing prohibited as posted. No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

► RIVERBEND PONDS NO. 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5 — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

► RIVER'S EDGE NATURAL AREA PONDS (BASS, DRAGONFLY, AND SANDPIPER) — LARIMER
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 5.

► ROAD BEAVER CREEK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► ROARING FORK CREEK — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► ROARING FORK OF THE NORTH PLATTE — JACKSON
WITHIN MANVILLE STATE WILDLIFE AREAS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

► ROARING FORKS CREEK — MONTEZUMA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► ROYAL FORKS CREEK — PITKIN, GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH MCFARLANE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER WOODY CREEK BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM UPPER WOODY CREEK BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER (EXCLUDING 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM FROM THE CONFLUENCES WITH FOURMILE CREEK AND THREEMILE CREEK):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM FROM THE CONFLUENCES WITH FOURMILE CREEK AND THREEMILE CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
3. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

► ROCK CREEK — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► ROCK CREEK — PARK
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► ROCK CREEK, LITTLE — MESA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► ROCK LAKE — CONEJOS
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► ROCKY FORK CREEK — PITKIN
MAP: PAGE 28
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAKE — DENVER
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

► ROSEMONT RESERVOIR — TELLER
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.
ROUGH CANYON - CONJOS  
**MAP:** PAGE 18  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

RUBY JEWEL LAKE — JACKSON  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

RUNYON/FOUNTAIN LAKES STATE WILDLIFE AREA — PUEBLO  
1. Ice fishing prohibited.

SAGUACHE CREEK — SAGUACHE  
**MAP:** PAGE 27  
FROM CONFLUENCE OF THE MIDDLE AND SOUTH FORKS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CALIFORNIA GULCH:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

SAGUACHE CREEK, MIDDLE FORK — SAGUACHE  
**MAP:** PAGE 27  
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF SAGUACHE CREEK:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

SAGUACHE CREEK, SOUTH FORK — SAGUACHE  
**MAP:** PAGE 27  
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE MIDDLE FORK OF SAGUACHE CREEK:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

ST. VRAIN CREEK (NORTH AND SOUTH) — BOULDER  
WHEN THE TOWN LIMITS OF LYONS, AS POSTED:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

ST. VRAIN STATE PARK — WELD  
BALD EAGLE LAKE:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.  
2. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.

BLUE HERON LAKE:  
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.  
2. Only 1 channel catfish in the bag or possession limit may exceed 20 inches long.

SAN FRANCISCO CREEK (MIDDLE AND WEST FORKS) AND WEST SAN FRANCISCO LAKE — RIO GRANDE  
**MAP:** PAGE 27  
PORTION ON USFS LANDS INCLUDING WEST SAN FRANCISCO LAKE:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

SAN JUAN RIVER — ARCHULETA  
FROM THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. 160 AND U.S. 84 DOWNSTREAM THROUGH PAGOSA SPRINGS TO THE INTERSECTION OF APACHE STREET WITH THE RIVER, INCLUDING RIVER CENTER PONDS:  
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM U.S. 160 BRIDGE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS DOWNSTREAM TO NAJavo RESERVOIR:  
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

SAN MIGUEL RIVER — MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL  
FROM THE COLO. 90 BRIDGE AT PINON DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE DOLORES RIVER:  
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

SANCHEZ RESERVOIR — COSTILLA  
1. Any crayfish taken must be immediately returned to the water it came from or be taken into possession immediately and killed by separating the tail from the body.

SARVIS CREEK — GRAND, ROUTT  
**MAP:** PAGE 36  
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.  
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

SCENERY POND — RIO BLANCO  
COLOROW MOUNTAIN STATE WILDLIFE AREA:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

SEWARD LAKE — GRAND, ROUTT  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

SCHWACHHEIM CREEK — LAS ANIMAS  
WITHIN LA DOROTHEY STATE WILDLIFE AREA:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

SECOND CREEK — DELTA  
**MAP:** PAGE 21  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SEVEREY CREEK — EL PASO  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:  
1. Fishing prohibited.

SHADOW MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR — GRAND  
**MAP:** PAGE 16  
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

SHADOW MOUNTAIN SPILLWAY — GRAND  
**MAP:** PAGE 16  
FROM SHADOW MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE GRANBY INCLUDING COLUMBINE BAY TO THE TWIN CREEK INLET:  
2. Snagging prohibited.

SHEEP CREEK — CONJOS  
**MAP:** PAGE 10  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONJOS RIVER:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

SHEEP CREEK — LARIMER  
**MAP:** PAGE 25  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SHEEP CREEK, EAST AND WEST FORKS — LARIMER  
**MAP:** PAGE 25  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SIG CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SIG CREEK, EAST FORK — SAN JUAN  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SILVER LAKE — MESA  
**MAP:** PAGE 22  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

SLATER CREEK, SOUTH FORK AND WEST PRONG OF THE SOUTH FORK — ROUTT  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SLOAN LAKE — HINSDALE  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SNELL CREEK — RIO BLANCO  
**MAP:** PAGE 33  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SODA CREEK — ROUTT  
**MAP:** PAGE 36  
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.  
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

SOUTH PLATTE PARK (LITTLETON) — ARAPAHOE  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER — DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON, PARK, TELLER  
**MAPS:** PAGES 30–31  
FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE MIDDLE AND SOUTH FORKS DOWNSTREAM TO SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.  
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.  
   Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

FROM THE OUTLET OF SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO THE INLET OF ELEVEN MILE RESERVOIR:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Some portions may be closed to fishing as posted from Sept. 15–Dec. 31 for kokanee spawning.  
3. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

FROM IMMEDIATELY BELOW ELEVEN MILE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE WAGON TONGUE GULCH ROAD BRIDGE AT SPRINGER GULCH (ELEVEN MILE CANYON):  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM CHEESMAN DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE AT WIGWAM CLUB:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.
Yampa River - Headwaters to Craig

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- *Whitefish regulation
- *Non-native fish regulation
- Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit; *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation
- 2 trout limit; *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation
- 2 trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation
- *Non-native fish regulation
- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fishing prohibited Jan. 1-July 31
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches

*Whitefish regulation - Bag limit for whitefish is 4; Possession limit for whitefish is 8
*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Crosho Reservoir - 2 grayling limit, minimum 16 inches
Elkhead Reservoir - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches; 10 crappie limit
Freeman Reservoir - Fishing prohibited from Jan. 1 - July 31 within 50 yards of either side of the inlet and upstream 1/4 mile
Pearl Lake (including 1/4 mile up inlet and 1/4 mile downstream) - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches
Porcupine Lake - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
Stagecoach Reservoir - No bag and possession limit for walleye
Vaughn Reservoir - 2 cutthroat limit

*Non-native fish regulation
- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fishing prohibited Jan. 1-July 31
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches

*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
FROM THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE WIGWAM CLUB DOWNSTREAM TO SCRAGGY VIEW PICNIC GROUND:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM STRONTIA SPRINGS DAM DOWNSTREAM TO 300 YARDS UPSTREAM FROM THE DENVER WATER BOARD'S MARSTON DIVERSION STRUCTURE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

WITHIN CHATFIELD STATE PARK:
1. Bag limit and min. size for walleye is 3, 18 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
3. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, MIDDLE FORK — PARK
MAP: PAGE 30
FROM THE COLO. 9 BRIDGE (4.9 MILES NORTH OF GARO) DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF THE SOUTH PLATTE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — PARK
MAP: PAGE 30
FROM U.S. 285 DOWNSTREAM TO ANTERO RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

FROM ANTERO RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM IN THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CHANNEL TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE EXISTING CHANNEL:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE LOWER BOUNDARY FENCE OF BADGER BASIN STATE WILDLIFE AREA DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE MIDDLE FORK OF THE SOUTH PLATTE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR — PARK
MAP: PAGE 30
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Fishing prohibited one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
3. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 1, 20 inches long.
4. Ice fishing prohibited.
5. No bag and possession limit for yellow perch.

SPRAT-PLATTE LAKE — ADAMS
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Min. size for largemouth bass is 18 inches long.

SPRING CREEK — DOLORES
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SPRING GULCH POND — DOUGLAS
MAP: PAGE 29
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

SPRUCe CREEK (CONFLUENCE WITH BLUE RIVER, 5 MILES N OF GREEN MOUNTAIN RES.) — GRAND, SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SPRUCe CREEK (CONFLUENCE WITH BLUE RIVER, 2.5 MILES S OF BRECKENRIDGE) — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

STAGECOACH RESERVOIR — ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
1. No bag or possession limit for walleye.

STARKER LAKE — YUMA
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

STANDLEY LAKE — JEFFERSON
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

STEAMBOAT LAKE — ROUTT

STEARS LAKE — BOULDER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

STEELMAN CREEK — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE DENVER WATER BOARD DIVERSION:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

STUEBN CREEK, WEST FORK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SUMMIT RESERVOIR — MONTEZUMA
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

SWAMP LAKES — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SWAN RIVER — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

SWAN RIVER, NORTH FORK — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SWEITZER LAKE — DELTA
1. All fish except carp must be returned to the water immediately.

SYLVAN LAKE — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 15
IN INLET AND UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited Sept. 1–Nov. 30.

TAMARACK RANCH POND — LOGAN
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

TARRYALL CREEK — PARK
FOR THAT PORTION OF TARRYALL CREEK LOCATED ON THE CLINE RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
4. Fishing access restricted to designated fishing areas (beats). Each fishing beat restricted to occupants of vehicle in parking stall assigned to that beat (determined by corresponding number). No more than 4 anglers per vehicle. Only 1 vehicle per stall.

TAYLOR CREEK, LITTLE — MONTEZUMA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TAYLOR PARK RESERVOIR — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 3. Only 1 may be longer than 26 inches.
2. Gaffs and tail snare prohibited.

TAYLOR RIVER — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 19
FROM THE TOP OF TAYLOR DAM AND FROM THE DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 125 YARDS:
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM A POINT 325 YARDS BELOW TAYLOR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE LOWER BOUNDARY OF TAYLOR RIVER STATE WILDLIFE AREA (APPROXIMATELY 0.4 MILE):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

TERROR CREEK, EAST FORK — DELTA
MAP: PAGE 21
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH TERROR CREEK (INCLUDING THE UNNAMED TRIBUTARY BELOW TERROR CREEK RESERVOIR):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
THOMAS RESERVOIR — BOULDER
1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

THREE LAKES (LOWEST AND MIDDLE LAKES) — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

THREE LICKS CREEK — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

THEREMILE CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

THURSTON RESERVOIR — PROWERS
NOTE: At publication, this reservoir is dry.
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

TIMBERLINE LAKE — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

TORSIDO CREEK — CONEJO
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TOTEN RESERVOIR — MONTEZUMA
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

TRAPPER CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TRAPPERS LAKE — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 33
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for cutthroat is 2, 11 inches long.
3. No bag or possession limit for brook trout.
4. Fishing prohibited in inlets and upstream for 0.5 of a mile.
5. Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of inlet streams.
6. Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of outlet and downstream to first falls.

TRINIDAD RESERVOIR — LAS ANIMAS
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag and possession limit for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 18 inches may be taken per day.

TROUT CREEK — RIO BLANCO, ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
FROM SHERIFF RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH YAMPA RIVER:
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO, BUT NOT INCLUDING, SHERIFF RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TURQUOISE RESERVOIR — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.

TUTTLE CREEK — SAGUACHE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TWIN LAKES — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 1.
2. Lake trout 22-34 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

TWO BUTTES RESERVOIR — BACA
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

TWO LEDGE RESERVOIR — JACKSON
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

UNCOMPAGHRE RIVER — OURAY
MAP: PAGE 23
FROM OURAY CR 23 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO RIDGWAY RESERVOIR:

FROM RIDGWAY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE FENCE JUST BELOW USGS GAUGE STATION:
1. Fishing prohibited except as posted.

FROM THE FENCE JUST BELOW THE USGS GAUGE STATION BELOW RIDGWAY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH COW CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE RIDGWAY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE GUNNISON RIVER:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

UNION RESERVOIR (CALKINS LAKE) — WELD
1. Min. size for wipers is 15 inches long.

VALECCITO CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS DOWNSTREAM TO THE LA PLATA CR 501 BRIDGE:
1. All kokanee must be returned to water from Sept. 1–Nov. 14.

GOOD PLACES TO:
- Lake John, Jackson Co.
- Blue Mesa Reservoir, Gunnison Co.
- Eleven Mile Reservoir, Park Co.
- Jumbo Reservoir, Logan Co.
- Miramonte Reservoir, San Miguel Co.
- Vega Reservoir, Mesa Co.
- Rifle Gap Reservoir, Garfield Co.

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FROM THE LA PLATA CR 501 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF VALSECITO RESERVOIR:

VASQUEZ CREEK, LITTLE — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE DENVER WATER BOARD DIVERSION:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

VASQUEZ CREEK, SOUTH FORK — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

VAUGHN RESERVOIR — RIO BLANCO
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Bag and possession limit for cutthroat is 2.

VIRGINIA GULCH CREEK, WEST — LA PLATA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

3. Fishing prohibited.

4. Access, including for fishing, prohibited within 150 ft. of any kokanee spawning trap or wing net from Oct. 1–Dec. 1.

5. Artificial flies and lures only.

6. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

7. Artificial flies and lures only.

8. Artificial flies and lures only.

9. 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.


1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Artificial flies and lures only.

3. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.

4. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

5. Artificial flies and lures only.

6. Artificial flies and lures only.

7. Artificial flies and lures only.

8. 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

3. Possession limit for lake trout is 8.

4. Use of spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited.

5. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

6. Only 1 may be longer than 30 inches.


8. Spawning areas (redds) closed to fishing as posted.

9. From the Headwaters to the Confluence with Trout Creek (including tributaries): 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

3. Fishing prohibited as posted.

4. From Stagecoach Dam downstream for 0.6 of a mile: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

3. From Stagecoach Dam downstream to Catamount Lake: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

3. From the Confluence with Trout Creek downstream for 4.8 miles to the James Brown (Soul Center of the Universe) Bridge, in Steamboat Springs: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

3. From the Headwaters of the Yampa River downstream to the Confluence with the Green River: 1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

2. Fishing prohibited as posted.

3. From Taylor Draw Dam downstream to the confluence with the Colorado River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

3. From the Confluence with Taylor Draw Dam downstream to the State Line: 1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

4. From the Confluence with Walon Creek downstream to the Confluence with the Green River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

3. From the Confluence with the Yampa River downstream to the Confluence with the Green River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

3. From the Stayways State Wildlife Area to the Yampa River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

3. From the Yampa River to the Confluence with the Green River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

3. From the Confluence with the Yampa River downstream to the Confluence with the Green River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

3. From the Yampa River to the Confluence with the Green River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

3. From the Confluence with the Yampa River downstream to the Confluence with the Green River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

3. From the Confluence with the Yampa River downstream to the Confluence with the Green River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

3. From the Confluence with the Yampa River downstream to the Confluence with the Green River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

3. From the Confluence with the Yampa River downstream to the Confluence with the Green River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

3. From the Confluence with the Yampa River downstream to the Confluence with the Green River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

3. From the Confluence with the Yampa River downstream to the Confluence with the Green River: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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<td>Brown Trout</td>
<td>Spotting pattern is made up of black spots; red-orange spots inside light blue circles</td>
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<td>Brook Trout</td>
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<td>Crimson slash on either side of the throat beneath the lower jaw; heavier spotting towards the tail</td>
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**Western Slope Native Fish That Must Be Released**

Anglers may possibly catch these species if fishing in the Colorado River Basin. These fish must be returned to the water unharmed as quickly as possible. See page 8 for a full list of protected species to be released.

- **Humpback Chub**
  - Green to silver and white with an abrupt hump behind the head

- **Bonytail Chub**
  - Slight hump and a long, narrow tail

- **Colorado Pikeminnow**
  - Adults may be green-gray to bronze on backs and silver to white along sides and bottoms

- **Razorbak Sucker**
  - Bronze to yellow fish with a sharp-edged keel behind the head

- **Mountain Whitefish**
  - Mouth is smaller than a trout's and does not extend to below the center of the eye, as it does on a trout

- **Kokanee Salmon**
  - At the end of their third summer, females develop a red-gray-white pattern; males develop hook jaw and turn brick red

- **Arctic Char**
  - Long, slender with small, pointed head; light spots on body; leading edge of lower fins are milk white; fine scales with smooth, slippery skin

- **Splaake**
  - Cross between a brook trout and a lake trout; tri-colored pelvic fins; slightly forked tails

- **Grayling**
  - Large sail-like dorsal fin; silver body; small mouths and body

- **Green Sunfish**
  - Olive-colored body with short, rounded pectoral fins with yellow trim

- **Redear Sunfish**
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### How to Release a Fish

If you practice catch and release while fishing, follow these steps to ensure the fish returns to the water with minimal damage. Any fish you plan to release MUST be returned to the water immediately.

1. **Time is Essential.** Quickly play and release fish. A fish played for too long will be too exhausted to recover.
2. **Keep Fish in the Water** as much as possible.
3. **Remove the Hook as Quickly as Possible.** Single barbless hooks can often be removed while the fish is still in the water.
4. **Gentle Handling Is Essential.** Avoid squeezing or putting your fingers in the gills or eye sockets. It’s best to hold a fish gently by its belly or by the area in front of the tail.
5. **To Revive an Unconscious Fish** hold it upright in the water. Move the fish forward and backward so that water runs through the gills. This may take a few minutes. When it begins to struggle, release it.
6. **When Photographing a Fish,** hold it horizontally and do not squeeze the fish. Do not put your hands in its gills or hold it vertical by its gills.

### How to Safely Remove Hooks

Use a pair of forceps, longnosed pliers or a purposely made hook-out to quickly, efficiently remove the hook. If the fish is hooked deep in the throat or stomach, cut the line as close to the hook as possible and leave the hook in the fish — it could do more damage trying to remove a deeply set hook than leaving it where it is.
NOTICE: This brochure includes information on fishing in Colorado. It is not a legal notice nor a complete collection of fishing regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for anglers’ convenience. Copies of statutes and regulations can be obtained from a Colorado Parks and Wildlife area office, or at cpw.state.co.us/Regulations. For questions, call CPW at 303-297-1192.

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PUBLIC FISHING ACCESS

90 MILLION SPORTFISH are hatched and stocked into Colorado waters annually. CPW’s 19 state fish hatcheries and rearing units keep them healthy and plentiful.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: CPW.STATE.CO.US/FINANCESSUSTAINABILITY

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