

Fishing Report



Friday September 21st, 2018

News and Information

Join Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Celebrating National Hunting and Fishing Day

Colorado Parks and Wildlife recognizes the contributions of the state's sportsmen and women by celebrating [National Hunting and Fishing Day on Sept. 22](#)

Jumbo Reservoir closed to all motorized boats for the season

Due to the annual seasonal closure of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) inspection station, motorized boating at Jumbo Reservoir [closed for the remainder of the season](#).

Boats from Lake Powell posing major mussel threat to Colorado.

Boats that have recently been on Lake Powell are posing a serious threat of infesting Colorado lakes and reservoirs with [invasive quagga and zebra mussels](#). So far this summer, CPW and other inspectors in Colorado have found a record 43 boats containing mussels, and 32 of those came from Lake Powell which is infested with mussels. The previous record was just 26 boats.

Grand Lake, Shadow Mountain Reservoir and Granby Reservoir will remain open to boating through December 2.

Aquatic invasive species watercraft inspection and decontamination stations at Grand Lake, Shadow Mountain Reservoir and Granby Reservoir [will remain open longer than expected](#) due to an influx of funds from Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

Kokanee Salmon Regulations and Give-aways.

For details on regulations, give-away locations and requirements, see the [flyer](#). Be sure to read the "New for 2018" section.



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Closure Information

Due to high water temperatures and low flows, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is implementing voluntary fishing closures on several stretches of rivers in Colorado. The fishing closures are effective immediately, until further notice.

Although anglers are not legally prohibited from fishing in these stretches, CPW is asking anglers to fish early in the day and find alternative places to fish until conditions improve.

Contact the [closest Colorado Parks and Wildlife office](#) for more details.

Northwest Region

Voluntary Closures Between 2 pm and Midnight

- Eagle River from Wolcott downstream to its confluence with the Colorado River

Full Day, 24 hour Voluntary Closures

- Crystal River from Avalanche Creek downstream to its confluence with the Roaring Fork River
- Yampa River from Chuck Lewis State Wildlife Area to western Steamboat Springs city limits

Southeast Region

Voluntary Closure Between Noon and Midnight

- Conejos River from Platoro Reservoir down to Broyles Bridge.

Closures NO LONGER in Effect

- A mandatory fishing closure in place at the tailwater of the Yampa River has been rescinded (see 7/19/18 [news release](#)).
- Colorado River from State Bridge downstream to Rifle.
- Colorado River from the confluence with the Fraser River near Windy Gap Reservoir downstream to its confluence with the Williams Fork River near Parshall.
- Fraser River from Grand County Road 8 in Fraser, downstream through the towns of Tabernash and Granby to confluence with the Colorado River near Windy Gap Reservoir.
- North Fork of White River at the National Forest boundary, through the mainstem of the river to the County Road 5 bridge, downstream of the Rio Blanco Lake State Wildlife Area.
- South Fork of the White River from the National Forest boundary through the mainstem of the river to the County Road 5 bridge, downstream of the Rio Blanco Lake State Wildlife Area.
- Roaring Fork River from Carbondale downstream to its confluence with the Colorado River.

For a complete up to date list of Fishing Closures currently in effect [visit the CPW Website](#)

To check closures call your CPW Regional office. In the Northeast Region, call the Denver office at 303-291-7227. In the Southeast Region, call the Colorado Springs office at 719-227-5200. In the Southwest Region, call the Durango office at 970-375-6708. In the Northwest Region, call the Grand Junction office at 970-255-6100.

Stocking Report

Body of Water	Region	Report Date
Platoro Reservoir	Southwest	9/10/2018
Rampart Reservoir	Northeast	9/11/2018
Frantz lake	Southeast	9/11/2018
Dowdy Lake	Northeast	9/12/2018
Beckwith Reservoir	Southeast	9/12/2018
Twin Spruce Ponds	Southwest	9/12/2018
Joe Moore Reservoir	Southwest	9/12/2018
Ruedi Reservoir	Northwest	9/13/2018
Deep Lake	Northwest	9/13/2018
San Isabel Lake	Southeast	9/13/2018
Twin Lakes	Southeast	9/13/2018
Parachute Pond	Northwest	9/14/2018
Meadow Lake	Northwest	9/14/2018
Corn Lake	Northwest	9/14/2018
Palisade Riverbend Park	Northwest	9/14/2018
Old Orchard	Northwest	9/14/2018
Twin Lakes	Southwest	9/14/2018
Twin Spruce Ponds	Southwest	9/14/2018

Catch of the Week



Mark and his dog up at Deckers catching healthy rainbows on blue winged olives!

Have a fish you'd like to show off? [Share your photo](#) and include "catch of the week" in the subject line. Feel free to share any additional info/details on your catch!

Conditions Report - Metro

Aurora Reservoir

This 762-acre impoundment is located off of E. Quincy Avenue, two miles east of E-470. As of **9/21/2018**, the fishing at Aurora has been pretty much the same as with many of the metro lakes along the Front Range. The bass are particularly active as they do better with the warm days we have still been getting. The daylight hours have still produced some warm temperatures so early mornings when the water is chilled from the night before is going to be a really good time to catch some fish. Cast some crankbaits or top water lures to get the bass to come out of the weed beds or cover they are hiding in. Aurora Reservoir is restricted to electric motors only. For more information call 303-326-8425. Park hours for September is 6:00am-8:00pm.

[Aurora Reservoir](#)

Chatfield Reservoir

This 1,356 impoundment is located in Chatfield State Park. As of **9/21/2018**, the report for Chatfield is very similar as the previous couple of reports. We are still having the warm afternoons keeping water temperatures fairly high for this time of the year but the cooler nights are working in our favor. If the fishing has been slow for you lately, be patient as the conditions are going to improve with the seasonal changes. Shad are still the main story line and many species of fish are stocking up on this year's bountiful supply. The good news is you will get some fat and healthy fish but the bad news is your bait or lure is just one of many options for these fish so convincing them will be tougher than usual. Shad imitations are going to produce as long as you can find where the fish are hiding. Walleye have been reported fairly deep while bass are a little more apparent and easier to locate with the warmer water temperatures.

[Chatfield State Park](#)

Cherry Creek

This 881-acre impoundment is located in Cherry Creek State Park, in Aurora. There are two entrances to the park, the east entrance off S. Dayton St. and the west entrance off S. Parker Rd. As of **9/21/2018**, the fishing is still very similar to last week. Cherry Creek will be the best chance to hook some good numbers of walleye. They are also after the shad but they have been reported in the shallows more than other reservoirs lately. It's all reactionary in the early morning shallows and reports are coming in that they can be found as shallow as 6 feet of water before they head deeper in the afternoon hours. Slow trolling along the dam will still produce using shad imitations. Try using soft plastic swim baits in the shad form and white to gray colors.

[Cherry Creek State Park](#)

Quincy Reservoir

As of **9/21/2018**, fishing is still good at the reservoir. Reports of the weed beds dying down are coming in which is good news especially for bass fishing. With less cover, the bass are forced to move around more so throw some reactionary baits along any cover you can see as there is a good chance some holding fish are in there. Shad is also on the menu here at Quincy so some soft plastic swim baits we already mentioned or a light colored Senko could be a great choice right now. If the water is clear, toss some top water lures to entice bass or if it's a bit murky, try some crankbaits along the holes or channels of the weed lines. Park Hours for September 6:00am-8:00pm. Restricted to artificial flies and lures only. Electric motors only and hand launched watercraft only-trailers and vehicles prohibited in the water. For more information call 303-326-8424.

[Quincy Reservoir](#)

Conditions Report - Northeast Colorado

Bear Creek

As of **9/21/2018**, the news is unfortunately the same with the temperatures. The stream is still too low and hot to fish. The flows will remain approximately the same for the remainder of the summer and fall so look for the temperatures to decrease before considering it an option to fish. Updated CFS flows can be checked on the USGS streamflow data page.

Flows: below 4.5 CFS (9/21/2018)

[Bear Creek](#)

Cache la Poudre

As of 9/21/2018, fall is upon us up in the Poudre Canyon. The summer rigs are still going to attract these fish while the cooler temperatures and better fishing conditions are increasing the trout activity. Smaller attractors, terrestrials and dropper flies have been catching fish. Be mindful of the warmer days and head further up the canyon if water temperatures are too hot. Chernobyls, ants, and Royal Wulfs are doing well for attractors. Look for some blue winged olives and trico hatches. Caddis flies are still hatching in the mornings and evenings.

Flows: 52 CFS near Canyon mouth and 7 CFS at Fort Collins (9/21/2018)

[Cache la Poudre](#)

Clear Creek

As of 9/21/2018, the flows are fairly low especially compared to historic averages. Fishing has remained decent however, but be aware of the hotter weather we have been getting especially in the lower sections of the stream close to Golden. Caddis are still on the menu as well as terrestrial patterns. Anglers are having the best luck using various nymph rigs. During sunny days, especially when the sun intensity is high during the afternoon hours, use higher reflective nymph patterns such as a flash back pheasant tail or a Juju Baetis. A rig that is working well at the moment is a terrestrial or an attractor followed by a bead headed nymph then trailed by your smaller Juju baetis or pheasant tail in the #18 -20 range.

Flows: 58 CFS (9/21/2018)

[Clear Creek](#)

Deckers and Cheesman Canyon

As of 9/21/2018, the flows at the canyon are fairly comparable to historic averages while they are pretty low at Trumbull. With that said, the flows are not affecting the good fishing we are seeing in the area right now. Fish are a bit on edge with these lower flows so be stealthy and smooth with your presentations. Hopper season is nearing an end for most of the streams in the area so take advantage and try some hopper rigs especially in the canyon. The Deckers nymph rigs will produce fish right now. Put on a big stonefly, worm or leach pattern followed by a Two Bit Hooker, Squirmies, San Juan worms, RS2's, pale morning dun emergers, and various caddis imitations. Look for fish to be stacked in riffles and drop-off's. Some fish will be in the deep pools but majority will be feeding off of the higher oxygenated areas where water is moving a bit faster.

Flows: 139 CFS (9/21/2018)

[Deckers and Cheesman Canyon](#)

Eleven Mile Reservoir

As of 9/21/2018, the trout fishing is excellent right now as they prepare for the winter and are feeding regularly. The ACME Kastmaster has been very consistent and Tasmanian Devils have been producing some really nice sized fish. Kokanee fishing has been slow and nothing really to report for them besides some sightings of a few spawning salmon in the South Platte. The pike fishing is decent. A recent tournament produced some good fish and average catches were in the 4 to 10 pound range. Most of the success came from using swim baits in particular soft plastics or rubber baits in the perch or trout patterns.

[Eleven Mile State Park](#)

Horsetooth Reservoir

As of 9/21/2018, the surface temperature at the reservoir is about 68 degrees and the water level is about 33 feet down or about 63 percent full. Reports are close to last week's, the best time to get the walleye are early in the morning or later in the day and bass, such as smallmouths, are the most active in the reservoir right now. We are very close to the changing of the guards with fall getting closer and closer. Look for some drastic water temperature drops, 7 degrees or more and you will start to see the fish change their hunting patterns and be more active and catchable. Crankbaits are still going to be a great option for the bass and jigging with shad imitations for walleye in decent depths will give you a good shot at some success. Reports of trout are really slow so stay tuned for seasonal changes to encourage them to become more active.

[Horsetooth Reservoir](#)

Spinney Mountain Reservoir

As of 9/21/2018, the fishing has been fairly inconsistent. The water temperatures are just over 60 degrees and water clarity is decent, about 5 feet. The bug hatches have been fairly steady this year with the warm water temperatures but as we get closure to fall and colder temperatures, the fishing overall should stable out and become more consistent in a positive way. Most of the fish are still being reported next to the weed beds with a few cruisers found roaming throughout the reservoir. Callibaetis, damsels, scuds and chironomids are still on the menu. Covering water will be a good technique to land some good sized trout if you are out on a boat. Most are again in the weed beds holding tight until more favorable temperatures occur but some hungry, big cruisers have been reported so don't spend too much time in one area if you are not getting any good bites.

[Spinney Reservoir](#)

South Platte - Middle Fork

As of 9/21/2018, the lake run trout are slowly starting to show themselves as we approach fall. Kokanee have been sighted as well but not in large numbers yet. Please remember as the browns start to make the trek from the lake to upstream waters, be on the lookout for REDDS and leave those spawning fish alone. South Park's menu of mayflies, midges and caddis will be the go to. Dry dropper set ups are a good idea as anglers have reported some success. Terrestrial dries followed by tube midges, sunken tricos spinners, flashback pheasant tails, or any mayfly nymph is hard to beat right now. Keep the droppers fairly small in the #20 to even #24 sizes. There have also been some good reports of dry hatches so keep your wits about you and be prepared to tie on a #20-24 Parachute Adams or a #20-22 sparkle dun when you see a hatch. The forecast shows for more heat so be careful of that 66-67 degree water temperature and have a backup plan if the water gets too warm!

Flows: 134 CFS (9/21/2018)

[South Platte - Middle Fork](#)

Waterton Canyon

As of 9/21/2018, decent flows have been remaining steady at Waterton so the fish are feeding on the regular. Dry dropper rigs are going to be a great choice as terrestrial season is still in full swing in this section of the river. Hippy Stompers, ants, Stimulators or any hopper are all good choices right now. Trail your dry set up with a Hare's Ear, Copper John, or baetis patterns with about 18-24 inches of fluorocarbon tippet. Keep an eye of how deep the dropper gets and add some weight if its not reaching near the bottom of the water column.

Flows: 135 CFS (9/21/2018)

[Waterton Canyon](#)

Conditions Report - Southeast Colorado

Arkansas River-Below Lake Pueblo

As of 9/21/2018, this section of the river has reported some decent catches for anglers and should only improve as the cooler temperatures approach with fall around the corner. Midges are producing good catches and the blue winged olive hatches are heating up. Deep nymphing with a Psuedo baetis or red bodied attractors will get some takers. Dry fly fishing could be something to consider when you see a strong hatch but the nymph rig will still produce more consistently throughout the day. This is also the time of year to start getting the streamers ready as this section of the Arkansas has a plethora of leaches, crayfish, suckers and juvenile trout. Heat could still be an issue so be aware of the current water temperatures especially in the afternoon hours.

Flows: 110 CFS (9/21/2018)

[Lake Pueblo State Park](#)

Upper Arkansas - Near Buena Vista

As of 9/21/2018, the water flows are decent right now allowing for some good wading conditions. Fish have been moving to the main channel on the warmer hours of the day where oxygen is more plentiful. Use some large attractor patterns for your indicator and heavier bead heads will be required to get down in that water column where the fish are feeding. The fish are interested in mayfly emergers and nymphs, stonefly nymphs and caddis pupa. Reports of early fall blue winged olive hatches are coming in throughout the river corridor. Early or late in the day you will see some good dry fly hatches but during the warmer hours, dry dropper rigs are doing well.

Flows: 213 CFS (9/21/2018)

[Upper Arkansas River](#)

Catamount and Crystal Reservoirs (Pikes Peak)

As of 9/21/2018, the catches have been consistent with rainbows but not much to report yet for the lake trout. In order for those lake trout to start coming up from the depths, we will need to start getting some consistently cooler nights and even some cold fronts to lower the water temperatures. The low water levels and high daily temperatures we have experienced this year has caused the lake trout to hunker down in the depths so be patient for them to start appearing in shallower waters. The best bet to get to the lake trout would be in a belly boat and jigging with Kastmasters, Gitzits, grubs or lipless crankbaits. The trick will be finding them so make sure to cover a good amount of water and try to get deep. Fly fishing for rainbows is still similar to our older reports. Terrestrials such as a hopper or Amy's Ant followed by a Hare's Ear or Zebra Midge in the #16-18 size will yield some takers. Summer techniques are still the way to go for now so early mornings and evenings will yield some good activity.

[Catamount Reservoirs](#)

Lake Pueblo State Park

As of 9/21/2018, the surface water temperature is around 73 degrees. Fishing has been fair lately but is expected to start picking up with the cooler nights and shorter days the state has been experiencing. Early mornings are still going to be the best bet as the lake temperature will be at the lowest point during the early morning. Bass can be taken on top water baits in the early morning hours such as poppers, soft plastics, buzzbaits, and shallow to medium depth crankbaits. Walleye will continue to be found mainly in deeper water but as water temperatures continue to decline, the walleye will also move up into shallower water in search of shad especially early in the mornings. Lindy rigs, grubs, spoons, and live bait are currently producing walleye. Not many reports on trout fishing right now. Catfish are being caught on the west end using chicken liver and worms. Boaters are reminded that summer boat ramp hours (5 AM to 11 PM) are in effect.

[Lake Pueblo State Park](#)

Conditions Report - Northwest Colorado

Blue River - Silverthorne

As of 9/21/2018, fall is more apparent here than the low country with the consistent lower nightly temperatures. Fish are holding pretty tight as the flows have remained very steady and low the past week or so. Water is clear as usual so be educated where you cast to avoid spooking your target. Mysis shrimp and baetis emergers will be productive as well as periodic blue winged olives as good hatches have been reported. The terrestrial season is close to being done and dusted but trout will still be taking advantage of the season along the shore lines so feel free to still use them as an indicator to your dry dropper rigs. Terrestrials that catch fish in this portion of the Blue are Amy's Ants, Hippy Stompers, or a Fuzzy Wuzzy in the #10-14 range. Midges to use are the Miracle Midge, TSO midge and Flossies in the #20-24 sizes.

Flows: 54 CFS (9/21/2018)

[Blue River](#)

Colorado River

As of 9/21/2018, the flows have slowly dropped but are still at a level allowing for some good fall fishing. Some good surface action has been reported and guides are suggesting Tricos, blue winged olives, and October Caddis as great dries to try out. Nymphing flies that are giving anglers success include midges, blue winged olive nymph patterns, and caddis nymphs such as a Z Winged Caddis sized #14-16. Streamer fishing has notably heated up with the seasonal changes taking place so make sure to have some various sizes and colors to tie on especially on the cloudy days and if the water is off color or stained.

Flows: 510 CFS (9/21/2018)

[Colorado River](#)

Frying Pan River - Ruedi

As of 9/21/2018, typically this is a great time of year to fish the Frying Pan but with the spike in flows, nymphing may prove a little more difficult. Do not let that discourage you, just be prepared to add some weight and look for areas that fish will be holding. Tungsten bead heads could be an important player in your nymph rig. Brown trout are starting to get aggressive so streamer fishing is going to be an option for the cloudy days. A streamer that has been producing well is the Autumn Splendor. Size #20-22 blue winged olives are catching some really nice rising trout. Mysis are always a good option for a dropper fly as well as midges or pheasant tails. Be careful for the REDDS as we are starting to get closer to that season statewide.

Flows: CFS 353 (9/21/2018)

[Frying Pan River](#)

James M. Robb Colorado River

As of 9/21/2018, the trout fishing has slowed down with the warm weather but fishing for sun fish and blue gill is on. Look for trout to pick back up when temperatures cool back down. All lakes are expected to be stocked in the fall when conditions allow. Please ensure the responsible and ethical release of fish. Trash cans are available to dispose of fishing line.

[James M. Robb Colorado River](#)

Lake John and the Buttes - Near Walden

As of 9/21/2018, the fishing has been great at Lake John and the Buttes! Both shore and boat fisherman are doing well at Lake John but the boaters are reporting a bit more success. At Lake John, the shore anglers are reporting that the moss and weed beds are dying back with the cooler temperatures. Night crawlers have been a huge success along with garlic PowerBait or in the pink colors. Boat fisherman are reporting success with flies, Tasmanian Devils and Kastmasters. Very good fishing reports from the Delaney's have come in these past couple of weeks for boat fisherman. Most of them reported gold being the color of choice for landing the most fish. The weed beds at Cowdry are still high along the eastern banks making it difficult for shore anglers. Average high is 82 degrees and average low is 44 degrees. Fishing is best right now in the early and late hours of the day. In the morning from 6am to noon has been the most productive time to fish, with the evening hours being the next best window for good fishing action. During the heat of the day, the water temperatures increase to a point that it pushes the fish to cooler, deeper waters. Please don't forget that we have a general store here and bait & tackle. We also have cabins available if you are wanting to stay out at the lake! Call us for a reservation.

Vega State Park

As of 9/16/2018, all three boat ramps are CLOSED for the season. Inspections must still be conducted on any hand launchable watercraft with a motor. The ANS inspection station will be open from 8am to 3:30pm for motorized watercraft requiring an inspection. If at any time it is closed, please come to the Visitor Center for motor inspections. Please call the park for additional information. The visitor center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

[Vega State Park](#)

Conditions Report - Southwest Colorado

Blue Mesa Reservoir

This 8,900-acre reservoir is located west of Gunnison. As of 9/21/2018, Blue Mesa has really improved with the cooler weather conditions for most species of fish. Fish are holding next to structures fairly tight but they are actively feeding and moving around a bit more in shallower waters. Casting jigs tipped with mealworms or jerkbaits along these structures have been producing. Reports of Worms and PowerBait have also been bringing in some catches as well. Anglers can check on current conditions and boat ramp inspection schedules by contacting the Curecanti National Recreation Area at (970-641-2337).

[Blue Mesa Reservoir](#)

Gunnison River - Near Gunnison

As of 9/21/2018, the river has been fishing well and has been consistent. When the afternoons are fairly cool the baetis hatch have been active and on the warmer days they have been hatching more in the mornings. Nymphing has been the most productive technique right now and anglers using flashy baetis patterns or jig nymphs have been reporting a lot of success. The kokanee salmon are now on the river and anglers are having a great time targeting them. Anglers that are targeting the salmon are using heavy, brightly colored nymphs to get down to them as well as get their attention with the bright patterns. Guides are expecting the fishing to continue to improve so be sure to get on the river this fall season!

Flows: 204 CFS (9/21/2018)

[Gunnison River](#)

Taylor Park Reservoir

As of 9/21/2018, the fishing at Taylor is now starting to pick up after being fairly slow as of late. We recently stocked Taylor with good numbers of rainbows which are being caught left and right but they are smaller size. The pike fishing is very fruitful right now and the bite is picking up by the day. Anglers who have been casting big spinners, spoons and jerkbaits have been getting a lot of success with the pike fishing. Lake trout are now starting to emerge from the depths. Casting tube jigs along the bottom or using deep jerkbaits that also cruise the bottom will get these lake trout as they move up to shallower depths.

[Taylor Park Reservoir](#)

Ridgway Reservoir

As of 9/21/2018, the trout fishing has been good and most productive when using various trout lures, night crawlers, salmon eggs, and spinners. Focus your casting in the rocky areas off shore and also consider using drop shot rigs with salmon eggs to get down where the trout are holding. No stable reports of smallmouth bass or Kokanee Salmon are being taken right now. Fishing Ponds at Pa-Co-Chu-Puk have been fishing slow to decent with small worms and small flies. Pa-Co-Chu-Puk River has been fishing well with small nymphs, pale morning duns, and pink colored Cahill's have been producing. The streamer fishing is now picking up as we approach fall. Leaches and small nymphs going into fall are also going to start picking up more and more. With lower water levels sight fishing will be a good technique to use when using flies and lures.

[Ridgway Reservoir](#)

Conditions Report - Statewide

The state's weather report is looking hot again for the weekend so fishing conditions will be relatively the same. The weather is fairly consistent throughout most areas of the state. Keep in mind as we go into the early and middle part of next week, there seems to be a cold front moving in bringing in some precipitation and significantly cooler temperatures. This will be an important factor if you decide to do some fishing during the work week. The fly fishing should pick up tremendously with these conditions especially with the added cloud cover. These conditions could be a great opportunity to tie on some streamers for the first time since spring. Bug selection could change so be aware of the hatches, especially the dry fly and action on the water's surface. A rule of thumb a lot of guides use when choosing nymph colors and patterns is the darker the lighting, the duller the fly color. This also works in reverse, as the light picks up throughout the day or the cloud cover disappears, the insect's exoskeleton will reflect light more so using a fly like a flashback pheasant tail would be a good choice. For lake fishing, the conditions should also improve although it might not be as drastic. The bite will have a larger window as the later hours of the day will not increase water temperatures as much. The warm water species such as bass could get a little lethargic so choose some lures or plastics a little smaller than what you have been having success with on the warmer days. Walleye could be getting more energetic and feeding a little more actively. A technique called "slabbing" could be a good option to try out if you are able to get out on the water. Once you have found some walleye and if they are near the bottom of the area, choose a heavy spoon and drop it straight down. Once it hits the bottom lift the rod tip up about 3 feet and then let it drop again but make sure to avoid slack as a lot of bites will come on the fall. This method can also be used from shore by casting and letting the spoon hit the bottom. Once you hit bottom, try reeling or jigging with the same principal of avoiding slack and letting the spoon rise then drop over and over. Careful of underwater structures and vegetation that you could get snagged on. Good luck to everyone this weekend and always make sure to share your catches with us!

Tip of the Week

Our tip of the week relates to the seasonal changes not only in weather but angler's priorities and how you can take advantage of possibly the best fishing of the year. This week's tip comes again from Local Denver guide Austin Parr, "With big game season upon us, many anglers hang up their fishing equipment in exchange for a pair of boots, and a bow or rifle, leaving many popular fisheries void of the summertime crowds. With less fishing pressure and cooler temperatures, reservoirs such as Spinney Mountain, Antero, and Stagecoach have action that is just heating up. Look for receding weed edges in lakes such as these. Big trout will use weeds as a structure point, meandering along them in search for food. Try casting spoons such as Tasmanian Devils or Krocodiles and work them quickly along these weed edges. Boat anglers can also have success trolling with these lures behind a planer board along the same weed edges. Tube Jigs are another highly effective technique in these crawfish rich lakes. Try casting a 2.5 inch brown tube paired with a 1/8 ounce jig head along these weeds or points, using a snap jig approach." - Austin Parr with Discount Fishing Tackle, Denver.

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