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Fish Stocking Reports .......... (303) 291-7531

BOAT REGISTRATION:
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buyapply/Pages/BoatingRegistrations.aspx

REPORT OIL SPILLS:
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See the CPW website for a complete list of our 42 parks locations that can also sell fishing
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es below can assist hunters with animal checks and samples related to hunting activities.

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Brush, 80723
(970) 842-6300

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4255 Sinton Road
Colorado Springs, 80907
(719) 227-5200

DENVER
6060 Broadway
Denver, 80216
(303) 291-7227

DURANGO
151 E. 16th St.
Durango, 81301
(970) 247-0855

FORT COLLINS
317 W. Prospect Road
Fort Collins, 80526
(970) 472-4300

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0088 Wildlife Way
Glenwood Springs, 81601
(970) 947-2920

GRAND JUNCTION
711 Independent Ave.
Grand Junction, 81505
(970) 255-6100

GUNNISON
300 W. New York Ave.
Gunnison, 81230
(970) 641-7060

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Hot Sulphur Springs, 80451
(970) 725-6200

LAMAR
2500 S. Main St.
Lamar, 81052
(970) 336-6600

MEEEKER
73485 Hwy. 64
Meeker, 81641
(970) 878-6090

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Monte Vista, 81144
(719) 578-6900

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Montrose, 81401
(970) 252-6000

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Pueblo, 81005
(719) 561-5300

SALIDA
7405 Hwy. 50
Salida, 81201
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Steamboat Springs, 80487
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WHAT’S NEW 2015

» ARCTIC CHAR... New bag and possession limits are in place for Arctic char at Dillon Reservoir. Regulations will encourage the population of these desirable sport fish to grow both in size and numbers. See page 16.

» ANTERO RESERVOIR... Antero is scheduled to be drained during the summer of 2015. Check the CPW website for updates, cpw.state.co.us.

» BEGINNER’S GUIDE TO FISHING... Ready to try but don’t know where to start? Check out our five steps to get started! See page 2.

» POUDRE PONDS... This 70-acre gravel quarry in Weld County has been open to fishing since 2011. The bass population is growing and new regulations are in place. See page 26.

» CHATFIELD AND CHERRY CREEK... Spawning closures have been modified at both of these reservoirs. See page 13.

» LAKE TROUT AT GRAND LAKE... Rules for lake trout fishing at Grand Lake have been simplified by removing seasonal restrictions. See page 20.

» SMALLMOUTH BASS AT RIDGWAY... Bag and possession limits for smallmouth bass have been removed. Smallmouth bass were introduced to Ridgway Reservoir illegally. In 2013, the population had grown to 15 percent of the fish sampled by CPW. These fish have the potential to threaten endangered fish species and native species in the Upper Colorado River Basin. Regulations will limit their numbers and help Western waterways remain safe for other fish species. See page 29.

» YELLOW PERCH AT RIFLE GAP... A bag and possession limit of 20 has been placed on yellow perch at Rifle Gap Reservoir. New limits will help effectively manage the perch population and protect the species from overfishing. See page 29.

» KOKANEE TRAPS AT WOLFORD MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR... There is a 150-foot public-access closure around the kokanee salmon traps and nets at all times, wherever portable traps are set. See page 34.

Habitat Stamp Information

1. Anyone 18-64 MUST purchase a stamp in order to buy or apply for a hunting or fishing license (including preference points).
2. Stamps are $10 and are nonrefundable. Only one is required per person per year, valid April 1-March 31. A lifetime stamp is $300.25.
3. Exemptions: Anyone with a free lifetime fishing license, a veteran’s lifetime combination small-game hunting and fishing license, or those approved for the Big-Game Mobility Impaired Hunting Program are exempt. See cpw.state.co.us/fish/accessibility for details about these programs.

ON THE COVER

MAIN: A veteran walks to a fishing hole with his daughter. Last June, wounded and disabled veterans gathered to fish for bass and walleye with Freedom Hunters and other organizations. Freedom Hunters supports troops by taking select active duty and combat veterans on outdoor adventures. © Timothy Miller.

Fishing is a great lifetime activity and a fun way for families to spend time together outdoors. Getting started isn’t complicated. Follow our basic equipment guide and you’ll be hooked before you know it!

1. **PICK YOUR ROD & REEL**
   A closed-face spincast rod and reel are great for learning how to fish.

2. **CHOOSE YOUR BAIT**
   Different species of fish have different appetites.
   Choose your bait based on what kind of fish are in the lake and what you are trying to catch. Look at the list of waters in this brochure for any additional bait restrictions.

   - **TROUT**
     - Powerbait
     - Salmon eggs
     - Flies
     - Lures
     - Jigs
     - Worms

   - **CATFISH**
     - Stinkbait
     - Worms
   
   - **BASS**
     - Jigs
     - Worms
   
   - **SUNFISH & CRAPPIE**
     - Jigs
     - Worms
     - Salmon eggs

3. **GET YOUR GEAR ON**
   You need just a few basic items to get started fishing. The fun part is adding to your gear collection as you progress!

   - Fishing line, 4- to 8-lb. test
   - Bobbers
   - Hooks, #8 or #10
   - Swivels, #10
   - Sinkers, 1/8 oz.
   - Hemostats or needle-nose pliers

4. **KNOW YOUR KNOT**
   There are lots of fishing knots. The Improved Clinch Knot is a good, basic knot to get you started.

   - Thread the line through eye of the hook. Double back and make five or more turns around the line.
   - Bring the end of line back through the first loop formed behind the eye. Then go through the big loop.
   - Wet knot and pull the tag end to tighten down the coils. Slide it tight against the eye, clip excess.

5. **PICK YOUR SPOT**
   Where should you go? You can find your perfect fishing hole by using the Colorado Fishing Atlas.

   cpw.state.co.us/fish/fishingatlas
## STATEWIDE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

### 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 6.

Some waters have more restrictive limits than what is listed on the chart. See “Special Regulations for Fishing Waters,” page 10, 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 38 of Colorado’s 42 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 LIMITS

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<th>Type of fish</th>
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<td>TROUT, ARCTIC CHAR, GRAYLING, SALMON (except kokanee) in aggregate*</td>
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<td>8 inches long or less (in addition to trout limit above)</td>
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<td>Digital, snagging or archery</td>
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<td>WALLEYE, SAUGEYE, SAUGER Statewide, in aggregate*</td>
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<td>BASS: WHITE, STRIPED, WIPER Statewide, in aggregate*</td>
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<td>CATFISH: CHANNEL, FLATHEAD, BLUE in aggregate*</td>
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<td>CRAPPIE: WHITE, BLACK in aggregate*</td>
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<td>BLUEGILL, HYBRID BLUEGILL, GREEN SUNFISH, REDEAR SUNFISH, PUMPKINSEED SUNFISH in aggregate*</td>
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<td>NORTHERN PIKE, WHITEFISH, BULLHEAD</td>
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*In aggregate means the limit may consist of one species or a mixed bag of more than one species.

### MAP: WIPER/WHITE BASS AND WALLEYE/SAUGEYE BAG LIMITS
The map below outlines the general areas of the Arkansas and South Republican River drainages (green) and the South Platte and North Republican drainages (yellow). If you are fishing for wiper, white bass, walleye or saugeye in these areas, the daily bag and possession limits are different for the two areas on the map. See the “Statewide Limits” chart at right for details.

- **Catfish:** Channel, flathead, blue (in aggregate*)
- **Crappie:** White, black (in aggregate*)
- **Bluegill, hybrid bluegill, green sunfish, redbreast sunfish, pumpkinseed sunfish** (in aggregate*)
- **Yellow perch**
  - West of Continental Divide
  - East of Continental Divide
- **Tiger muskie**
  - at least 36 inches long
- **Northern pike, whitefish, bullhead**
- **Speckled dace, sculpin**
  - West of Continental Divide (in aggregate*)
  - East of Continental Divide
- **Crayfish** (crawdads), bullfrogs
- **Aquatic tiger salamander larvae** (gilled and less than 5 inches long)
Measure your fish from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. You may squeeze the tail-fin 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).
**LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. **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.

2. **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.

3. **SENIORS** — Colorado residents 64 and older can obtain an annual fishing license from a CPW location or license agent 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.
   - Free lifetime low-income fishing licenses also are available for Colorado residents 64 or older. See information and eligibility requirements, contact any CPW location.

4. **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 nontransferrable. A second-rod stamp does not entitle an angler to use trotlines or jugs.

5. **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.

6. **CHILD SUPPORT DELINQUENCY** — State law requires a Social Security number to buy a license. It is provided, if requested, to Child Support Enforcement authorities. Licenses are not issued to those suspended for noncompliance with child support. Current licenses are invalid if held by a person noncompliant with child support.

7. **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.

8. **DISABILITY LICENCES**
   - **Residency Qualifications**
     - 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.
   - **Commercial Licenses**
     - Colorado residents who are totally and permanently disabled must provide either 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.
     - b. A valid Colorado driver’s license or secure and verifiable ID is proof of residency if it was issued at least six months prior to purchasing a fishing license. If your ID or driver’s license was renewed or renewed less than six months prior to purchasing a fishing license, you must provide documentation that proves you have been a resident for the required six-month period.

9. **ARMED FORCES EXEMPTION**
    - 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.

WHY ILLEGAL STOCKING IS A PROBLEM

1. Biologists have stopped stocking fish in some lakes because illegally introduced fish eat most or all of the stocked fish. This wastes your license dollars.

2. Illegally stocked fish compete for food and space with the fish that belong in lakes and streams. This can change the whole ecology of the system and lessen the quality of fishing overall.

3. Once an illegally stocked fish population has become established, the only recourse is to start over by treating the lake to kill ALL the fish. Treatments can cost millions of dollars. It also requires money that could be spent on improving fishing opportunities for anglers like you.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Do not move fish from one body of water to another. Collection and transportation of wild-caught live bait is restricted in most of the state. Know these rules and follow them if you use live bait.

- On waters that have no bag and possession limits on certain species, you are encouraged to keep those fish. “No-bag” limits are often established to aid in the management of species that were illegally stocked or are not desired.

- Report illegal stocking activity to Operation Game Thief.

REPORT IT!

If you have information about illegal stocking activity, contact

**OPERATION GAME THIEF**

You can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward.

**game.thief@state.co.us**

or call 1-877-265-6648
SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

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 hatchery fish in Colorado. Unless authorized by CPW for controlled and experimental purposes, it is illegal to export, import, transport, stock, sell, or release: burbot, piranha, tahrira, gar (all species), snakeheads or murrals, stickleback, walking catfish, tilapia, bomb, red zebra mussels, quagga mussels, new Zealand mussels, Eurasian ruffe, white perch, rusty crayfish, carp (silver, catfish, Indiana, bighead, giant barb, mirgal, largescale sucker, rohu, black and mahseer), 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 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 baitfish 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.
   e. Except as otherwise noted in this brochure, in waters west of the Continental Divide, fishing with minnows, gizzard shad, chub, black crappie, and northern leopard frog, northern redbelly dace, plains leopard frog, plains minnow, plains topminnow, plains orangethroat darter, razorback sucker, Rio Grande chub, Rio Grande sucker, river shiner, roundtail chub, southern redbelly dace, stonecat, suckermouth minnow, and wood frog shipped by common carrier must be accompanied by license or photocopy of license and donation certificate, if needed.

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 specific approval and authorized 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

THREATENED, ENDANGERED AND NONGAME SPECIES
If caught, these species must be returned to the water immediately. Except, taking greenback cutthroat trout is permitted as specified in other restrictions as listed in this brochure.

9. ILLEGAL TAKE AND TRANSFER OF FISH — Only people designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may take, amphibians, mollusks or crustaceans within the boundaries of any federal fish hatchery or rearing unit.
   a. Molting, 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°F; or the daily average temperature exceeds 72°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 fish breeding 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 fishable. Public fishing contests will require permission 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.
GLOSSARY OF FISHING TERMS

» ARTIFICIAL FLIES 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, gig, angling, archery, snaring 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 nongame, 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; cutbrow (rainbow/cutthroat hybrids), splake (lake trout/brook trout hybrids), and tiger trout (brown/brook trout hybrids); Arc-tic 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 (walleye/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 barbed fork with one or more tines attached to a handle.

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

» MINNOW means all members of the families of fish classified Cyprinidae (carp, chub, dace, goldfish, minnow, shiner, stoneroller and tench), Cyprinodontidae (killifish, topminnow) and Clupeidae (gizzard shad), except those designated as nongame, threatened or endangered, or those designated as nonregulated. See page 6 and Chapter 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.

» 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.

LEGAL FISHING METHODS

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

2. TROT LINES
   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. 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. Trotlines shall be tagged with the user’s name, CID number and date set.
   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 owner or user’s name and CID number.
   d. Must be personally checked at least once an hour.

4. UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING, ARCHERY AND MAGS
   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 and gigs may be used statewide for the taking of carp and northern pike, except as prohibited by these regulations or land management agencies.
   b. East of the Continental Divide, gizzard shad and white or long-nose suckers may also be taken, unless otherwise prohibited in “Special Regulations for Fishing Waters,” pages 10–35. Other fish may be taken when authorized for specific waters in the regulation section.
   c. Archery may be used to take kokanee if a water is otherwise open to snaggins. In such cases, the following applies:
      1. Bows must have reel, fishing line and arrow attached to bow.
      2. Bows must have arrow safety-slide mechanism that keeps fishing line in front of the arrow at all times.
      c. Additional restrictions apply to underwater spearfishing:
         1. CO2 guns or cartridge-powered spears are prohibited.
         2. Guns must be loaded and unloaded while the gun is submerged.
      3. Divers must stay within a radius of 100 feet of a float bearing the National Divers’ Symbol.
      4. Spears must be attached by a safety line.
      d. Archery and gigs are allowed for taking bullfrogs.

5. SNAGGING is permitted for taking kokanee salmon only, on specific waters listed in this brochure. Other species snagged must be returned to the water immediately.

6. SEINES AND CAST-NETS
   a. Seines are allowed only for bait fish, gilled form of aquatic tiger salamander larvae and crayfish; or if authorized for emergency salvage. See “Special Conditions and Restrictions,” page 6.
   b. Seines must be made of a quarter-inch or less nonmetallic square mesh.
   c. Seines cannot exceed 20 feet long and 4 feet in depth.

7. BY HAND OR WITH DIP NETS
   a. Allowed for bullfrogs, crayfish and the gilled form of aquatic tiger salamander larvae.
   b. Fish may be taken by these means or others approved by CPW for emergency salvage.
   c. Hand-held dip nets may be used for taking bait fish according to restrictions. See “Use and Collection of Bait Fish,” page 6.

8. LIVETRAPS Cage or box traps, including set pots, shall be used only for the taking of crayfish, snapping turtles and fish captured as bait fish or for personal consumption.

9. ARTIFICIAL LIGHT may be used as a fishing aid.

10. BAIT may be used where permitted as fishing aid, except by chumming.
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 brook waters such as Chatfield, Pueblo and Horse-tooth 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.

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 Green Mountain Reservoir inlet; also from Green Mountain Reservoir dam to Colorado River

**COLORADO RIVER:** From Fraser River to Troublesome Creek

**FRYINGPAN 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 Cheeseman Reservoir dam to the south boundary of the Wigwam Club property
- From the north boundary of Wigwam Club property to Scrabby 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

The CPW Master Angler 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.
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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Allow boats, engines, boots and gear to dry completely before moving to other waters.
4. If draining and drying are not possible, wash boats, trailers and equipment carefully and completely with water hotter than 140º F for at least 10 minutes. Scrub the bottom of waders for mud, plants or snails before rinsing. Rinse with water from ANS-free source. Dispose of chemicals properly, away from the water body.
5. Don’t move or transport fish between water bodies. This can spread diseases and nuisance species.
6. Don’t dispose of fish entrails or other byproducts into any body of water.

REPORT IT!
If you find what you think is an invasive species on your boat or in a water body, report it to CPW by emailing ReportANS@state.co.us or call (303) 291-7295.

MORE ON INVASIVE SPECIES
cpw.state.co.us/fish/invasivespecies

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 more than 100 inspection 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/boatinpections.

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

RUPTSY 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 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.

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 140º 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.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR FISHING WATERS

= Gold Medal Waters that offer the greatest potential for trophy trout fishing. See page 8 for details.

RED WATER NAMES = Waters listed in red alert you that regulations for that water have changed since last year.

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 3) apply.

ATTENTION! This brochure includes fishing regulations. State wildlife areas have additional access and land regulations. If you plan to visit an SWA, you must consult CPW’s 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 14)
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.
2. Bag and min. size for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

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 26)
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, boulhead, yellow perch or crappie.

ANTELOPE CREEK, WEST - GUNNISON
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

ANTERO RESERVOIR - PARK (MAP, PAGE 29)
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.

ARAPAHOE CREEK - GRAND (MAP, PAGE 15)
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
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, LAKE (MAP, PAGE 11)
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE LAKE FORK OF THE ARKANSAS DOWNSTREAM TO PARKDALE AT THE HWY. 50 BRIDGE CROSSING ABOVE THE ROYAL GORGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 1, 12 inches long.

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.

ARKANSAS 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 17)
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE CONEJOS RIVER:
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 - 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 is 2.

BEAR CREEK - MONTEZUMA
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE 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 35)
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

BEAVER CREEK - GARFIELD (MAP, PAGE 19)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

BEAVER CREEK - GUNNISON
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 26)

BEAVER CREEK, WEST - GUNNISON
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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 larger than 26 inches.

BIG HOLE CREEK - EAGLE (MAP, PAGE 15)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

BIG LAKE - CONEJOS (MAP, PAGE 17)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

BIG THOMPSON PONDS - LARIMER
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in aggregate, 15 inches long.

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.
BLACK HOLLOW CREEK - LARIMER  
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.  

BLANCO RIVER - ARCHULETA  
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.

BLUE MESA RESERVOIR - GUNNISON  
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.  
2. No bag or possession limit for lake trout.  
3. Only 1 lake trout longer than 38 inches may be taken per day.  

BLUE RIVER - GRAND, SUMMIT (MAP, PAGE 12)  
GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM DILLON RESERVOIR DAM TO GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET  
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:  

BOBTAIL CREEK - GRAND (MAP, PAGE 15)  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE DENVER WATER BOARD DIVERSION:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

BOONNY RESERVOIR - YUMA  
NOTE: At publication, this reservoir is dry.  
1. No bag or possession limit for any game fish species.  
2. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

BOATLAKE 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 5TH STREET:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

BOYD LAKE - LARIMER  
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.  
2. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 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.
REGULATIONS

BRUSH CREEK - EAGLE (MAP, PAGE 14)
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 14)
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 19)
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 19)
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 35)
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.
4. Additional permit from city of Longmont required. Call (303) 651-8649 for details.

CABIN CREEK - GARFIELD (MAP, PAGE 32)
FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited.

CANYON CREEK - GARFIELD (MAP, PAGE 27)
FROM NORTH SIDE OF I-70 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:

CARNERO CREEK: MIDDLE, NORTH AND SOUTH - SAGUACHE (MAP, PAGE 26)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CARTER CREEK - GRAND (MAP, PAGE 15)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CARTER LAKE - LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag, max. size for walleye is 3, 21 inches long.
3. Possession limit for walleye is 5.
4. It is unlawful to possess filleted or cleaned fish in boat on lake.

CASCADE CREEK - CONEJOS (MAP, PAGE 17)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CASCADE CREEK - HUERFANO
FROM THE 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 17)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CAT CREEK, NORTH AND SOUTH FORKS - RIO GRANDE (MAP, PAGE 17)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CATARACT CREEK - SUMMIT (MAP, PAGE 12)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

CHATFIELD RESERVOIR - DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON (MAP, PAGE 28)
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 feet of dam or walleye spawning nets March 15-April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are completed.

CHEESMAN RESERVOIR - DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON (MAP, PAGE 28)
2. Fishing prohibited one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
3. Fishing prohibited on dam and around reservoir as posted.
4. Ice fishing prohibited.

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR - ARAPAHOE
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 complete.

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

CIMARRON RIVER - MONTROSE

CLEAR CREEK - CHAFFEE (MAP, PAGE 11)
FROM THE GAUGING STATION (APPROXIMATELY 0.5 OF A 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 - ADAMS
1. Fishing prohibited except for youths in CPW angler education activities.

CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR - CHAFFEE (MAP, PAGE 11)

CLEAR LAKE - JACKSON
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

CLINE RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREA - PARK
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
CLINTON RESERVOIR - SUMMIT (MAP, PAGE 12)
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

COCHETOPA CREEK - SAGUACHE
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 15, 19, 27)
GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRASER RIVER TO TROUBLESOME 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.

FROM CONFLUENCE WITH TROUBLESOME CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO I-70 EXIT 90 BRIDGE AT RIFLE (EXCLUDING 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM OF CONFLUENCES WITH CANYON, GRIZZLY AND NO NAME CREEKS):
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

CONNECTED LAKE - MESA (MAP, PAGE 19)
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 24)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
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
- Shadow Mountain Reservoir: Portable ice fishing shelters only
- Williams Fork Reservoir: Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Dec. 31; Northern pike from 26 - 34 inches must be released; Use of spearfishing, archery and gills prohibited for lake of northern pike; 8 lake trout limit; Only 1 lake trout greater than 30 inches; Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15 - Nov. 30 from inlet basin to Grand Co. Rd. 330 bridge (Williams Fork Bridge Rd.)
- Willow Creek Reservoir: Portable ice fishing shelters only

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- A: Flyfishing only; All cutthroat must be released
- B: Flyfishing only; All rainbow trout must be released
- C: 2 trout limit
- D: Flyfishing only; All trout must be released
- E: Flyfishing only; 2 trout limit
- F: Snagging prohibited. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
- G: Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15 - Nov. 30; Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Sept. 14 and Dec. 1 - Dec. 31; Northern pike from 26 - 34 inches must be released
- H: Flyfishing only; All trout must be released; *Non-native fish regulation
- I: 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, bulhead, yellow perch or crappie
Gold Medal Water - Colorado River from Fraser River confluence to Troublesome Creek confluence
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 CUTTHROAT 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.

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 12)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

COTTONWOOD CREEK, LITTLE - MOFFAT (MAP, PAGE 35)
FROM FREEMAN RESERVOIR UPSTREAM FOR 0.25 MILE:

CRAWFORD RESERVOIR - DELTA
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 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:
1. Fishing prohibited in spillway, stilling basin and outlet canal.

CROSHO RESERVOIR - RIO BLANCO (MAP, PAGE 35)
1. Bag, possession and min. size for grayling is 2,16 inches long.

CRYSTAL LAKE - LAKE (MAP, PAGE 11)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

CRYSTAL RESERVOIR - MONTROSE

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

CUMINGHAM 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 - ROUTT
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.

DEER BEAVER CREEK - SAGUACHE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to the 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 12)
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.

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

DOTY 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 19)*
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 18 inches long.

EAGLE RIVER - EAGLE *(MAP, PAGE 14)*
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
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:

ECO 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 29)*
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4. Only 2 may be longer than 16 inches.

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

ELK RIVER - ROUTT *(MAP, PAGE 35)*
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

ELK RIVER (NORTH, SOUTH, AND MIDDLE FORKS) - ROUTT *(MAP, PAGE 35)*
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

ELKHEAD RESERVOIR - MOFFAT, ROUTT *(MAP, PAGE 35)*
1. Bag and possession limit for crappie is 10.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.
3. Only 2 bass in aggregate can be longer than 15 inches.

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.

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

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

FAIRGROUNDS LAKE - BOULDER
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.

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 32)*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FISH CREEK - ROUTT *(MAP, PAGE 35)*
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

FLORIDA 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.

FORT MORGAN PONDS - MORGAN
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

FOURMILE CREEK - GARFIELD *(MAP, PAGE 27)*
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

FRANK EASEMENT PONDS (NORTH AND SOUTH) - WELD
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

FRASER CREEK - GARFIELD *(MAP, PAGE 32)*
FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited.

FRASER RIVER - GRAND *(MAP, PAGE 15)*
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.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH ST. LOUIS CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLORADO RIVER:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FREEMAN RESERVOIR - MOFFAT *(MAP, PAGE 35)*
WITHIN 50 YARDS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE INLET AND UPSTREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE:

FRENCH GULCH - SUMMIT *(MAP, PAGE 12)*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FREY GULCH - SUMMIT *(MAP, PAGE 12)*
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.

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**EATING YOUR CATCH? CHECK ONLINE HEALTH ADVISORIES**

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, test fish throughout the state for the presence of certain contaminants (such as mercury, arsenic and selenium) that may be present in some fish. Mercury in fish does not affect water quality. Lake recreation and the consumption of your city’s drinking water are both safe activities.

Current advisories are online at: [www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/FishCon/index.html](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/FishCon/index.html)
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Bull Basin Res. #1, Bull Creek Res. #1 & #2, and connecting channels - Flyfishing only; 2 trout limit, minimum 10 inches
Connected & Duke Lakes - 2 largemouth bass limit; minimum 18 inches
Griffith Reservoir - Flyfishing only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
Hallerbeck Reservoir - Flyfishing 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
Harvey Gap Reservoir - Minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches; 2 channel catfish limit; Use of spearguns, archery and gibs for the taio of northern pike is prohibited
Highline Reservoir - Largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches
Jerry Creek Reservoir #1 & #2 - Flyfishing only, Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; All fish must be released; Catfish limits with chest-high waders permitted
Junata Reservoir - Flyfishing 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
Kitson Reservoir - 2 graveling limit, minimum 16 inches
Mack Mesa Reservoir - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches
Rifle Gap Reservoir - 2 smallmouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches; All smallmouth bass must be released May 1 - June 15; 1 walleye limit, minimum 18 inches; 20 yellow perch limit
Silver Lake - Flyfishing only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
Younes Creek Reservoirs #1, #2, and #3 - Flyfishing only; All cutthroat must be released

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
A. Flyfishing only; All cutthroat must be released
B. No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, burbot, yellow perch or crappie
C. 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, burbot, yellow perch or crappie
D. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - last day of Feb.

For Colorado River Regulations above Rifle please see Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork River Maps.
FRYINGPAN RIVER - EAGLE, PITKin
(MAP, PAGE 27)
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 24)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

GOLDEN PARK PONDS NO. 1, 2, 3, AND 4 -
BOULDER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

ON GOLDEN PARK PONDS NO. 1 AND NO. 2:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

GORE CREEK - EAGLE (MAP, PAGE 14)
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 15)
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.

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 15)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR - SUMMIT
(MAP, PAGE 12)
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 8.

GREENT 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.

GRIFFITH RESERVOIR - MESA
(MAP, PAGE 19)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

GRIMES CREEK - LA PLATA
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO
THE STANDING WATER LINE OF VALLECITO
RESERVOIR:
1. All kokanee must be returned to water from Sept. 1-Nov. 14.

GRIZZLY CREEK - GARFIELD
(MAP, PAGE 27)
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO
RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

GROSS RESERVOIR - BOULDER
1. Fishing prohibited from 9 p.m.-4 a.m. or as posted at main entrance.

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, MONTROSE
GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM 200 YARDS
DOWNSTREAM OF THE CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO NORTH FORK.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE EAST AND
TAYLOR RIVERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE U.S. 50
BRIDGE:
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 BLUE MESA RESERVOIR, INCLUDING ALL TRIBUTARY CANALS
AND DIVERSIONS:

FROM BLUE MESA DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR
225 YARDS:
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM THE CLOSURE SIGNS BELOW BLUE
MESA DAM DOWNSTREAM TO MORROW
POINT RESERVOIR DAM:

FROM MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM
DOWNSTREAM FOR 130 YARDS:
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

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

FROM CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM DOWN-
STREAM FOR 200 YARDS:
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.

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 BOUND-
ARY BELOW “THE GATE” CAMPGROUND:
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:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
FISHING FOR KOKANEE

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

GYP SUM PONDS STATE WILDLIFE AREA - EAGLE (MAP, PAGE 14)
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

H AHN CREEK - RIO BLANCO (MAP, PAGE 32)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

H ALENBECK (PURDY MESA) RESERVOIR - MESA (MAP, PAGE 19)
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 water immediately. No more than 2 largemouth bass in any bag and possession limit can be longer than 15 inches.

H A M I L T O N CREEK - GRAND (MAP, PAGE 15)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

H A N G I N G LAKE - GARFIELD (MAP, PAGE 27)
1. Fishing prohibited.

H A R V E Y GAP RESERVOIR - GARFIELD (MAPS, PAGES 19, 27)
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag and possession limit for channel catfish is 2.
3. Use of spearfishing, archery, gigs for take of all fish other than walleye is prohibited.

H AT CREEK - EAGLE (MAP, PAGE 14)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

H A X TUN CITY LAKE (GUN CLUB LAKE) - PHILLIPS
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

H A Y DEN CREEK, SOUTH PRONG - FREMONT FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH HAYDEN CREEK:
1. Fishing prohibited.

H E A D A C H E CREEK - ARCHULETA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

H E B E R T O N CREEK - GARFIELD (MAP, PAGE 32)
FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited.

H E N R Y RESERVOIR - CROWLEY
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

H E R M OSA 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.

H E R M OSA CREEK, EAST FORK - LA PLATA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

H I D D E N L A K E S - LAKE (MAP, PAGE 11)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

H I G H L I N E RESERVOIR - MESA (MAP, PAGE 19)
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.

H I M E S CREEK - MINERAL
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

H I N E LAKE - JEFFERSON
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 18 inches long.

H O H N H O L Z LAKE NO. 3 - LARIMER
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4.

H O L Y O K E C I T Y LAKE (LIONS CLUB FISHING HOLE) - PHILLIPS
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

H O M E S T A K E CONVEYANCE CHANNEL (SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET DITCH) - PARK (MAP, PAGE 29)
1. Fishing prohibited.

H O R S E CREEK RESERVOIR (TIMBER LAKE) - BENT, OTERO

NOTE: At publication, this reservoir is dry.
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.

H O R S E T O O TH R E S E R V O I R - L A R I M E R
1. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.
2. Fishing prohibited in inlet area as posted March 15-May 31.

H O T E L D R A W - S A N J U A N
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

H U E R F A N O RIVER - H U E R F A N O
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

H U N T L A K E - C H A F F E E
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

I L L I N O I S RIVER - J ACKSON
WITHIN DIAMOND J STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

J A C K S O N L A K E (RESERVOIR) - M O R G A N
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.

IN THE PORTION OF THE LAKE IN JACKSON LAKE STATE PARK NORTH OF THE BOAT RAMP:
1. Fishing prohibited Nov. 1-last day of regular waterfowl season.

J A Y H A W K E R PONDS - L A R I M E R
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 5.

J E R R Y CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1 AND 2 - MESA (MAP, PAGE 19)
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.
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(MAP, PAGE 17)

JIM CREEK - CONEJOS 1. Artificial flies and lures only. 2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

JOE WRIGHT CREEK - LARIMER 1. Artificial flies and lures only. 2. Fishing prohibited Jan. 1-July 31.

JOE WRIGHT RESERVOIR - LARIMER 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

JOHN MARTIN RESERVOIR - BENT 1. Trotlines and jugs permitted. 2. Bag and min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.

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 19-64 must have annual Jumbo Res./Prewitt Res. access permit, unless you have a valid and current Colorado hunting or fishing license. Permits are $36, available on the CPW website or at license agents.

JUNIATA RESERVOIR - MESA 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 longer than 15 inches.

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

KITSON RESERVOIR - MESA 1. Bag, possession and min. size for grayling is 2, 16 inches long.

KOA LAKE - BOULDER 1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

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, blue-gill, 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: 1. Fishing prohibited Jan. 1-July 15.

LAKE DOROTHEY - LAS ANIMAS WITHIN LAKE DOROTHEY STATE WILDLIFE AREA, INCLUDING SCHWACHHEIM CREEK AND ALL OTHER DRAINAGES INTO THE LAKE: 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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LAKE FORK CREEK - LAKE 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 1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable. 2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4. 3. Gaffs and tail snare prohibited. 4. Jan. 1-Aug. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee is 4, singly or in aggregate. 5. Sept. 1- Dec. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) is 4, singly or in aggregate.

LAKE JOHN - JACKSON 1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4.

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

LESTER CREEK - ROUTT 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. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in aggregate, 18 inches long.

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

LONE TREE RESERVOIR - LARIMER 1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long. 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.

LONG DRAW RESERVOIR - LARIMER 1. Artificial flies and lures only. 2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

LOS PINOS CREEK - SAGUACHE 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, blue-gill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

LOST TRAIL CREEK - GUNNISON (MAP, PAGE 27)
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 19)
1. Bag, possession and min. size for large-mouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.

MAD CREEK - ROUTT (MAP, PAGE 35)
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, blue-gill, 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 24)
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH POURDRE RIVER:
1. Fishing prohibited.

McCALL LAKE - BOULDER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

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, blue-gill, 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.

MEADOW CREEK - EAGLE (MAP, PAGE 14)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MEADOW CREEK, EAST - EAGLE (MAP, PAGE 14)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

MEDANO CREEK, LITTLE - SAGUACHA
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 26)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MITCHELL CREEK - GARFIELD (MAP, PAGE 27) 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 35)
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

MORROW POINT RESERVOIR - GUNNISON, MONTROSE

MOUNT ELBERT FOREBAY RESERVOIR - LAKE (MAP, PAGE 11)
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 1. Lake trout 22-34 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

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

MUDDY CREEK, LITTLE - GRAND (MAP, PAGE 15)
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**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**NATIVE LAKE - LAKE (MAP, PAGE 11)**  
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.  
AT THE NAVAJO STATE PARK BOAT RAMP AND MOORING COVE ONLY:  

**NAVAJO RIVER - ARCHULETA, CONJEOS**  
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.  
2. Bag and min. size for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

**NEE NOSHE RESERVOIR - KIOWA**  
**NOTE:** At publication, this reservoir is dry.  
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.  
2. Bag and min. size for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

**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 27)**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**NO NAME CREEK - GARFIELD (MAP, PAGE 27)**  
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:  

**NOLAN CREEK - EAGLE (MAP, PAGE 14)**  
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.

**NORTH 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.

**FROM THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE ROUTT NATIONAL FOREST DOWNSTREAM TO WYOMING (NORTHGATE CANYON):**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**NORTH 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.

**NORTH STERLING RESERVOIR - LOGAN**  
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.  
2. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.  
3. Min. size for wipers is 15 inches long. Only 1 can be larger than 25 inches.  
4. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.  
5. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

**NORTH TAYLOR CREEK - CUSTER**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**NORTHWATER CREEK - GARFIELD (MAP, PAGE 19)**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**OSIER CREEK - CONJEOS (MAP, PAGE 17)**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**OVERLAND TRAIL POND - LOGAN**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

**PAONIA RESERVOIR - GUNNISON**  
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 19)**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**PASSENGER CREEK, EAST FORK - MINERAL, HINSDALE**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Fishing prohibited as posted.

**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 15)**  
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 and possession limit for trout is 2, 18 inches long.

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

**PENNOCK CREEK - LARIMER (MAP, PAGE 24)**  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE INTERSECTION WITH USFS TRAIL #928 (SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TRAIL):  
1. Fishing prohibited.

**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.

**FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE 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.

**PIONEER CREEK, EAST FORK - MINERAL, HINSDALE**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
PIKES 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.

PIKES PEAK SOUTH SLOPE RECREATION AREA - EL PASO, TELLER
NOTE: As of April 1, 2014, these waters are closed. Please contact the Colorado Springs CPW office for updates on when they may open, (719) 227-5200.

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. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

POAGE LAKE - RIO GRANDE (MAP, PAGE 26)
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 35)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

PORCUPINE LAKE - ROUTT (MAP, PAGE 35)
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, NORTH FORK - LARIMER (MAP, PAGE 24)
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH BULL CREEK (ABOVE HAL-LIGAN RESERVOIR):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM MILL SEAMAN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE POUDRE RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

POUDRE RIVER, SOUTH FORK - LARIMER (MAP, PAGE 24)
FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH BLACK HOLLOW CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM WEST BOUNDARY OF THE HOMBRE RANCH (BELOW RUSTIC) DOWNSTREAM TO THE PINGREE PARK ROAD/BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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. Visitors ages 19-64 must have annual Jumbo Res./Prewitt Res. access permit, unless you have a valid and current Colorado hunting or fishing license. Permits are $36, available on the CPW website or at license agents.

**PRONGER POND - LOGAN**
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

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

**BASS 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 filleted or cleaned fish in boat on lake.

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

**QUEENS RESERVOIR, NORTH AND SOUTH - KIOWA**
**NOTE:** At publication, these reservoirs are dry.
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

**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. Min. size for tiger muskie is 40 inches long.
5. 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 15)*
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 17)*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
RIDGWAY RESERVOIR - OURAY
2. No bag, possession limit for smallmouth bass.

RIFLE GAP RESERVOIR - GARFIELD
(MAPS, PAGES 19, 27)
1. Bag, possession and min. size for walleye is 1, 18 inches long.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for smallmouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.
3. Bag, possession limit for yellow perch is 20.
4. Smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately May 1-June 15.

RIO BLANCO LAKE - RIO BLANCO
(MAP, PAGE 33)
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Only 1 northern pike longer than 34 inches may be taken per day.

RIO DE LOS PINOS - CONEJOS
(MAP, PAGE 17)
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 26)
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.

FROM COLO. 149 BRIDGE AT SOUTH FORK DOWNSTREAM TO THE RIO GRANDE CANAL DIVERSION STRUCTURE:
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.

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

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

ROARING CREEK - LARIMER
(MAP, PAGE 24)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

ROARING FORK CREEK - GRAND
(MAP, PAGE 15)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

ROARING FORK RIVER - PITKIN, GARFIELD
(MAP, PAGE 27)
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 11)
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.

ROCKY FORK CREEK • PITKIN (MAP, PAGE 27)
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 • CONEJOS (MAP, PAGE 17)
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 26)
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CALIFORNIA GULCH:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

SAGUACHE CREEK, SOUTH FORK • SAGUACHE (MAP, PAGE 26)
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE MIDDLE FORK OF SAGUACHE CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

SAGUACHE CREEK, SOUTH FORK • SAGUACHE (MAP, PAGE 26)
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF SAGUACHE CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

SAINT VRAIN CREEK (NORTH) • BOULDER
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH HORSE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE INLET OF BUTTON ROCK RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

SAINT 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. Bag, possession and min. size for bass is 1 in aggregate, 21 inches long.

SAN FRANCISCO CREEK (MIDDLE AND WEST FORKS) AND WEST SAN FRANCISCO LAKE • RIO GRANDE (MAP, PAGE 26)
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 NAVAJO RESERVOIR:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, blue-gill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

SAN MIGUEL RIVER • MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL
FROM THE COLO. 90 BRIDGE AT PINON DOWNSTREAM TO NAVAJOS SPRINGS:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, blue-gill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

SAN MIGUEL RIVER • MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE MIDDLE FORK OF SAGUACHE CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

SANCHEZ RESERVOIR • COSTILLA
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 35)
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

SAWHILL PONDS • BOULDER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

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

SEVERY CREEK • EL PASO
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Fishing prohibited.

SHADOW MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR • GRAND (MAP, PAGE 15)
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

SHADOW MOUNTAIN SPILLWAY • GRAND (MAP, PAGE 15)
FROM SHADOW MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE GRANBY INCLUDING COLUMBINE BAY TO THE TWIN CREEK INLET:
2. Snagging prohibited.

SHEEP CREEK • CONEJOS (MAP, PAGE 17)
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONEJOS RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

SHEEP CREEK • LARIMER (MAP, PAGE 24)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SHEEP CREEK, EAST AND WEST FORKS • LARIMER (MAP, PAGE 24)
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 19)
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.
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2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Soda Creek - Routt** *(Map, Page 35)*
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 28-29)*
From the confluence of the middle and south forks downstream to the confluence with the existing channel:
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 Wig-Wam Club:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

From the north boundary of the Wig-Wam Club downstream to Scrappy 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.

From Chatfield dam downstream to C-470:
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.

**South Platte River, Middle Fork - Park** *(Map, Page 29)*
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.

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 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 29)*
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.

**Spruce Creek No. 1 - Grand** *(Map, Page 12)*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Spruce Creek No. 3 - Summit** *(Map, Page 12)*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Stagecoach Reservoir - Routt** *(Map, Page 35)*
1. No bag or possession limit for walleye.

**Stalker 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 15)*
From headwaters downstream to the Denver Water Board diversion:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Steuben Creek, West Fork - Gunnison**
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 11)*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Swan River - Summit** *(Map, Page 12)*
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 12)*
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 14)*
In inlet and upstream for 0.5 of a mile:
1. Fishing prohibited Sept. 1-Nov. 30.

**Tamarack Ranch Pond - Logan**
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

**Taylor Creek, Little - Montezuma**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Taylor Park Reservoir - Gunnison**
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
FROM THE TOP OF TAYLOR DAM AND FROM THE DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 325 YARDS:
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

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

TELLER LAKE - BOULDER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

TERROR CREEK, EAST FORK - DELTA
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.

THREE LAKES (LOWEST AND MIDDLE LAKES) - LAKE (MAP, PAGE 11)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

THREE LICKS CREEK - EAGLE (MAP, PAGE 15)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

THREE MILE CREEK - GARFIELD (MAP, PAGE 27)
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

THURSTON RESERVOIR - PROWERS
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

TIMBERLINE LAKE - LAKE (MAP, PAGE 11)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

TORSIDO CREEK - CONEJOS (MAP, PAGE 17)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TOTTEN RESERVOIR - MONTEZUMA
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

TRAPPE LAKE - GARFIELD (MAP, PAGE 19)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TRAPPERS LAKE - GARFIELD (MAP, PAGE 32)
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 35)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
3. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
4. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

TURQUOISE RESERVOIR - LAKE (MAP, PAGE 11)
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 11)
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 1. 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.

UNCOMPAHGRE RIVER - OURAY
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 crappie is 10 inches long.
2. Min. size for wipers is 15 inches long.

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

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

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

VASQUEZ CREEK, LITTLE - GRAND (MAP, PAGE 15)
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 15)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

VAUGHN RESERVOIR - RIO BLANCO (MAP, PAGE 35)
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.

VIRGINIA LAKE - LAKE (MAP, PAGE 11)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

WACKER PONDS - MORGAN
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

WAHATOYA STATE WILDLIFE AREA - HUERFANO
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

WALDEN PONDS (EXCEPT WALLY TOEVS POND) - 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.

WALKER STATE WILDLIFE AREA - MESA (MAP, PAGE 19)
1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1-last day of Feb.
WALTON CREEK - ROUTT (MAP, PAGE 35)
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

WANEKA LAKE - BOULDER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

WASHINGTON PARK (LILY POND) - DENVER
1. Fishing open only to youths 15 or younger.

WATSON LAKE - LARIMER (MAP, PAGE 24)
1. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.

WEST CREEK - MESA
FROM THE COLO. 141 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM 5 MILES TO THE CONFLUENCE OF UTE CREEK:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

WEST CROSS CREEK - EAGLE (MAP, PAGE 14)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WHITE RIVER - RIO BLANCO (MAPS, PAGES 32, 33)
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

ON THE SLEEPY CAT EASEMENT, WAKARA LEASE, AND MEEKER PASTURE STATE WILDLIFE AREA EAST OF MEEKER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH FORKS OF THE WHITE RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO KENNEY RESERVOIR:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, blue-gill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

FROM TAYLOR DRAW DAM DOWNSTREAM 400 YARDS:
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM 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, blue-gill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

WHITE RIVER, NORTH FORK - RIO BLANCO (MAP, PAGE 32)
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF THE WHITE RIVER:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

WHITE RIVER, SOUTH FORK - RIO BLANCO (MAP, PAGE 32)
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH THE NORTH FORK OF THE WHITE RIVER:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

WILLIAMS FORK RESERVOIR - GRAND (MAP, PAGE 15)
1. Northern pike 26-34 inches must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Use of spearfishing, archery and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited.
3. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 8. Only 1 may be longer than 30 inches.

FROM THE BUOY LINE AT THE WILLIAMS FORK RIVER INLET UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST GRAND CR BRIDGE:
1. Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15-Nov. 30.

WILLIAMS GULCH - LARIMER (MAP, PAGE 24)
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE Poudre River:
1. Fishing prohibited.

WILLOW CREEK (LITTLE SNAKE DRAINAGE) - MOFFAT
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WILLOW CREEK RESERVOIR - GRAND (MAP, PAGE 15)
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

WINDSOR RESERVOIR - WELD
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

WOLF CREEK - CONJOS (MAP, PAGE 17)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WOLFORD MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR - GRAND (MAP, PAGE 15)
1. Access, including for fishing, prohibited within 150 ft. of any kokanee spawning trap or wing net from Oct. 1-Dec. 1.

WOODS LAKE STATE WILDLIFE AREA - SAN MIGUEL
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

WRIGHTS LAKE - CHAFFEE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

YAMPA RIVER - ROUTT, MOFFAT (MAP, PAGE 35)
FROM THE HEADWATERS TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH TROUT CREEK (INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES):
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

FROM STAGECOACH DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 0.6 OF A MILE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM STAGECOACH DAM DOWNSTREAM TO CATAMOUNT LAKE:
1. Spawning areas (redds) closed to fishing as posted.

FROM 0.6 OF A MILE BELOW STAGECOACH DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH WALTON CREEK, EXCLUDING CATAMOUNT LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH WALTON 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.

FROM THE JAMES BROWN (SOUL CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE BRIDGE) DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLO. 394 BRIDGE NEAR CRAIG:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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, blue-gill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

YOUNGS CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1, 2 AND 3 - DELTA (MAP, PAGE 19)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

YUMA CITY LAKE - YUMA
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

ZIMMERMAN LAKE - LARIMER (MAP, PAGE 24)
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

- Flyfishing only; all trout must be released; spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation

- *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation

- Flyfishing only; 2 trout limit; spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation

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- *Non-native fish regulation

- Flyfishing only; all cutthroat must be released

- Fishing prohibited Jan. 1-July 31

- Flyfishing only; all cutthroat must be released; *Whitefish regulation

- Flyfishing 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, walleyes, 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

- Elkhorn Reservoir - Only 2 bass in aggregate greater than 15 inches; 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 down outlet) - Flyfishing only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches

- Porcupine Lake - Flyfishing only; all cutthroat must be released

- Stagecoach Reservoir - No bag and possession limit for walleye

- Vaughn Reservoir - 2 cutthroat limit
**KNOW YOUR COLORADO FISH**

**IDENTIFICATION TIPS FOR COMMON GAME SPECIES**

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More species identification information: cpw.state.co.us/fish/identification

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**TROUT FAMILY**

**RAINBOW TROUT**
- Black spots on a light body and red stripe along sides

**BROWN TROUT**
- Spotting pattern is made up of black spots and red-orange spots inside light blue circles

**CUTTHROAT (NATIVE) TROUT**
- Crimson slash on either side of the throat beneath the lower jaw; heavier spotting towards the tail.

**LAKE TROUT** (Mackinaw)
- Has a white, irregular spot pattern on dark body; veriform markings over back and head. Unlike other trout, they have a deeply indented tail fin.

**TIGER TROUT**
- Cross between a brown trout and a brook trout. Pronounced stripes on body, resembling a tiger.

**BROOK TROUT**
- Pectoral, pelvic, and anal fins often orange, edged with black and white; body is dark with white and red spots inside blue circles

**TROUT FAMILY**

**BASS**

**SMALLMOUTH BASS**
- Upper jaw extends beyond eye and fish usually has vertical stripes along sides.

**LARGEMOUTH BASS**
- Upper jaw extends beyond eye and has horizontal stripe extending the length of body.

**PIKE**

**NORTHERN PIKE**
- Horizontal rows of light-colored round/oval spots, on dark background

**TIGER MUSKIE**
- Northern pike and muskie hybrid. Irregular dark colored vertical markings on a light background; long snout.

**SMALLMOUTH BASS**
- Upper jaw does not extend beyond eye and fish usually has vertical stripes along sides.

**WALLEYE**
- Two separate dorsal fins; large, well-developed canine teeth and large eyes with milky corneas, white-tipped tail.

**WIPER**
- Hybrid between white bass and striped bass.

**OTHER SPORTFISH**

**CHANNEL CATFISH**
- Barbels (whiskers); forked tail; sporadic black spotting.

**WALLEYE**
- Two separate dorsal fins; large, well-developed canine teeth and large eyes with milky corneas, white-tipped tail.

**SAUGEYE**
- Walleye-sauger hybrid with black mottling marks on body, black color between dorsal fins; tails do NOT have a white tip.

**YELLOW PERCH**
- Two separate dorsal fins, large, vertical dark stripes on yellow sides.
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**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.

**SPLAKE**
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**
Similar to bluegill, but with dark colors on top and lighter yellow-green on the belly; males have cherry-red opercle (ear flap), females have orange.

**BLUEGILL**
Opercle (ear flap) is dark to its edge and a dark blotch at the back of dorsal fin rays, small mouth.

**BLACK CRAPPIE**
Black splotches on a silver body, dorsal spines and rays get longer as they approach the tail.

**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.

**RAZORBACK SUCKER**
Bronze to yellow fish with a sharp-edge keel behind the head.

**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 6 for a full list of protected species to be released.

**HOW TO SAFELY REMOVE HOOKS**

Use a pair of forceps, long-nosed 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.

**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.

**KEEP FISH IN THE WATER** as much as possible.

**REMOVE THE HOOK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.** Single barbless hooks can often be removed while the fish is still in the water.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**WATCH ONLINE**

Watch an angler properly release a fish back into the water.

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