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COLORADO FISHING ATLAS

Get started on your next fishing adventure by using CPW’s interactive mapping tool! Find new fishing opportunities in the state by searching for species or proximity to your home. Click the map or link to go straight to the atlas:

cpw.state.co.us/fish/fishingatlas

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We’re looking for fishing photos! Email us pictures of you casting a line or with your catch for a chance to be featured in one of our brochures or online:
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2017 WHAT’S NEW

» WATER-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS ADDED... New regulations have been added for Herman Gulch in Clear Creek County and Rock Creek in Park County. See Special Regulations for Fishing Waters, pages 10–35.

The restocking of native greenback cutthroat trout into Herman Gulch and Rock Creek by CPW has been successful, aiding in the effort to reintroduce this native species to the Upper South Platte River Basin. Both waters will soon have established self-sustaining conservation populations.

Due to the low number of existing greenback cutthroat populations on the landscape, CPW wants the fish in Herman Gulch and Rock Creek to receive additional protection with catch-and-release and flies-and-lures-only regulations. See blue box on page 16 for more details about native cutthroat trout protection.

» GOLD MEDAL WATER ADDITIONS... Gold Medal waters for Blue River now go from Dillon Reservoir to Hamilton Creek Road bridge, as well as from Green Mountain Reservoir dam to Colorado River (see pages 8 and 12).

Gold Medal waters for Colorado River now go from Canyon Creek to Rock Creek, as well as from Fraser River to Troublesome Creek (see pages 8 and 14).

» NEW BOATING REGULATIONS TO HELP CONTAIN AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES... It is the responsibility of the vessel or other floating device operator to clean, drain water from all compartments and motors/engines in between launches and dry the vessel or other floating device in between launches.

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

» 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.

FISHING INFORMATION RESOURCES

» FISHING CONDITIONS

• cpw.state.co.us/FishingConditions

Fishing and stocking reports are generated weekly April 1–Oct. 31, and twice a month Nov. 1–March 31. Sign up to receive the reports at:

• cpw.state.co.us/SignUp/FishingReport

• cpw.state.co.us/FishStocking

» BOAT REGISTRATION

• cpw.state.co.us/BoatingRegistration

» REPORT OIL SPILLS

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

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 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.

Current advisories are online at: colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-fish-consumption

WHAT YOU NEED TO BUY A LICENSE

1. Current and valid photo ID

2. For residents, proof of residency (see page 5)

3. Habitat Stamp (see at left)

4. A Social Security number is required for new customers ages 16 and older (age 12 for a second-rod stamp)

Licenses are nontransferable. False statements made while buying a license render it void. Lost or destroyed licenses can be replaced by filling out an affidavit and paying a fee. See “License Requirements” on page 5.

SEASON DATES

Colorado waters are open to taking fish, amphibians and crustaceans day and night, year round, except if otherwise stated in the regulation section of this brochure. See pages 10–35.

FREE FISHING DAYS

Residents and nonresidents can fish without a license or Habitat Stamp on June 3–4, 2017. All other rules and regulations apply.
**How to Get Started Fishing**

**Gear, Knots, Tips for Beginners of All Ages**

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.

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<tr>
<th>Trout</th>
<th>Catfish</th>
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<th>Sunfish &amp; Crappie</th>
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### 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.

1. Thread the line through eye of the hook. Double back and make five or more turns around the line.
2. Bring the end of line back through the first loop formed behind the eye. Then go through the big loop.
3. 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

Special fishing regulations also included.

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**5 Easy Steps to Add Your Email Address:**

1. Log on to the CPW licensing system: co.wildlifelicense.com
2. Click “Start Now”
3. Enter your account information
4. Verify your contact information and add your email address
5. Click “Update Address Only”

The CPW Call Center can also assist you: 303-291-7192

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Are you catching our emails?

If not, you’re missing out on fishing conditions, tips, news and upcoming events, as well as regulation updates.
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,” pages 10–35, for the area you plan to fish to learn more about specific waters. If a water is not on the list or no bag limit is specified, these statewide limits apply.

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

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

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.

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.

TROUT, ARCTIC CHAR, GRAYLING, SALMON
(except kokanee)

- 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.

DAILY BAG LIMIT

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<th>Type of fish</th>
<th>Daily bag limit</th>
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<td>Trout include brook, brown, cutbow, cutthroat, golden, lake, rainbow, splake and tiger trout</td>
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<td>BROOK TROUT</td>
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<td>8 inches long or less (in addition to trout limit above)</td>
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<td>KOKANEE SALMON</td>
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<td>Angling, snagging or archery</td>
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<td>WALLEYE, SAUGEYE, SAUGER</td>
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<td>Statewide, in aggregate*</td>
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<td>On Arkansas and South Fork of Republican River drainages, in aggregate*</td>
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<td>BASS: LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, SPOTTED 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, PUMPKINSEED SUNFISH in aggregate*</td>
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<td>At least 36 inches long</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.
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## STATE RECORDS PROGRAM

Colorado’s original fishing record program, records by weight are tracked in 45 different species. Potential record holders must have a valid Colorado fishing license or be younger than 16.

The fish must be weighed on a state-certified scale and a weight receipt must be signed by a person who witnessed the weighing. The fish, not frozen, gutted or altered in any way, must be examined and identified by a CPW biologist or wildlife manager, who will submit an application to the Sportfish Program Manager in Denver.

Records for the longest and heaviest fish caught can change any time. Current statistics can be found on the CPW website at [cpw.state.co.us/fish/records](http://cpw.state.co.us/fish/records).

An award program is also offered for catch-and-release anglers. Go to: [cpw.state.co.us/fish/lengthrecords](http://cpw.state.co.us/fish/lengthrecords).

## MEASURE YOUR CATCH

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

## AWARD-QUALIFYING LENGTHS FOR CATCH & RELEASE

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HELP IMPROVE YOUR FISHERIES

SOME FISH SPECIES ARE GOOD WHERE THEY BELONG, BUT IN THE WRONG BODY OF WATER THEY CAN RUIN A FISHERY:

- 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.
- In the wrong place, some fish species change the whole ecology of the system, reducing the quality of fishing overall, and interfering with fishery management.
- Unlimited bag and possession limits are often established to aid in the management of species that were illegally stocked or are not desired.
- On waters that have no bag and possession limits on certain species, you are encouraged to keep those fish.

HERE ARE SOME WATERS WHERE YOU CAN KEEP ALL YOU CATCH OF CERTAIN SPECIES. THESE FISH ARE NUTRITIOUS AND DELICIOUS!

- Crawford Reservoir: northern pike
- Elkhead Reservoir: northern pike and smallmouth bass
- Harvey Gap Reservoir: northern pike and smallmouth bass
- Juniata Reservoir: smallmouth bass
- Ridgeway Reservoir: smallmouth bass
- Rifle Gap Reservoir: northern pike and smallmouth bass
- Stagecoach Reservoir: northern pike and walleye
- Wolford Mountain Reservoir: northern pike
- Many other rivers and lakes on the west slope have no bag and possession limits for certain species. Check the Special Regulations on pages 10–35 of this brochure.
- Check online health advisories at: colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-fish-consumption

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO:

- Do not move fish from one body of water to another! Anyone caught moving fish illegally may be fined up to $5,000, can lose hunting and fishing privileges and may be held liable for the costs of eradication or removal. Collection and transportation of wild-caught live bait is restricted in most of the state. Know these rules and follow them if you use live bait.
- Report illegal stocking activity to Operation Game Thief:
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 habitat in Colorado. Unless authorized in writing by CPW for controlled and experimental purposes, it is illegal to export, import, transport, stock, sell or release: burbot, piranha, trahira, gar (all species), northern leopard frog, northern redbelly dace, plains leopard frog, plains topminnow, plains longnose darter, razorback sucker, Rio Grande chub, Rio Grande sucker, river shiner, roundtail chub, southern redbelly dace, stonecat, suckermouth minnow, wood frog and Woodhouse’s toad.

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 on 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 west of the Continental Divide above 7,000 feet elevation and all waters west of the Continental Divide, except in Navajo Reservoir; collection, use or possession of live fish for bait is also prohibited in the Arkansas River above Parkdale (in Fremont and Chaffee counties) and in Watson Lake in Larimer County.
   c. In Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers counties, live fish collected for personal use as bait may be transported, stored or used anywhere within these counties. Transportation to, or use of, any such baitfish in any other county is prohibited.
   d. The only fish allowed to be taken for commercial use are minnows, gizzard shad, white and longnose suckers and carp. All live aquatic organisms from a commercial source and transported by anglers must at all times be accompanied by a receipt from the source. It is illegal to import any live native or non-native aquatic wildlife into Colorado without authorization from CPW or as stated in regulations.
   e. The only species allowed to be taken and used for consumption or used as bait (either alive or dead) by fishing, seining, netting, trapping or dipping are minnows, bluegill, hybrid bluegill, carp, sunfish, gizzard shad, sculpin, white and longnose suckers, yellow perch and rainbow smelt. Statewide bag limits apply to sunfish, bluegill, hybrid bluegill and yellow perch.
   f. The seining, netting, trapping and dipping of fish is prohibited statewide in all natural streams, springs, all waters in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas,

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

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

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

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

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

10. EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF FISHING WATERS — Emergency closure of waters may be authorized for up to nine months when environmental conditions in these waters warrant and fishing would result in the loss of fish or in the increase 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. Fungi and other visible signs of deterioration may be present.
   d. Daily minimum dissolved oxygen levels are below five parts per million (ppm).
   e. When environmental events such as wildfires, mudslides, oil spills or similar events have occurred, resulting in the need for recovery time or remedial action for a fish population.

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

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

13. FISHING CONTESTS — Fishing contests cannot be advertised, promoted or conducted without CPW approval if the purpose is to take marked or tagged fish released in waters open to public fishing. Applications and a $40 nonrefundable fee must be made 60 days before the contest. Written approval must be obtained from landowners or agencies before applying. Contests are not permitted on streams, rivers, other flowing water or Gold Medal Waters, or commercial or private lakes licensed by CPW. All standard fishing regulations apply.

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

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

GAME FISH
means all species of fish except unregulated species, prohibited 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; cutbow (rainbow/cutthroat hybrids), splake (lake trout/brook trout hybrids) and tiger trout (brown/brook trout hybrids); Arctic char; grayling; kokanee salmon; whitefish; sculpin; smallmouth, largemouth, spotted, striped and white bass; wipers (striped bass/white bass hybrids); carp; bullhead, blue, channel and flathead catfish; black and white crappie; drum; northern pike; tiger muskie; Sacramento and yellow perch; saugeye; saugeye (walleye/sauger hybrids); speckled dace; rainbow smelt; tench; walleye; bluegill; bluegill hybrids (bluegill/green sunfish); green, redeared and pumpkinseed sunfish; gizzard shad; longnose and white suckers; and minnows.

GIG
is a barbed fork with one or more points 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.

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

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.

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

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

4. UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING, ARCHERY AND GIGS
   Bow anglers are advised to reference the current State Recreation Lands brochure for more regulations on waters that allow archery fishing.
   a. Underwater spearfishing, archery 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 snagging. 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.
   d. 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
   a. 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. Traps must be tagged with the user’s CID number or name when CID is unavailable.

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

10. BAIT
    may be used where permitted as fishing aid, except by chumming.
FISHERY PROGRAMS

STREAM SURVEYS HELP BIOLOGISTS MANAGE FISHING

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is the state agency responsible for fisheries management of public waters in Colorado. The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake and stream survey. These surveys periodically monitor fish populations. During the process, fish are collected using a variety of gear and the necessary biological data is recorded. This gauges the entire fish community rather than a single species. The collected data is used to track fish population trends, evaluate the effectiveness of management actions such as stocking and regulations, and establish realistic management goals for a given lake or stream. The fisheries section of CPW conducts hundreds of lake and stream surveys each year. High-priority and brood waters such as Chatfield, Pueblo and 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.

GOLD MEDAL WATERS

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

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

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

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

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

GOLD MEDAL STREAMS

ANIMAS RIVER: From Lightner Creek to Rivera Crossing bridge.

ARKANSAS RIVER: From the confluence with the Lake Fork of the Arkansas, near Leadville, downstream to Parkdale at the Hwy. 50 bridge crossing above the Royal Gorge.

NEW! BLUE RIVER: From Dillon Reservoir dam to Hamilton Creek Road bridge; also from Green Mountain Reservoir dam to Colorado River.

NEW! COLORADO RIVER: From Fraser River to Troublesome Creek, and from Canyon Creek to Rock 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).

ROARING FORK RIVER: From Fryingpan River to the Colorado River.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER:

» From the confluence of the middle and south forks to Spinney Mountain Reservoir inlet
» From Spinney Mountain Reservoir outlet to Eleven Mile Reservoir inlet
» From Cheesman Reservoir dam to the south boundary of the Wigwam Club property
» From the north boundary of Wigwam Club property to Scraggy View picnic ground
» Middle fork, from the Hwy. 9 bridge to the south fork confluence

GOLD MEDAL LAKES

NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE in Jackson County

SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR in Park County

STEAMBOAT LAKE in Routt County

MASTER ANGLER PROGRAM

The CPW Master Angler Award Program recognizes anglers who catch fish of trophy size and promote conservation. There are two categories: fish that are kept and fish released. Awards are based on fish length, so fish can be measured and released.

To promote responsible conservation of fishery resources, CPW will recognize qualifying length northern pike and smallmouth bass caught in waters west of the Continental Divide in the “Kept Fish” category only. Anglers who catch a fish of qualifying length receive a Master Angler certificate and patch. Those who achieve record status also receive a matching lapel pin. Anglers can win multiple certificates but only one patch per year.

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

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

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

WILD TROUT PROGRAM

CPW is responsible for the preservation and protection of native and non-native wild trout populations. Most mountain streams and some high lakes in Colorado support populations of wild trout. These resources are important to the integrity of Colorado’s trout fisheries; as an indicator of properly functioning aquatic ecosystems; and for their intrinsic value to those seeking a unique, aesthetic experience. These waters are to be managed to the extent possible to maintain these wild trout populations.

WILD TROUT & GOLD MEDAL WATERS POLICY

cpw.state.co.us/fish/goldmedalpolicy
**AQUATIC NUISIBLE 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, waders and equipment carefully and completely with high-pressure hot water (140 degrees F). Stop by the CPW office in Denver (6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216) Monday–Friday for a free professional ANS inspection or decontamination. Check the CPW website for hours of operation.
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.

**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.

**RUSTY CRAYFISH: AGGRESSIVE AND OPPORTUNISTIC**

Crayfish are not native to parts of Colorado, yet they have become established in many waters throughout the state. Rusty crayfish endanger aquatic native species and sportfish by:

- **PREYING** on all life stages of fish, amphibians and invertebrates and other species of crayfish
- **COMPETING** aggressively for habitat and food
- **DESTROYING** productive habitat in our streams, ponds and lakes

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

- Even though crayfish can be taken live east of the Continental Divide, it is recommended that tails of all crayfish be removed immediately and packed in ice for transport.
- Do not throw unused bait crayfish, or bait of any kind, back in the water alive.

**LIVE TRANSPORT PROHIBITED**

FROM WATERS WEST OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

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

AT SANCHEZ RESERVOIR SWA

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

**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

**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.

**MORE ON INVASIVE SPECIES:**

[cpw.state.co.us/Invasive-Species]
SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR FISHING WATERS

THE FOLLOWING WATERS AND CPW PROPERTIES HAVE MORE RESTRICTIVE FISHING REGULATIONS THAN STANDARD BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS, manner of take, fishing hours, etc.

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

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

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

ANTERO RESERVOIR - PARK
MAP: PAGE 29
NOTE: This reservoir remains closed until further notice. Please check CPW’s website for possible opening dates.
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

ANTERO RESERVOIR - PARK
MAP: PAGE 29
NOTE: This reservoir remains closed until further notice. Please check CPW’s website for possible opening dates.
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
2. Trout longer than 16 inches must be returned to water immediately.

APACHERO 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) - LAMAR
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

ARAPAHO 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, 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.

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 jug permits permitted.

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

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

ALBERTA PARK RESERVOIR - MINERAL
MAP: PAGE 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, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

ANTERO RESERVOIR - PARK
MAP: PAGE 29
NOTE: This reservoir remains closed until further notice. Please check CPW’s website for possible opening dates.
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout longer than 16 inches must be returned to water immediately.

APACHERO 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) - LAMAR
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

ARAPAHO 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.
FROM THE U.S. 24 RIVER OVERPASS DOWNSTREAM TO THE LOWER BOUNDARY OF THE HAYDEN RANCH, AS POSTED:

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.

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 jug permits permitted.

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

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

ALBERTA PARK RESERVOIR - MINERAL
MAP: PAGE 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.
**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 is 2.

**BEAR CREEK - EL PASO**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO GOLD CAMP ROAD:
1. Fishing prohibited.

**BEAR CREEK - JEFFERSON**

FROM THE BASE OF EVERGREEN LAKE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout (except rainbow and cutbow) is 2.
3. Rainbow trout and cutbow must be returned to water immediately.

**BEAR CREEK - MONTEZUMA**

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

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

**BEAR RIVER - GARFIELD, ROUTT**

MAP: PAGE 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**

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**BEAVER CREEK, WEST - GUNNISON**

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 RIVER - 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 longer 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 - SAN JUAN**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat 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**

MAP: PAGE 24
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**BLANCA WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA (BLM PONDS) - ALAMOSA**
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
**BLUE MESA RESERVOIR - GUNNISON**
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. No bag or possession limit for lake trout.
3. Only 1 lake trout longer than 32 inches may be taken per day.
5. Bag limit for kokanee is 5.
6. Possession limit for kokanee is 10.

**BLUE RIVER - GRAND, SUMMIT**

**GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM DILLON RESERVOIR DAM TO HAMILTON CREEK ROAD BRIDGE**

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

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

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

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

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

**BOBTAIL CREEK - GRAND**

**MAP: PAGE 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.

**BONNY RESERVOIR - YUMA**

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

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

**BOULDER CREEK - BOULDER**

FROM THE UPPER END OF EBEN FINE PARK (WITHIN BOULDER CITY LIMITS) DOWNSTREAM TO 55TH STREET:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

**BRUSH CREEK, 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.

**BLUE RIVER BASIN**

**Lake Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Clinton Reservoir - 2 trout limit
- Dillon Reservoir - 1 Arctic char limit, minimum 20 inches
- Green Mountain Reservoir - 8 lake trout limit; Kokanee snagging permitted from Sept. 1 - Dec. 31
- Old Dillon Reservoir - Fly/lure only; 1 golden trout limit, minimum 16 inches

**River Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Kokanee snagging permitted from Sept. 1 - Dec. 31

**Gold Medal Water** - From Dillon Reservoir Dam to Hamilton Creek Road bridge and from Green Mountain Reservoir Dam to the Colorado River
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.
3. Fishing prohibited Nov. 1–April 30.
4. Additional permit from city of Longmont required. Call 303-651-8649 for details.

CABIN CREEK - GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 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. Bag, max. size for walleye is 3, 21 inches long.
2. Possession limit for walleye is 5.
3. It is unlawful to possess filleted or cleaned fish in boat on lake.

CASCADE CREEK - CONEjos
MAP: PAGE 17
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

CAT CREEK, 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.

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

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

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

CHATFIELD RESERVOIR AND CHATFIELD STATE PARK - DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON
MAP: PAGE 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
1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1–April 30.
2. Fishing prohibited one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
3. Fishing prohibited on dam and around reservoir as posted.
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 (SANDOVAL POND) - 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
(see Tarryall Creek on page 31 for more information.)
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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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, AND FROM CANYON CREEK TO ROCK CREEK.

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

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

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE WILLIAMS FORK RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
2. Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Gold Medal Water
3. Artificial flies and lures only.

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

CONEJOS RIVER, LAKE FORK - CONEJOS
MAP: PAGE 17
FROM THE HEADWATERS INCLUDING BIG LAKE, DOWNSTREAM TO AND INCLUDING ROCK LAKE AND ITS OUTLET:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CONNECTED LAKE - MESA
MAP: PAGE 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.

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.

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Gypsum Ponds SWA - 2 trout limit
Sylvan Lake - Fishing prohibited from Sept. 1 - Nov. 30 in inlet and upstream 0.5 miles

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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 s prohibited
Lake Granby - 4 lake trout limit; From Jan. 1 - Aug. 31, limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee 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 s 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 - Portable ice fishing shelters only
Willow Creek Reservoir - Access prohibited within 150 feet of any kokanee spawning trap or wing net Oct. 1-Dec. 1.

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Gold Medal Water - Colorado River from Fraser River confluence to Troublesome Creek confluence
*Non-native fish regulation* - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

For Colorado River Regulations below Radium please see Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers map
For Blue River Basin Regulations Please see Blue River Basin Map
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 - 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 OF A MILE:

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

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

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

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

DEADMAN GULCH - 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 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 BRADFIELD BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

FROM THE BRADFIELD 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.

Rainbow, cutthroat and cutbow trout 18–22 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

Brown trout 14–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.

Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

Gold, silver and rainbow trout hybridize with other species.

Artificial flies and lures only.
**Lake Regulations**

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

**River Regulations**

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

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**Conejos and Alamosa River Drainages**

Lower bridge Town of Platoro

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Big Lake - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Kerr Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- Rock Lake - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
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, blue-gill, 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:

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.

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:

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

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

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

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, blue-gill, 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.
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

**Bull Basin Res. #1, Bull Creek Res. #1 & #2, and connecting channels**
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches

**Connected & Duke Lakes**
- 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 16 inches

**Hallenbeck Reservoir**
- Fly/lure only; Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; Largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released; Only 2 largemouth bass greater than 15 inches allowed

**Harvey Gap Reservoir**
- Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches; 2 channel catfish limit; Use of spearfishing, archery and ggs for the lake of northern pike is prohibited

**Highline Reservoir**
- 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches

**Jerry Creek Reservoirs #1 & #2**
- Fly/lure only; Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; All fish must be released; Float tubes with chest-high waders permitted

**Juniata Reservoir**
- Fly/lure only; Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; Largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released; Only 2 largemouth bass greater than 15 inches allowed

**Mack Mesa Reservoir**
- Fly/lure only, Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; Largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released; Only 2 largemouth bass greater than 15 inches allowed

**Rifle Gap Reservoir**
- 1 walleye limit, minimum 18 inches; 20 yellow perch limit

**Silver Lake**
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches

**Youngs Creek reservoirs #1, #2, and #3**
- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released

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

- **A** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- **B** - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- **C** - 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- **D** - Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - last day of Feb.

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**For Colorado River Regulations above Rifle please see Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers Map**
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.

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 - BOULDER
ON GOLDEN PARK PONDS NO. 1 AND NO. 2:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
3. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
4. Possession of largemouth or smallmouth bass while fishing Golden Park Ponds No. 1 or 2 is prohibited.

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

GORE CREEK - EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 14
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH RED SANDBSTONE 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.

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

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 BUREAU OF RECLAMATION PROPERTY DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF VALLECITO RESERVOIR:
1. Fishing is prohibited from Sept. 1–Nov. 14.

GRIZZLY CREEK - GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 27
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 MILE:

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

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

GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR - DOLORES
IN THE NASH CREEK AND GROUNDHOG CREEK INLETS UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 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 TO LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL:
1. Artificial flies only.

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 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.

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

FROM 200 YARDS DOWNSTREAM OF LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL:
1. Artificial flies only.

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

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH CHERRY CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER RED BRIDGE CAMPGROUND BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

GYPSUM PONDS STATE WILDLIFE AREA - EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 14
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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

HEADACHE CREEK - ARCHULETA
MAP: PAGE 32
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HELENBECK (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.

HENRY RESERVOIR - CROWLEY
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

HERMOSA CREEK - LA PLATA, SAN JUAN
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit and min. size for trout is 2.

HIDDEN LAKES - LAKE
MAP: PAGE 11
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HORSE CREEK RESERVOIR (TIMBER LAKE) - BENT, OTERO
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

HORSESHOE RESERVOIR - HUERFANO
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.

HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR - LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 12 inches long.
2. Fishing prohibited in inlet area as posted March 15–May 31.

HOTEL DRAW - SAN JUAN
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HORSESHOE RESERVOIR - HUERFANO
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

HUFFMAN LAKE - EAGLE
1. Fishing prohibited.

ILLINOIS RIVER - JACKSON
WITHIN DIAMOND J AND ARMYNDE RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREAS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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

HORSESHOE RESERVOIR - HUERFANO
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.

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

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

**JOE WRIGHT CREEK - LARIMER**

**JOE WRIGHT RESERVOIR - LARIMER**

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

**JOHN MARTIN RESERVOIR - BENT**

1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

**JOHNSTON RESERVOIR - WELD**

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

**JUMBO RESERVOIR - LOGAN, SEDGWICK**

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

**KELLY LAKE - JACKSON**

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

**KELSO CREEK - MESA**

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

**KENNEY RESERVOIR - RIO BLANCO**

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.

**KERR LAKE - CONEJO**

**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.

**KOA LAKE - BOULDER**

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

**LA PLATA RIVER - LA PLATA**

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.

**LAKE ARBOR - JEFFERSON**

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

**LAKE CREEK - HINSDALE**

 FROM BIG EMERALD LAKE INLET UPSTREAM TO 0.5 OF A MILE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

**LAKE FORK CREEK - LAKE**

**LAKE GRANBY - GRAND**

1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4.
3. Gaffs and tail snares 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.
7. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31 except in Columbine Bay upstream of Twin Creek inlet.

**IN COLUMBINE BAY FROM THE INLET OF TWIN CREEK UPSTREAM:**


**LAKE JOHN - JACKSON**

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4.

**LARAMIE RIVER - LARIMER**

**LASKEY GULCH - SUMMIT**

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

**LESTER CREEK - ROUTT**

**LONG HAGLER RESERVOIR - LARIMER**

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

**LONE PINE CREEK - LARIMER**

FROM PARVIN LAKE UPSTREAM TO LARIMER CR 74E (RED FEATHER LAKES ROAD):

1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

**LONETREE RESERVOIR - LARIMER**

1. The bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

**LONG DRAW RESERVOIR - LARIMER**

**LOS PINOS CREEK - SAGUACHE**

**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.
3. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.

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

LOST TRAIL CREEK - GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 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 largemouth 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, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

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

MAY CREEK - LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 26
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH POUNDRE RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

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

McPHEE RESERVOIR - MONTEZUMA
1. Largemouth and smallmouth bass 10–15 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
2. No bag or possession limit for walleye.

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

MEADOW CREEK - EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 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 - SAGUACHE, ALAMOSA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

MEREDITH RESERVOIR - CROWLEY
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

MICHIGAN RIVER - JACKSON
WITHIN BROWNLIE, 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 ELSBET FOREBAY RESERVOIR - LAKE
MAP: PAGE 11
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
2. Lake trout 22–34 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

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

MUD CREEK, LITTLE - GRAND
MAP: PAGE 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 Apr. 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.
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Joe Wright Reservoir - Fly/lure only
Long Draw Reservoir - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
Watson Lake - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
Zimmerman Lake - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; Fishing prohibited in inlet area Jan. 1 - July 31

To Wyoming 50C Rd

To Laramie 80C Rd

Upper Poudre River Drainage

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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

To Fort Collins 287

Watson Lake

Upper boundary of Gateway Park

To Laramie 80C Rd

Chambers Lake

Joe Wright Reservoir

To Walden

To Wyoming 50C Rd

Upper Poudre River Drainage

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Joe Wright Reservoir - Fly/lure only
Long Draw Reservoir - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
Watson Lake - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
Zimmerman Lake - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; Fishing prohibited in inlet area Jan. 1 - July 31
NAVAJO RESERVOIR - ARCHULETA
1. Trotlines permitted.

NAVAJO RIVER - ARCHULETA, CONJOS
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, blue-gill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

NEE GRONDA RESERVOIR - KIOWA
NOTE: At publication, this reservoir is dry.
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

NEE NOSHE RESERVOIR - KIOWA
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

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

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

NICKELSON CREEK - PITKIN
MAP: PAGE 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 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 longer 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.
6. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

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

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

OLD DILLON RESERVOIR - SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for golden trout 1, 16 inches long.

OSIER CREEK - CONJOS
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 - GLENWOOD
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST MIDDLE FORK - GLENWOOD
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

PARVIN LAKE - LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 24
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

IN THE INLET STREAM (LONE PINE CREEK) UPSTREAM TO LARIMER CR 74E (RED FEATHER LAKES ROAD):
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

PASSE CREEK - MINERAL
MAP: PAGE 26
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.

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

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

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

FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO NAVAJA 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.

PIEDRA RIVER, 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
Permits Required. Visit Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services website and then Open Spaces for more information on opening and closing dates, permits and other rules.

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

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

MCREYNOLDS RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.
Upper Rio Grande Basin
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Alberta Park Reservoir - Fly/fly only; 2 trout limit
Beaver Creek Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1-Dec. 31
Poage Lake - Fly/fly only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches
West San Francisco Lake - Fly/fly only; All trout must be released

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
A - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
B - Fly/lure only
C - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
D - Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, maximum 12 inches; All rainbow trout must be released
E - Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches; All rainbow trout must be released; Gold Medal Water

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

POAGE LAKE - RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 26
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 12 inches long.

POOOSE 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 - LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 24
FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH JOE WRIGHT CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM UPPER BOUNDARY OF BIG BEND CAMP-GROUND DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH BLACK HOLLOW CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

POUDRE RIVER, NORTH FORK - LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 24
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH DIVIDE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO BULL CREEK (ABOVE HALLIGAN RESERVOIR):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM MILTON SEAMAN RESERVOIR DOWN-STREAM 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 FOR 1 MILE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

PREWITT RESERVOIR - LOGAN, WASHINGTON
1. Min. size for wipers is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye, saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
5. Min. size for wipers is 15 inches long.

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.
Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Hanging Lake - Fishing is prohibited

Harvey Gap Reservoir - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches; 2 channel catfish limit; Use of spearfishing, archery and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited

Rifle Gap Reservoir - 1 walleye limit, minimum 18 inches; 20 yellow perch limit

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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

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

Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers

Inset Map

0 1 2 3 Miles

To Grand Junction

To Meeker

To Delta

To Vail

To Independence Pass

To Meeker

To Delta

To Vail

To Independence Pass

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

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

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

*Non-native fish regulation

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

Lake Regulations

Hanging Lake - Fishing is prohibited

Harvey Gap Reservoir - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches; 2 channel catfish limit; Use of spearfishing, archery and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited

Rifle Gap Reservoir - 1 walleye limit, minimum 18 inches; 20 yellow perch limit

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Lake Regulations

- Fishing is prohibited

- Fly only; All trout must be released

- Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches

- Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Gold Medal Water

- Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 15 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30; Gold Medal Water

- Fly only; All trout (except brown trout) must be released; 2 brown trout limit, maximum 14 inches; Gold Medal Water

- Fly only; 2 trout limit; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 15 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30; *Non-native fish regulation

- Statewide trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation

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

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

QUEENS RESERVOIR, NORTH AND SOUTH - KIOWA
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. 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 and possession limit for yellow perch is 20.

RIO BLANCO LAKE - RIO BLANCO
MAP: PAGE 33
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
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 DOWNSRREAM 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 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 FORKS CREEK - MONTEZUMA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

ROARING FORK RIVER - PITKIN, GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 27
GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER

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

FROM UPPER WOODY CREEK BRIDGE DOWNSRTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER (EXCLUDING 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSRTREAM 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 DOWNSRTream 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 - PARK
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

ROCK LAKE - CONEJOS
MAP: PAGE 17
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 CONFLUENCE OF THE MIDDLE AND SOUTH FORKS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CALIFORNIA GULCH:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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

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

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

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

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

SAN FRANCISCO CREEK (MIDDLE AND WEST FORKS) AND WEST SAN FRANCISCO LAKE - RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 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, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

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

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

SÁRVIS CREEK - GRAND, ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 35
1. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
2. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

SCENERY POND - RIO BLANCO
COLOROW MOUNTAIN STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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

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

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, EAST AND WEST FORKS - LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 24
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SHEEP CREEK, 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.

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

SNELL CREEK - RIO BLANCO
MAP: PAGE 32
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
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 SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

FROM THE OUTLET OF SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO THE INLET OF ELEVEN MILE RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Some portions may be closed to fishing as posted from Sept. 15–Dec. 31 for kokanee spawning.
3. All fish must be returned to water immediately.
FROM IMMEDIATELY BELOW ELEVEN MILE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE WAGON TONGUE GULCH ROAD BRIDGE AT SPRINGER GULCH (ELEVEN MILE CANYON):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM CHEESEMAN DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE AT WIGWAM CLUB:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE WIGWAM CLUB DOWNSTREAM TO SCRAGGY VIEW PICNIC GROUND:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

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

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

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, MIDDLE FORK - PARK
MAP: PAGE 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.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, SOUTH FORK - PARK
MAP: PAGE 29
FROM U.S. 285 DOWNSTREAM TO ANTERO RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

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

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

SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR - PARK
MAP: PAGE 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.

SPRING GULCH POND - DOUGLAS
MAP: PAGE 28
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

SPRUCER CREEK (CONFLUENCE WITH BLUE RIVER, 5 MILES N OF GREEN MOUNTAIN RES.) - GRAND AND SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SPRUCER CREEK (CONFLUENCE WITH BLUE RIVER, 2.5 MILES S OF BRECKENRIDGE) - 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.

STANLEY 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. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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.

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

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### White River - Headwaters to Meeker

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

**River Regulations**
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- **A** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- **B** - 2 trout limit
- **C** - 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch, and crappie
- **D** - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch, and crappie

### 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 RIVER STATE WILDLIFE AREA (APPROXIMATELY 0.4 OF A MILE):**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

### 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.

### THOMAS RESERVOIR - BOULDER
1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

### THREE LAKES (LOWEST AND MIDDLE LAKES) - LAKE
**MAP: PAGE 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.

### THREEMILE CREEK - GARFIELD
**FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:**

### THURSTON RESERVOIR - PROWERS
**NOTE:** At publication, this reservoir is dry.
1. Trolines 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.

### 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. Bag limit for whitefish is 4.
3. Possession limit for whitefish is 8.

### TURQUOISE RESERVOIR - LAKE
**MAP: PAGE 11**
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
**White River - Meeker to Utah State Line**

**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 2. Lake trout 22-34 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

**TWO BUTTES RESERVOIR - BACA**
1. Trotlines and jugs permitted.

**TWO LEDGE RESERVOIR - JACKSON**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

**UNCOMPAGRE RIVER - OURAY**
FROM OURAY CR 23 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO RIDGWAY RESERVOIR:

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

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

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

**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 TOEVES 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.
WANEEKA 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 FORK RIVER - GRAND
MAP: PAGE 15
FROM WILLIAMS FORK DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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.

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.

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 & 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.
2. Bag and possession limit for channel catfish is 5.

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:

A - Whitefish regulation
B - Fly only; All trout must be released; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Whitefish regulation;
C - Non-native fish regulation
D - Fly only; 2 trout limit; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Whitefish regulation;
E - Fly only; 2 trout limit; *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation
F - Fly only; All trout must be released; *Whitefish regulation;
G - 2 trout limit; *Whitefish regulation; *Non-native fish regulation
H - *Non-native fish regulation
I - Fishing prohibited Jan. 1 - July 31
J - Fly only; All cutthroat must be released; *Whitefish regulation
K - Fly only; All cutthroat must be released; *Non-native fish regulation
L - Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches

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

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Crosho Reservoir - 2 grayling limit, minimum 16 inches
Elkhead Reservoir - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches; 10 crappie limit
Freeman Reservoir - Fishing prohibited from Jan. 1 - July 31 within 50 yards of either side of the inlet and upstream 1/4 mile
Pearl Lake (including 1/4 mile up inlet and 1/4 mile down outlet) - Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches
Porcupine Lake - Fly 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

TROUT FAMILY

RAINBOW TROUT
Black spots on a light body; red stripe along sides

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

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

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

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

BASS

SMALLMOUTH BASS
Upper jaw does not extend beyond eye; fish usually has vertical stripes along sides

LARGEMOUTH BASS
Upper jaw extends beyond eye; often has horizontal stripe extending the length of body

OTHER SPORTFISH

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

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

SAUGER
Spotted dorsal fin; no white tip on tail; darker color

SAUGEYE
Walleye-sauger hybrid with black mottling marks on body; black color between dorsal fins

YELLOW PERCH
Two separate dorsal fins; large vertical dark stripes on yellow sides
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-edged keel behind the head

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.

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.

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-EDGED KEEL BEHIND THE HEAD

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

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WARNING!
DO NOT TRANSPLANT FISH

The unauthorized transplanting or stocking of fish into any body of water is illegal. This includes live bait or aquarium fish. It causes severe damage to public fisheries, harms the environment and is highly unethical.

THE PENALTIES INCLUDE:
- Significant fines, up to $5,000
- Permanent loss of your hunting and fishing privileges
- Paying up to hundreds of thousands of dollars to reclaim the body of water

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

North America’s Largest Elk Herd
is an estimated population of 264,000 animals. Maintaining the habitat and long term health of big game herds is a top priority for our staff and our dollars.

960 species call Colorado home. CPW manages both game and non-game species, including those that are threatened and endangered.

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70+ SMALL GAME SPECIES
10 BIG GAME SPECIES

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PUBLIC FISHING ACCESS to 2,000 natural lakes, 800 reservoirs and 9,500 miles of streams.

Wildlife Funding Sources*

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11% GOCO
4% Grants
4% Donations & Sales
2% Other

*5 year average: 2011–2015

BENEFITING WILDLIFE HABITAT

The funds provided by the Colorado Habitat Stamp are required by state statute to only be spent on wildlife habitat and access. CPW works with private landowners, local governments and conservation organizations to provide places for people to enjoy our wildlife heritage.

The dollars from your licenses are federally mandated to be spent on fish and wildlife management. This means your dollars are spent directly supporting what you love.

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