

2023 KOKANEE REGULATIONS

Statewide kokanee limit by angling or snagging:
10 daily bag & possession

This handout includes information on fishing in Colorado and is not a legal notice or a complete collection of fishing regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for anglers' convenience. Copies of statutes and regulations can be obtained from a Colorado Parks and Wildlife office or at <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/Brochure/fishing.pdf>

Barker Reservoir – Boulder County

Snagging for kokanee salmon is permitted from October 1 through December 1.

Beaver Creek Reservoir - Rio Grande County

Snagging for kokanee salmon is permitted from October 1 through December 31.

Blue Mesa Reservoir - Gunnison County

Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from November 1 through December 31.

Kokanee daily bag limit is 5 fish, possession limit is 10 fish

Blue River – Grand and Summit Counties

From the Colo. 9 bridge over the Blue River at Blue River State Wildlife Area downstream to the Green Mountain Reservoir inlet:

Snagging for kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

Cheesman Reservoir - Douglas and Jefferson Counties

Snagging of kokanee is permitted from September 1 through September 30.

Cimarron River - Montrose County

Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from November 1 through December 31.

Clear Creek– Chaffee County

From the gauging station (approximately ½ mile above Clear Creek Reservoir)

downstream to Clear Creek Reservoir:

Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from October 1 through December 31.

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Colorado River, (North Fork) including Shadow Mountain Spillway – Grand County

From Shadow Mountain Dam spillway to Lake Granby including Columbine Bay to the Twin Creek inlet:

Fishing is prohibited from October 15 through November 30.

Crystal Reservoir - Montrose County

Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

Dolores River – Dolores and Montezuma Counties

From the confluence with the West Fork of the Dolores River downstream to the standing water line of McPhee Reservoir:

The taking of kokanee salmon is prohibited, except from November 15 through December 31, when snagging is permitted.

East River – Gunnison County

1. From the upstream property boundary at the Roaring Judy Fish Hatchery downstream to the confluence with the Taylor River:

The taking of kokanee salmon is prohibited.

2. From Roaring Judy Hatchery outlet downstream to the Roaring Judy property boundary:

Fishing is prohibited from August 1 through October 31.

Florida River - LaPlata County

From the headwaters downstream to Lemon Reservoir:

Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

Lake Granby – Grand County

1. From January 1 through August 31, the bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee salmon is four fish, singly or in aggregate.

2. From September 1 through December 31, the bag and possession limit for kokanee salmon is 10 fish.

3. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted September 1 through December 31 except snagging is prohibited in Columbine Bay from the inlet of Twin Creek upstream.

Green Mountain Reservoir - Grand and Summit Counties

Snagging for kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

Grimes Creek - LaPlata County

From the Bureau of Reclamation property downstream to the standing water line of Vallecito Reservoir:

1. Fishing is prohibited from September 1 through November 14.

2. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from November 15 through December 31.

Gross Reservoir – Boulder County

1. Fishing is prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

2. Snagging for kokanee is permitted from October 1 through December 1.

Gunnison River - Delta, Gunnison and Montrose counties

1. From the confluence of the East and Taylor Rivers downstream to the standing water line of Blue Mesa Reservoir, including all tributary canals and diversions:

- a. The taking of kokanee salmon is prohibited from August 1 through October 31.
- b. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted November 1 through December 31.

Gunnison River - Delta, Gunnison and Montrose counties (continued)

2. From the closure signs below Blue Mesa Dam downstream to Morrow Point Res. Dam: Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

3. From the closure sign below Morrow Point Reservoir dam downstream to Crystal Reservoir Dam:

Snagging of kokanee is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

Gunnison River, Lake Fork - Gunnison and Hinsdale counties

From the upper Red Bridge campground boundary downstream to Blue Mesa Res.:

Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

McPhee Reservoir - Montezuma County

Snagging for kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

Monument Reservoir - Las Animas County

Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from October 1 through December 31.

Morrow Point Reservoir - Gunnison and Montrose Counties

Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted September 1 through December 31.

Ridgway Reservoir - Ouray County

Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

Taylor Park Reservoir - Gunnison County

Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

Uncompahgre River - Ouray County

From the Ouray CR 23 bridge downstream to Ridgway Reservoir:

Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

Vallecito Creek - La Plata and San Juan Counties

1. From the southern boundary of the Weminuche Wilderness downstream to the standing water line of Vallecito Reservoir:

- a. All kokanee salmon must be returned to the water immediately upon catch from September 1 through November 14.
- b. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from November 15 through December 31.

Williams Fork Reservoir - Grand County

1. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

2. From the buoy line at the Williams Fork River inlet upstream to the first Grand County Road bridge:

Fishing and snagging are prohibited from September 15 to November 30.

Wolford Mountain Reservoir - Grand County

Public access, including fishing, is prohibited within 150 feet of any kokanee spawning trap or wing net from October 1 – December 1.

2023 Kokanee Giveaways
For youth to receive kokanee, they must be accompanied by a license holding adult. Up to 4 youth may receive fish with each licensed adult.

Roaring Judy Give-Away

at the Hatchery north of Gunnison
October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10 (Fridays)

Be in line by 9:00 AM to receive fish.
Call 970-641-7070 or 970-641-0190 evening
before giveaway for update on numbers
expected to be given away.

Dolores Give-Away

Nov. 2, Nov. 9 3:00PM Joe Rowell Park on West
Side of Dolores. Call 970-247-0855 for more
information.

Lake Nighthorse Give-Away

November 3, 10, 17
3:00 PM at Lake Nighthorse boat ramp.
Call 970-247-0855 for more information.

Vallecito Reservoir Give-Away

No giveaway this year.

Granby at Shadow Mountain Give-Away

To check on fish availability and dates call
970-725-6200.

Wolford Mountain Reservoir Give-Away

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970-725-6200.

You will need a valid fishing license to receive
'Give-Away' kokanee.
Donation certificates will be issued at the give-aways
if the number of fish exceeds 10 per angler