2022 Colorado Fishing

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Avery MacAskill and her pike pulled in from Stagecoach Reservoir.
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Ice fishing
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Kenzie Sanderson with a Master Angler brook trout from Grand Mesa.
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Mario Gouvea and his epic lake trout from Lake Granby.
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Jackson Lake State Park
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Elizabeth Krone at Zimmerman Lake with a greenback cutthroat, Colorado’s state fish!
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Rea Young and her lake trout from Jefferson Lake, caught with a rod and reel and nightcrawlers.
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Sawyer Busch, 3 years old, with his first wiper. He cast all by himself, then had some help from Dad and Mom reeling it in and netting it. © Danelle Busch

Lauren Hays landed a 32” walleye while learning to jig at Juanita Reservoir, Mesa County, with her boyfriend Joshua. © Joshua Hoff

Trevor Feldt caught a cutbow at Waterton Canyon. © Trevor Feldt

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Fishing success at Eleven Mile Reservoir. © Nick Jimenez

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Brush, 80723
970-842-6300

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

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Grand Junction, 81505
970-255-6100

GUNNISON
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Gunnison, 81230
970-641-7060

HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS
346 Grand County Rd. 362
Hot Sulphur Springs, 80451
970-725-6200

LAMAR
2500 S. Main St.
Lamar, 81052
719-336-6600

MEEKER
73465 Hwy. 64
Meeker, 81641
970-878-6900

MONTE VISTA
3722 S. Rd. 1 E.
Monte Vista, 81144
970-587-6900

MONTROSE
2300 S. Townsend Ave.
Montrose, 81401
970-252-6000

PUEBLO
600 Pueblo Reservoir Rd.
Pueblo, 81005
719-561-3300

RIO GRANDE
Salida Hwy. 50
Salida, 81201
719-530-5520

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925 Weiss Dr.
Steamboat Springs, 80487
970-870-2197

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125TH ANNIVERSARY COVER:
Vintage painting of a brook trout done for the May/June 1963 issue of Colorado Outdoors magazine.

GET THE BROCHURE ONLINE: cpw.state.co.us/fishing/brochure
WHAT’S NEW: 2022

- FISHING NOW ALLOWED ON SOUTH PRONG OF HAYDEN CREEK: The regulation prohibiting fishing on this property has been removed. See pages 8–10 for statewide fishing laws.
- WAKARA LEASE REMOVED FROM THE WHITE RIVER IN RIO BLANCO CO.: Regulations for the White River in Rio Blanco Co. no longer apply to the Wakara lease. See page 39.
- NEW RECORDS BY LENGTH AWARD CHART: Prior to Jan. 2020, the fish that were considered for the Records by Length program came through our Master Angler program. Since Jan. 2020, our Records by Length program has been a stand-alone program with more thorough verification requirements. See page 5 for the Records by Length award chart, and see page 4 and cpw.info/fish-length-records for how to properly measure your fish.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO! Whether you’re new to fishing or experienced at this favorite pastime, there are actions you can take and available resources to consult BEFORE you head out on your next adventure that will help make your fishing experience the best it can be.

CPW encourages you to disinfect your fishing gear (page 6), know the statewide and special regulations for the water you plan to visit (starting on page 8), and be aware of the local fishing conditions such as water level/stream flow and water temperature (page 7). You may also contact the local CPW Area Office for more information: cpw.info/contact-us

LICENSE INFORMATION

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

FREE FISHING DAYS: Residents and nonresidents can fish without a license or Habitat Stamp from June 4–5, 2022. All other rules and regulations apply.

LICENSE FEES, HABITAT STAMPS & ANS STAMP

HABITAT STAMPS
- Annual Habitat Stamp (nonrefundable) ....................................... $10.59
  Only one is required per person, ages 18–64, per year buying or applying for a license.
- Lifetime Habitat Stamp .............................................................. $318.08

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS) STAMP
- RESIDENTS: Annual .......................................................... $25.00
- NONRESIDENTS: Annual .................................................. $50.00

LICENSES
- RESIDENTS
  Adult annual (18–64) ............................................................ $36.71
  Senior annual (65+) .............................................................. $10.23
  Youth ages 16–17 (second-rod stamp charge still applies; see below) .................................................. $10.23
  Small game & fishing combo .............................................. $52.60
  Senior small game & fishing combo (65+) ........................ $31.03
- NONRESIDENTS
  Annual ........................................................................ $102.40
  Five-day ............................................................................ $33.53
  Second-rod stamp ................................................................ $11.28
  A second-rod stamp per year is available to anyone who has purchased a fishing license and to any youth under 16.
  One-day fishing*: residents ................................................ $14.46
  One-day fishing*: nonresidents .......................................... $17.64
  Additional-day fishing* ...................................................... $7.05

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

All license fees include a 25-cent search-and-rescue fee and a $1.50 fee for the Wildlife Education Fund.

HEALTH ADVISORIES

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

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

PROPER IDENTIFICATION and PROOF of residency (for CO residents).

HABITAT STAMP: A 2022 or lifetime Habitat Stamp is required prior to buying a license for anyone ages 18–64. One will be automatically added to your purchase, if applicable. (See page 2.)

NOTE: A Social Security number is required for new customers age 16 and older (age 12 for a second-rod stamp), per federal law.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- ADULTS: People 16 and older are required to buy and carry with them a fishing license to fish or take fish, amphibians and crustaceans, except as prohibited.
- YOUTH: Residents ages 16–17 can purchase a fishing license for $10.23. Those under 16 can take a full bag and possession limit without a license. However, they must have a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.

- SENIORS: Colorado residents age 65 and older can obtain an annual senior fishing license for $10.23 or an annual senior combo small game/fishing license for $31.03, both of which include the 25-cent search-and-rescue fee and the $1.50 Wildlife Education Fund fee. License must be carried while fishing. Seniors must have a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.
  a. Senior lifetime low-income fishing licenses also are available for Colorado residents age 64 or older. For information and eligibility requirements, contact any CPW location.
  b. A second-rod stamp is not required when only using trot-lines or jugs.
  c. Youth under 16 must have and carry with them a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.
  d. Seniors with a senior license must have and carry with them a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.

- COMMERCIAL LICENSE: $40. An annual license is required to take or possess bait fish, amphibians or crustaceans for commercial purposes. Licensees must provide live-fish buyers with a receipt stating the seller’s name, date of sale, species and number sold. For application and annual reporting requirements, visit: cpwshop.com/purchase-special-license.page

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

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

ANNUAL LICENSES VALID MARCH 1–MARCH 31 THE NEXT YEAR (13 MONTHS)

1 PROPER IDENTIFICATION and PROOF of residency (for CO residents).
2 HABITAT STAMP: A 2022 or lifetime Habitat Stamp is required prior to buying a license for anyone ages 18–64. One will be automatically added to your purchase, if applicable. (See page 2.)
**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

- The physical residence address you give to buy or apply for a license must be the same as the address given for Colorado state income tax purposes. Visit cpw.state.co.us/proofofresidency.
- You terminate your Colorado residency if you apply for, buy or accept a resident hunting, fishing or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country, register to vote outside Colorado or accept a driver's license that shows an address other than in Colorado.

**RESIDENCY TYPES**

1. **STANDARD COLORADO RESIDENT**
   - **Requirements:** You must live in Colorado for at least 6 consecutive months immediately prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product, have your primary residence in Colorado and have not applied for or purchased a resident license or pass outside of Colorado in the last 6 months.
   - **Proof:** Current and valid Colorado driver's license/ID with a Colorado address issued 6 or more months prior. If the Colorado driver's license/ID is not 6 months old, you must provide at least two forms of additional residency proof, as outlined in “Additional Residency Proofs” below.

2. **STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL-TIME IN COLORADO**
   - **Requirements:** You must be attending school full time at an accredited Colorado school starting at least 6 months prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product.
   - **Proof:** Student ID, name of institution, date you became a full-time student, school transcript showing full-time status.

3. **STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL-TIME OUTSIDE OF COLORADO**
   - **Requirements:** You must meet Colorado residency requirements and be attending an accredited school outside of Colorado, paying nonresident tuition.
   - **Proof:** Student ID, name of institution, date you became a full-time student, proof of out-of-state tuition payment.

4. **MILITARY: STATIONED IN COLORADO**
   - **Requirements:** You must be active-duty military stationed in Colorado (including your spouse/dependents). Residency begins the date the orders begin.
   - **Proof:** Military ID and orders.

5. **MILITARY: COLORADO HOME OF RECORD**
   - **Requirements:** You must be active-duty military stationed outside of Colorado, but with Colorado as your home of record, paying income tax as a Colorado resident (including your spouse/dependents).
   - **Proof:** Military ID and orders.

6. **YOUTH**
   - Children under the age of 18 have the same residency status as their parent, legal guardian or person with whom they live the majority of the time per court order.

**OTHER RESIDENCY INFORMATION**

1. **ADDITIONAL RESIDENCY PROOFS**
   - If you otherwise meet residency requirements but your Colorado driver’s license or ID was issued or renewed less than 6 months ago, or you have a CPW-approved religious exemption to photo identification on your record, you must provide at least two additional proofs of residency showing 6 consecutive months of Colorado residency immediately prior to buying or applying for a license. Those proofs include: income sources (pay stubs), utility bills, state income tax documents (as a full-time resident), lease agreements/rent receipts, motor vehicle registration, voter registration.

2. **MULTIPLE HOMES**
   - If you have a home in Colorado and another location, call 303-297-1192 to make sure you comply with Colorado residency requirements before obtaining a CPW license or state park pass.

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**HABITAT STAMPS**

Habitat Stamps are $10.59 and only one is required per person, per year for anyone ages 18–64. Stamps are valid March 1–March 31 (13 months).
- You must purchase a stamp before buying or applying for a hunting or fishing license.
- A lifetime stamp is available for $318.08.
- Anyone who is approved in the Columbine, Blue Spruce, Independence and/or Big Game Mobility programs is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See cpw.state.co.us/accessibility
- Learn more online: cpw.state.co.us/habitatstamp

**ANGLERS WITH DISABILITIES**

CPW offers several programs for hunters and anglers with disabilities. Go to cpw.state.co.us/accessibility for more information on each program and how to apply. These programs require advance legal paperwork submissions; Please apply AT LEAST 30 DAYS prior to when you wish to use the permit or license. Due to volume, applications cannot be expedited.

**RESIDENT FISHING LIFETIME PROGRAM**

Colorado residents who are totally and permanently disabled can apply for a free lifetime fishing license.

**RESIDENT FIRST RESPONDER LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE**

Colorado resident first responders who have proof of a permanent occupational disability can qualify for the First Responder program to obtain a lifetime combo small game/fishing license.

**RESIDENT DISABLED VETERAN LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE**

Military veterans who have a service-connected disability (with an overall combined rating of 60% or more by the Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs) and are residents of Colorado can obtain a lifetime combo small game/fishing license.

**HELP IMPROVE YOUR FISHERIES**

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

**HERE ARE SOME WATERS WHERE YOU CAN KEEP ALL YOU CATCH OF CERTAIN SPECIES:**
- Crawford Reservoir: northern pike
- Elkhead Reservoir: northern pike, smallmouth bass
- Green Mountain Reservoir: northern pike
- Harvey Gap Reservoir: northern pike, smallmouth bass
- Juniata Reservoir: smallmouth bass
- Kenney Reservoir: northern pike
- Ridgway Reservoir: smallmouth bass
- Rifle Gap Reservoir: northern pike, smallmouth bass
- Stagecoach Reservoir: northern pike, smallmouth bass, walleye
- Wolford Mountain Reservoir: northern pike
- Many other rivers and lakes on the west slope have no bag and possession limits for certain species. See pages 11–39 of this brochure.
WILD TROUT PROGRAM

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

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

To assure the continuation and availability of wild self-sustaining trout populations, the Parks and Wildlife Commission has established specific management guidelines for those aquatic habitats which support all life stages of trout. These waters are to be managed to the extent possible to maintain these wild trout populations.

WILD TROUT & GOLD MEDAL WATERS POLICY:
cpw.state.co.us/fish/goldmedalpolicy

STREAM SURVEYS HELP BIOLOGISTS MANAGE FISHING

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is the state agency responsible for fisheries management of public waters in Colorado. The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake and stream survey. These surveys periodically monitor fish populations.

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

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

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

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

FISHERY DATA FOR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE COLORADO WATERS:
cpw.state.co.us/fish/fisherydata

MORE ABOUT HOW FISHERY BIOLOGISTS SAMPLE FISH:
cpw.state.co.us/fish/management

GOLD MEDAL WATERS

Gold Medal Waters are the highest quality cold-water habitats and have the capability to produce many quality-sized (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 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 U.S. 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.
  - From the stockyard bridge (Chaffee CR 102) below Salida downstream 7.5 miles to the confluence with Badger Creek.
- **BLUE RIVER:** From Dillon Reservoir dam to Hamilton Creek Road bridge; also from Green Mountain Reservoir dam to Colorado River.
- **COLORADO RIVER:** From Fraser River to Troublesome Creek, and from Canyon Creek (Grand Co.) 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).
- **RIO GRANDE:** From U.S. 149 bridge at South Fork downstream to Rio Grande canal diversion structure.
- **ROARING FORK RIVER:** From the Fryingpan River to the Colorado River.
- **SOUTH PLATTE RIVER:**
  - From the confluence of the middle and south forks to Spinney Mountain Reservoir inlet.
  - From Spinney Mountain Reservoir outlet to Eleven Mile Reservoir inlet.
  - From Cheesman Reservoir dam to the south boundary of the Wigwam Club property.
  - From the north boundary of Wigwam Club property to Scraggy View picnic ground.
  - Middle fork, from the U.S. 9 bridge to the south fork confluence.

GOLD MEDAL LAKES

- **NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE** in Jackson Co.
- **SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR** in Park Co.
- **STEAMBOAT LAKE** in Routt Co.
### STATE RECORDS BY WEIGHT

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### STATE RECORDS PROGRAMS

CPW recognizes licensed anglers who catch exceptionally large fish through three separate programs: Records by Weight, Records by Length (release only) and Master Angler. Learn more at: [cpw.state.co.us/fish/records](http://cpw.state.co.us/fish/records)

### STATE RECORDS BY WEIGHT

State Records by Weight is Colorado’s original and oldest fishing recognition program. Fish records are tracked by weight in 49 different species categories (see table at left). If an angler catches a large fish that they believe may have broken the weight record in its species, there are a series of steps that must be taken to have the fish certified as a new state record:

- Potential record holders must have a valid Colorado fishing license or be under the age of 18.
- The catch must be made in Colorado in compliance with all state fishing rules and regulations.
- The fish in question must be weighed on a state-certified scale (pounds and ounces). State-certified scales are available at the four CPW regional offices: NE, NW, SE, SW.
- The fish, not frozen, gutted or altered in any way, must be examined, identified and the application signed by a CPW employee before an application is submitted. The employee will fill out and return the application form, picture of fish on scale showing weight, weight receipt of fish when possible and picture of fish on a length-measuring device to the Assistant Chief of Hatcheries in Denver.
- Verified state record applicants will receive a lapel pin.
- Applications can be sent to: Record Fish Program, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Attn: Assistant Chief of Hatcheries, 6060 Broadway, Denver CO 80216.
- See records and more information on qualifying: [cpw.info/fish-weight-records](http://cpw.info/fish-weight-records)

### MEASURE YOUR CATCH

Fish must be hooked, played and landed on sport tackle by the entrant. (Snagged fish are not eligible.) Only fish caught in Colorado are eligible for entry and must be submitted within 60 days of catch, and all state fishing regulations must be followed.

See the State Records by Length table and more information on the program on the next page.

To accurately measure a fish for a length record:

- You MUST place the fish directly on the measuring device (ruler, tape measure, etc.). As pictured below, the measuring device shall be behind or under the fish and not following the curvature of the fish.
- You MUST align the fish at a clearly marked area of the measuring device. In the image below, the 1-inch mark is used to clearly and accurately indicate the starting point for measurement.
- You MUST place fish on its side with the jaw closed.
- You MUST squeeze the tail fin together to obtain the maximum overall length.
- You MUST measure a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme tip of the tail fin.
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### STATE RECORDS BY LENGTH

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Prior to Jan. 2020, the fish that were considered for the Records by Length program came through our Master Angler Program (see below). The Master Angler program did not have enough length verification requirements to verify the size of the fish before it was released. Because of this, the validity of some catches was brought into question.

Since Jan. 2020, our Records by Length program has been a stand-alone program where specific steps must be followed for record submission and acceptance. Unlike the Records by Weight program, these fish MUST BE RELEASED in order to qualify. Only submissions showing properly measured fish will be accepted. See "Measure Your Catch" on the previous page of this brochure. Find more information on qualifying lengths and the submission process online: [cpw.state.co.us/fish/masterangler](http://cpw.state.co.us/fish/masterangler)

### MASTER ANGLER PROGRAM

The Master Angler Program was designed to recognize anglers for success in their sport, as well as to promote the conservation of fishery resources and quality fishing by encouraging the careful release of trophy-sized popular sport species. Master Angler awards are based on fish length rather than weight; this allows anglers to measure fish and return them to the water alive if they choose to do so.

There are 46 categories of species recognized in this program, and there can be more than one Master Angler award given in each category every year. See award lengths table below. Anglers who catch a qualifying-length fish will get a Master Angler certificate and patch: only one patch per angler per year. For more information on the program, including application rules, and to see the Heritage Master Angler Lengths table online, go to: [cpw.state.co.us/fish/masterangler](http://cpw.state.co.us/fish/masterangler)

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AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS)

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.

ANS STAMP: required for motorboats and sailboats

To help CPW detect, prevent and manage aquatic nuisance species in Colorado’s waters, and to protect human health, safety and welfare from aquatic nuisance species, each motorboat or sailboat must now have an ANS stamp before launching in Colorado waters. Boat owners are required to purchase the ANS Stamp, and boat operators must retain proof of purchase (an electronic or printed receipt) on their person, motorboat or sailboat when operating the vehicle.

► RESIDENTS: Boaters registering in Colorado will purchase the ANS Stamp at the time of registration, renewal online, or at any CPW office or state park. Residents with motorboats or sailboats documented by the U.S. Coast Guard or otherwise exempt from in-state registration can purchase the ANS stamp online at cpw.state.co.us (click “Buy and Apply”), or in person at any CPW office, state park or sales agent.

► NONRESIDENTS: Nonresidents can purchase the ANS stamp online at cpw.state.co.us (click “Buy and Apply”), or in person at any CPW office, state park or sales agent.

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

DISINFECTION YOUR GEAR

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

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

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

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

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

REPORT IT

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

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 Co. To prevent their spread within and beyond this area, a CPW order prevents the transport of any live crayfish from Sanchez Reservoir SWA.

LEARN HOW TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF RUSTY CRAYFISH:

cpw.state.co.us/rusty crayfish

MORE ON INVASIVE SPECIES: cpw.state.co.us/invasive-species

MORE ON THE ANS STAMP: cpw.state.co.us/boatingregistration
FISHING TERMS GLOSSARY

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

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

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

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

- **Fishing** is defined as efforts to take fish, amphibians or crustaceans, including by hook and line, handline, trot-line, 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), spike (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; wiper (striped bass/white bass hybrids); carp; bullhead, blue, channel and flathead catfish; black and white crappie; drum; northern pike; tiger muskie; Sacramento and yellow perch; sauger; saugeye (walleye/sauger hybrids); speckled dace; rainbow smelt; tench; walleye; bluegill; bluegill hybrids (bluegill/green sunfish); green, redear and pumpkinseed sunfish; gizzard shad; longnose and white suckers; and minnows.

- **Gig** is a barbed fork with one or more tines attached to a handle.

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

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

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

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

- **Personally Attended Line** means a rod and line, handline or tip-up that is used for fishing and which is under the personal control of a person who is in proximity to it.

- **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.

- **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.

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

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

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

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**ONLINE RESOURCES**

- **Fishing Conditions:** [cpw.state.co.us/fishingconditions](http://cpw.state.co.us/fishingconditions)
- **Fishing Report & Stocking Report**
  - 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:
  - [cpw.state.co.us/signup/fishingreport](http://cpw.state.co.us/signup/fishingreport)
  - [cpw.state.co.us/fishstocking](http://cpw.state.co.us/fishstocking)
- **Boat Registration:** [cpw.state.co.us/boatingregistration](http://cpw.state.co.us/boatingregistration)
- **Fishing Atlas**
  - The interactive Colorado Fishing Atlas allows you to search for fishing opportunities by species, specific interest or proximity to your home or destination: [cpw.state.co.us/maps](http://cpw.state.co.us/maps)
- **Fishing Maps**
  - Find all of the color-coded fishing regulation maps in this brochure (pages 11–39) online: [cpw.state.co.us/maps](http://cpw.state.co.us/maps)
- **Fishing News & Events**
  - Check out upcoming fishing tournaments, such as Debunk the Winter Funk at Stagecoach State Park and the Kokanee Giveaway.
- **Catch of the Week**
  - Send us your photo for a chance to be featured online: [dnr_fish.reporter@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_fish.reporter@state.co.us)
- **Fishery Management & Surveys of Colorado’s Waters**
  - CPW is the lead agency responsible for fisheries management of public waters in the state of Colorado. The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake and stream survey; find the PDF online.
- **And More! Go to:** [cpw.state.co.us/fish](http://cpw.state.co.us/fish)

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**FYI!**

CPW will be shutting down the CPW Fishing app in April 2022. We thank everyone who supported us by downloading the app! Please sign up for our Fishing eNews and Fishing Report to stay informed:

[cpw.info/fish-news](http://cpw.info/fish-news)
1. **ONE PERSONALLY ATTENDED LINE:** Each line shall have only three common hooks attached.

2. **TROT-LINES**
   a. Permitted only on these reservoirs (as listed in this brochure): Adobe Creek, Bonny, Henry, Horse Creek, John Martin, Meredith, Nee Gronda, Nee Noshe, Nee So Pah, Queens (North and South), Thurston and Two Buttes.
   b. No one may use more than one trot-line.
   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 trot-lines 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, SLINGBOWS AND GIGS**
   Bow anglers are advised to reference the current State Recreation Lands brochure for more regulations on waters that allow archery fishing.
   a. Underwater spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs may be used statewide for the taking of carp and northern pike, except as prohibited by these regulations or land management agencies. East of the Continental Divide, gizzard shad and white or longnose suckers may also be taken, unless otherwise prohibited in “Special Regulations: Fishing Waters,” pages 11–39. Other fish may be taken when authorized for specific waters in the regulation section.

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-NET** See “Use and Collection of Bait Fish,” below and next page.
   a. Seines are allowed only for bait fish, gilled form of aquatic tiger salamander larvae and crayfish; or if authorized for emergency salvage.
   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** See “Use and Collection of Bait Fish,” below and next page.
   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.

8. **LIVETRAPS** See “Use and Collection of Bait Fish,” below and next page.
   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.

**FISHING LAWS**

**LEGAL FISHING METHODS**

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS**

**THREATENED, ENDANGERED & NONGAME SPECIES**
If caught, these species must be returned to the water immediately.

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

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

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

**ALLOWABLE SPECIES — THE FOLLOWING AQUATIC WILDLIFE MAY BE POSSESSED BY ANY PERSON IN THE STATE OF COLORADO:**
   a. **AMPHIBIANS:** Bullfrogs; aquatic gilled forms of tiger salamanders; any amphibians allowed under Chapter W-10 regulations; any amphibian designated as unregulated wildlife under Chapter W-11 regulations:
   b. Archery and slingbows 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.
   c. Additional restrictions apply to underwater spearfishing:
      1. CO2 guns or cartridge-powered spears are prohibited.
      2. Guns must be loaded and unloaded while the gun is submerged.
      3. Divers must stay within a radius of 100 feet of a float bearing the National Divers’ Symbol.
   d. Spears must be attached by a safety line.
   e. Archery, slingbows and gigs are allowed for taking bullfrogs.

**CRUSTACEANS:** The following crustaceans may be possessed east of the Continental Divide: virile crayfish, waternymph crayfish, calico crayfish, ringed crayfish and Southern Plains crayfish. The following crustaceans may be possessed on either side of the Continental Divide: freshwater shrimp, commercially available brine shrimp and commercially available krill. All other species are not allowed to be possessed in Colorado. See “h. Crustaceans” on next page.

**FISH:** Brown, brook, cutthroat, golden, lake and rainbow trout, and their hybrids; arctic char; grayling; kokanee salmon; whitefish; sculpin; smallmouth, largemouth, spotted, striped and white bass; wipers; common carp; triloid grass carp; bullhead, blue, channel and flathead catfish; black and white crappie; drum; northern pike; tiger muskie; Sacramento and yellow perch, and their hybrids; sauger and saugeye; speckled dace; rainbow smelt; tench; walleye; bluegill and bluegill hybrids; green, redear and pumpkin-seed sunfish; gizzard shad, longnose and white suckers; fathead minnow; families of fish classified Cyprinidae except for bighead carp, black carp and silver carp; any fish designated as unregulated wildlife under regulations. All other species are not allowed to be possessed in Colorado.

**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...
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. TAGGING FISH & RELEASING TAGGED FISH: It is illegal to tag or mark a fish prior to releasing it. It is also illegal to release tagged or marked fish, except for approved contests, into public waters. Tagged or marked fish can be released in public waters for scientific research with written application and approval by CPW at least 30 days before release.

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

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

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

10. EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF FISHING WATERS: Emergency closure of waters may be authorized for up to nine months when environmental conditions in these waters warrant and fishing could result in unacceptable levels of fish mortality. Public notice will be given if waters are closed and notice will be posted at the site. Closures may occur when any of these criteria are met:
   a. Daily max. water temperature exceeds 71 degrees F.
   b. Measured stream flows are 50 percent or less of the daily average flow.
   c. Fungus and other visible signs of deterioration and/or stress may be present.
   d. Daily minimum dissolved oxygen levels are below 6 parts per million (ppm).
   e. When environmental events such as wildfires, mudslides, oil spills or similar events have occurred, resulting in the need for recovery time or remedial action for a fish population.

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

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

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

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

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

THREATENED, ENDANGERED & NONGAME SPECIES

If caught, these species must be returned to the water immediately.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE OR USE THE FOLLOWING:

Arkansas darter, bluehead sucker, bonynail chub, boreal toad, brassy minnow, Colorado pikeminnow, common shiner, flannelmouth sucker, flathead chub, greenback cutthroat trout, humpback chub, Iowa darter, lake chub, molluskis, mountain sucker, northern leopard frog, northern redbelly dace, plains leopard frog, plains minnow, plains topminnow, plains orangethroat darter, razorback sucker, Rio Grande chub, Rio Grande sucker, river shiner, rounded chub, southern redbelly dace, stonescat, suckermouth minnow, wood frog and Woodhouse’s toad.

READING THE LIMITS CHART

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

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

FISHING IN STATE PARKS & 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. There, you will need a CPW fishing license but restrictions will be specific to the park. Before you plan your trip, check regulations online at: nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/fishing.htm

Fishing is available at more than 270 national wildlife refuges, 29 national fish hatcheries and many other U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service lands and waters. Certain refuges may have individual restrictions. Plan your trip by researching specific refuges online: fws.gov/fishing

DAILY BAG LIMIT

Maximum number of fish you can take in a day, regardless of what you do with them that day. Fish caught and placed on a stringer, in a container or live well, or not returned to the same water immediately, count in your daily bag or possession limit. Fish released immediately are not part of the limit.

POSSSESSION LIMIT

Maximum number of fish allowed at any time, including in the field, transporting, at home or in storage. Transporting live fish without proper permits is prohibited. Fish taken and later smoked, canned, frozen or preserved for consumption are part of the possession limit until consumed.

STATEWIDE LIMITS

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In aggregate means the limit may consist of one species or a mixed bag of more than one species.

MAP: WIPER/WHITE BASS AND Walleye/Saugeye Bag Limits

The map below outlines the general areas of the Arkansas and South Republican River drainages (green) and the South Platte and North Republican drainages (yellow). If you are fishing for wiper, white bass, walleye or saugeye in these areas, the daily bag and possession limits are different for the two areas on the map. See the Statewide Limits chart at right for details.
GOLD MEDAL WATERS: Waters that offer the greatest potential for trophy trout fishing. See page 3 for details.

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THE FOLLOWING WATERS AND CPW PROPERTIES HAVE MORE RESTRICTIVE FISHING REGULATIONS THAN STANDARD BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS, MANNER OF TAKE, FISHING HOURS, ETC.

If a specific water doesn’t appear in this list, statewide regulations (page 10) apply.

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

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

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

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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 may be taken per day.

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

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

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

BEAVER CREEK RESERVOIR — RIO GRANDE
Map: Page 27

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

BEAVER DAMS CREEK — OURAY
Map: Page 21
From the headwaters & unnamed tributary stream downstream to USFS boundary:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

BERTHOUD RESERVOIR — LARIMER
1. Bag, possession limit for crappie and redear sunfish is 10 fish in aggregate, min. of 10 inches long.
2. Largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

BESWICK POND — MESA
Map: Page 22
1. Fishing prohibited.

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

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

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

BIG LAKE — CONEJOS
Map: Page 18
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2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
**BLAMCA WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA (BLM PONDS)**
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in aggregate, 15 inches long.

**BLACK HOLLOW CREEK — LARIMER**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

**BLUE MESA RESERVOIR — GUNNISON**
1. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**BLUE RIVER — GRAND, SUMMIT**
1. No bag or possession limit for any game fish expected to be refilled.
2. Trolines and jugs permitted.

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

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

**BOEDECKER RESERVOIR — LARIMER**
1. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

**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. Trolines and jugs permitted.

**BOSS LAKE — CHAFFEE**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
**BOULDER CREEK — BOULDER**
From the upper end of Eben Fine Park (within Boulder city limits) downstream to 55th Street:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

**BRUSH CREEK — EAGLE**
**MAP: PAGE 15**
From the confluence with the Eagle River upstream for 2.5 miles:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**BRUSH CREEK, WEST — EAGLE**
**MAP: PAGE 15**
In the Sylvan Lake Inlet and upstream for 0.5 of a mile:
1. Fishing prohibited Sept. 1–Nov. 30.

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

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

**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.

**CABIN CREEK — GARFIELD**
**MAP: PAGE 33**
From Trapper’s Lake upstream for 0.5 of a mile:
1. Fishing prohibited.

**CANYON CREEK — GARFIELD**
**MAP: PAGE 28**
From north side of I-70 Bridge downstream to confluence with the Colorado River:

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

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

**CARTER LAKE — LARIMER**
1. All walleye exceeding 21 inches must be returned to water immediately.
2. Daily bag limit for walleye is 3 fish less than 21 inches long.
3. It is unlawful to possess filleted or cleaned fish in boat on lake.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CERRO SUMMIT (MONTROSE) RESERVOIR — MONTROSE**
**MAP: PAGE 21**
1. Fishing is prohibited from Dec. 1–Feb. 28.
2. Fishing access is restricted to the parking lot, the trail and up to 50 feet from the water line from March 1–Aug. 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.

**CHAIR CREEK — GUNNISON**
**MAP: PAGE 20**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

**CHATFIELD RESERVOIR AND CHATFIELD STATE PARK — DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON**
**MAP: PAGE 31**
Within Chatfield State Park, including the South Platte River and all ponds within the park boundary:
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag and min. size for walleye is 3, 18 inches long.

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

**COAL CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1 & NO. 2 — HURON**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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

**CRUSADERS RESERVOIR — MONTROSE**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**CUB LAKE — ADAMS**
1. Fishing prohibited from 12 noon to 12 midnight.

**DANIEL DALE — WYOMING**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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- St. Vrain State Park, Boulder Co.
- West Lake, Mesa Co.

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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 Mar. 1–April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are complete.
5. Fishing prohibited on ponds in dog off-leash area.

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- West Lake, Mesa Co.
4. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam or walleys spawning nets Mar. 1–April 15, or until walleys spawning operations are complete.

**CHEYENNE CREEK, NORTH — EL PASO, TELLER**
From the headwaters downstream to gold camp road:
1. Fishing prohibited.

**CIMARRON RIVER — MONTROSE**
*MAP: PAGE 21*

**CLEAR CREEK — CHAFFEE**
*MAP: PAGE 12*
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 12*

**CLEAR FORK OF MUDDY CREEK — GUNNISON**
*MAP: PAGE 20*
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

**CLIFF CREEK — GUNNISON**
*MAP: PAGE 20*
From the headwaters downstream to confluence with south prong cliff creek:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

**CLINTON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT**
*MAP: PAGE 13*
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**COCHETOPA CREEK — SAGUACHE**
*MAP: PAGE 19*
Within cochetopa state wildlife area (snyder ranch):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**COLORADO RIVER — GARFIELD, EAGLE, GRAND, MESA**
*MAPS: PAGES 16, 22, 28*
GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRASER RIVER TO TROUBLESOME CREEK, AND FROM CANYON CREEK TO ROCK CREEK.

From lake granby dam downstream to the U.S. 40 bridge approximately 3 miles west of hot sulphur springs:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

From the U.S. 40 bridge approximately 3 miles west of hot sulphur springs downstream to confluence with troublesome creek (approximately 5 miles east of kremmling):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

From the confluence with the williams fork river downstream to the state line:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleys, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

From confluence with troublesome creek downstream to i-70 exit 90 bridge at rifle (excluding 50 yards upstream and downstream of confluences with canyon, elk, grizzly & no name creeks):
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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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 prohibited
Lake Granby - 4 lake trout limit; From Jan. 1 - Aug. 31, limit for trout (except lake trout) is 4, singly or in aggregate; From Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, limit for trout (except lake trout) is 4, singly or in aggregate; From Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, limit for kokanee is 10; Snagging kokanee permitted from Sept. 1 - Dec. 31 except in Columbine Bay from the inlet of Twin Creek upstream; Gaffs and tail snare prohibited; Portable ice fishing shelters only
Columbine Bay, Lake Granby - Fishing prohibited Oct. 15 - Nov. 30 from the Twin Creek inlet upstream
Willow Creek Reservoir - Bag, possession and min. size limit for tiger trout is 1, 18 inches long.
Shadow Mountain Reservoir - Portable ice fishing shelters only
Williams Fork Reservoir - Portable ice fishing shelters only
Meadow Creek Reservoir - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
Gold Medal Water - Colorado River from Fraser River confluence to Troublesome Creek confluence

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
A - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
B - Fly/lure only; All rainbow trout must be released
C - 2 trout limit
D - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
E - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
F - Snagging prohibited; Fishing prohibited Oct. 15 - Nov. 30
G - Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15 - Nov. 30; Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Sept. 14 and Dec. 1 - Dec. 31; Northern pike from 24 - 36 inches must be released
H - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; *Non-native fish regulation
J - 2 trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation
*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

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

2022 COLORADO FISHING
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. CPW recommends anglers disinfect waders and other fishing gear between uses (see page 6) to limit the spread of aquatic nuisance species and their potential to negatively impact cutthroat trout.
Conejos and Alamosa River Drainages

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:
- Cat Creek - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- South Fork - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- North Fork - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- La Jara Creek - Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches

River drainages:
- Conejos River
- Alamosa River

Map showing various lakes, streams, and boundaries within the Conejos and Alamosa River drainages.
Upper Gunnison Basin - Taylor Park Reservoir to Blue Mesa Reservoir

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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

Taylor Park Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31; Gaffs and tail snares prohibited; 3 lake trout limit; Only one lake trout over 26 inches per day
**River Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **A** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- **B** - *Non-native fish regulation
- **C** - Fishing prohibited as posted

*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:

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

North Fork Gunnison Basin - Hotchkiss to McClure Pass

MAP: PAGE 13

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.

**DELANEY BUTTE LAKES (NORTH, SOUTH & 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.

**NORTHERN DELANEY BUTTE LAKE**

- Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.
- Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 feet of dam Sept. 15–Nov. 15.

**SOUTHERN DELANEY BUTTE LAKE**

- Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.

**DEPOORTER LAKE**

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

**DILLON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT**

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

**DISAPPOINTMENT CREEK — DOLORES**

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

**DISAPPOINTMENT CREEK, SOUTH FORK — DOLORES**

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

**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.

**DISSON LAKE — LARIMER**

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

**DOLORES RIVER — DOLORES, MESA, MONTEZUMA, MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL**

- From confluence with West Fork of the Dolores River downstream to the standing water line of McPhee Reservoir:
  1. Taking kokanee prohibited except Nov. 15–Dec. 31 when snagging permitted.

- From McPhee Dam downstream approximately 11 miles to the Bradfield Bridge:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

- From the Bradfield Bridge downstream to the State Line:
  1. No bag or possession limit for brown trout.
River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly/lure only; All rainbow trout must be released; Gold Medal Water
- Fishing prohibited as posted
- Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31
- Fly/lure only; All rainbow trout must be released; Gold Medal Water; *Non-native fish regulation
- Fishing in the spillway, the stilling basin and the outlet canal is prohibited.
- Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31
- *Non-native fish regulation
- Fly/lure only; All trout must be released;
  *Non-native fish regulation

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

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Blue Mesa Reservoir - Ice fishing shelters must be portable; No bag or possession limit for lake trout; only 1 lake trout over 32 inches per day; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31; Bag limit for kokanee is 5; Possession limit for kokanee is 10
Cerro Summit Reservoir - Fly/lure only; All fish must be released; Ice fishing prohibited; Fishing prohibited Dec. 1-Feb. 28; Fishing access restricted to parking lot, trail, and up to 50 feet from the water line March 1-Aug. 15;
Crawford Reservoir - 1 largemouth bass limit, minimum 18 inches; No bag or possession limit for yellow perch; Fishing in the spillway, stilling basin, or the outlet canal is prohibited; Underwater spearfishing may be used as a method of fishing for northern pike or carp in accordance with CPW regulations; Underwater spearfishing prohibited within 100 feet of any marina, boat ramp, swim beach or dam
Crystal Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31
Morrow Point Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31
Switzer Lake - All fish, except carp, must be returned to the water immediately upon catch; Underwater spearfishing may be used as a method of fishing for northern pike or carp in accordance with CPW regulations; Underwater spearfishing prohibited within 100 feet of any marina, boat ramp, swim beach or dam

Lower Gunnison Basin - Blue Mesa Reservoir to Delta

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

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

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

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

ELK CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER UPSTREAM TO THE U.S. 6 BRIDGE IN NEW CASTLE:

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

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

DYE CREEK — CLEAR CREEK
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CLEAR CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

EAGLE CREEK — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 15
FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE EAST FORK AND THE SOUTH FORK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Beck Pond - Fishing prohibited
Bull Basin Res. #1, Bull Creek Res. #1 & #2, and connecting channels - Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
Connected & Duke Lakes - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 18 inches
Griffith Reservoir - Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
Hallenbeck Reservoir - Fly 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, slingsbows and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited
Highline Reservoir - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches
Jerry Creek Reservoirs #1 & #2 - Fly 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 only; Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; Largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released; Only 2 largemouth bass greater than 15 inches allowed
Mack Mesa Reservoir - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches
Rifle Gap Reservoir - 1 walleye limit, minimum 18 inches; 20 yellow perch limit
Silver Lake - Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
Youngs Creek reservoirs #1, #2, and #3 - Fly only; All cutthroat must be released

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
A - Fly 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.

For Colorado River Regulations above Rifle please see Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers Map.
FORT MORGAN PONDS — MORGAN
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

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

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

ESCALANTE CREEK, NORTH FORK — MESA
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to 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 33
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

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

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

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

FRANK EASEMENT PONDS (NORTH & SOUTH) — WELD
MAP: PAGE 33
FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited.

FRASER CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 33
FROM 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.
2. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

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

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.

FRESHWATER PONDS: NO.1 & NO. 2 — PUEBLO
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FULLERTON Ponds: No. 1 & No. 2 — PUEBLO
MAP: PAGE 29
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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.

GOLDEN PARK PONDS — BOULDER
ON GOLDEN PARK PONDS NO. 1 & NO. 2:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Snagged 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 16
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH RED SANDSTONE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE EAGLE RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GRIFFITH RESERVOIR — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.
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 28
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 MILES:

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

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

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

GUNNISON RIVER — DELTA, GUNNISON, MONTROSE
GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM 200 YARDS DOWNSTREAM OF THE CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO NORTH FORK OF THE GUNNISON.
MAP: PAGE 21
FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE EAST AND TAYLOR RIVERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE U.S. 50 BRIDGE:
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
4. 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:
MAP: PAGE 19
FROM BLUE MESA DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 225 YARDS:
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.
FROM THE CLOSURE SIGNS BELOW BLUE MESA DAM DOWNSTREAM TO MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM:
MAP: PAGE 19
FROM MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 130 YARDS:
MAP: PAGE 21
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.
FROM THE CLOSURE SIGN BELOW MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM:
MAP: PAGE 21
FROM CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 200 YARDS:
MAP: PAGE 21
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.
FROM 200 YARDS DOWNSTREAM OF THE CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE RELIEF DITCH DIVERSION (5 MILES ABOVE AUSTIN BRIDGE):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SMITH FORK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

CATCH CRAPPIE!
- Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent & Kiowa Cos.
- Turk’s Pond, Baca Co.
- John Martin Reservoir, Bent Co.
- North Sterling Reservoir, Logan Co.
- Prewitt Reservoir, Logan & Washington Cos.
- Jumbo Reservoir, Logan & Sedgwick Cos.
- Crawford State Park, Delta Co.
Find where to catch a lunker: cpw.state.co.us/fish/hotspots

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

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

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

HARVEY GAP RESERVOIR — GARFIELD
MAPS: PAGES 22, 28
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag, possession limit for channel catfish is 2.
3. Use of spearfishing, slingbows, archery, gibs for take of northern pike is prohibited.
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Fishing prohibited.
Fly only; All cutthroat must be released.
Fly only; Trout must be released.
Fly only; 2 trout limit.

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

HAXTUN CITY LAKE (GUN CLUB LAKE) — PHILLIPS
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

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

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

HENRY RESERVOIR — CROWLEY
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOMESTAKE CONVEYANCE CHANNEL (SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET DITCH) — PARK
MAP: PAGE 30
1. Fishing prohibited.

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

HORSESHOE RESERVOIR — HUERFANO
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
HORSESHOE RESERVOIR — LARIMER
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. No more than 1 walleye or saugeye in aggregate greater than 21 inches long may be taken per day.

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

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

HUBBARD CREEK, MAIN — DELTA
MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO OVERLAND DITCH:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HUBBARD CREEK, MIDDLE — DELTA
MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO OVERLAND DITCH:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HUBBARD CREEK — MESA
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to water immediately.

HORSESHOE RESERVOIR — LARIMER
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Float tubes with chest-high waders permitted.

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

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

JACKSON LAKE (RESERVOIR) — MORGAN
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater 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.

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

JERRY CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1 & 2 — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.

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

JOE WRIGHT CREEK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH JOE WRIGHT RESERVOIR UPSTREAM TO COLO. 14:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

JOE WRIGHT RESERVOIR — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

JOHN MARTIN RESERVOIR — BENT
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

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

JUMBO RESERVOIR — LOGAN, SEDGWICK
1. Min. size for wiper 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 greater than 21 inches may be taken per day.
5. Visitors ages 18–64 must have annual Jumbo/Schwachheim Res. access permit, except those who have a valid annual Colorado hunting or fishing license. Permits are $43, available on the CPW website or at authorized sales agents.

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

KERR LAKE — CONEJO
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

KETNER LAKE — JEFFERSON
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

KINGFISHER POND (FORT COLLINS ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER) — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

KINNEY CREEK (3 MILES EAST OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS) — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

LAKE AOAKA — BOULDER
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

LAKE ARBOR — JEFFERSON
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye, saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches may be taken per day.

LAKE CREEK — HINSDALE
FROM BIG EMERALD LAKE INLET UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

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

LAKE FORK CREEK — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH GLACIER CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

LAKE GRANBY — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4.
4. Jan. 1–Aug. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee is 4, singly or in aggregate.
Upper Rio Grande Basin

Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Alberta Park Reservoir**: Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; no more than 1 walleye or saugeye in aggregate.
- **Beaver Creek Reservoir**: Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1–Dec. 31.
- **Poage Lake**: Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches; only one channel catfish in the bag or possession.
- **West San Francisco Lake**: Fly/lure only; All trout must be released.
- **Upper Seepage Lake**: Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; all trout must be released.

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Beaver Creek Reservoir**: Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1–Dec. 31.
- **Alberta Park Reservoir**: Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; all trout must be released.

IN COLUMBINE BAY FROM THE INLET OF TWIN CREEK UPSTREAM:

1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 15–Nov. 30.

LAKE JOHN — JACKSON

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4.

LAKE LOVELAND — LARIMER

1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. No more than 1 walleye or saugeye in aggregate greater than 21 inches long may be taken per day.

LARIMIE RIVER — LARIMER

**WITHIN HÖHNNOLD STATE WILDLIFE AREA:**

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

LASKEY GULCH — SUMMIT

**MAP: PAGE 13**

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

LESTER CREEK — ROUTT

**MAP: PAGE 36**

FOR 0.25 OF A MILE UPSTREAM AND 0.25 OF A MILE DOWNSTREAM FROM PEARL LAKE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2; 18 inches long.

LON HAGLER RESERVOIR — LARIMER

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

LONE PINE CREEK — LARIMER

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

1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

LONG DRAW RESERVOIR — LARIMER

**MAP: PAGE 25**

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

LOS PINOS CREEK — SAGUACHE

**MAP: PAGE 19**

WITHIN OCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SNYDER RANCH):

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.

LOS PINOS RIVER — HINSDALE, LA PLATA

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:

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

LOWELL PONDS — ADAMS

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

MACK MESA RESERVOIR — MESA

**MAP: PAGE 22**

1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.

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.

LOST TRAIL CREEK — GUNNISON

**MAP: PAGE 28**

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

LOWELL PONDS — ADAMS

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MACK MESA RESERVOIR — MESA

**MAP: PAGE 22**

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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.
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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

Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers

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

Inset Map

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

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30
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 31 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 31 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

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- Statewide trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation
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MAY CREEK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
From headwaters downstream to the confluence with Poudre River:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All trout must be returned to water immediately.

McELMO CREEK — MONTEZUMA
From the U.S. 160 Bridge east of Cortez downstream to the state line:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

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

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

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

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

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

MEADOW CREEK RESERVOIR — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for tiger trout is 1 fish, 18 inches long.

MINNESOTA CREEK, SOUTH FORK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 20
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MITCHELL CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
From the headwaters downstream to the upper boundary of the Glenwood Springs Fish Hatchery:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MONTGOMERY RESERVOIR — PARK
1. Ice fishing prohibited.

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

MUD CREEK — SAN MIGUEL
From the headwaters downstream to Woods Lake:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

NASH CREEK — DOLORES
From Groundhog Reservoir upstream for 0.5 of a mile:
1. Fishing prohibited April 15–July 15.

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

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

NAVAJO RESERVOIR — ARCHULETA
1. Trot-lines permitted.

NAVAJO RIVER — ARCHULETA, CONEJOS
From the headwaters downstream to Bridal Veil Falls:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

From the Osceola Diversion Dam downstream to the state line:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

NEE GRONDA RESERVOIR — KIOWA
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

NEE NOSHE RESERVOIR — KIOWA
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

NEE SO PAH RESERVOIR (SWEETWATER & JET) — KIOWA
NOTE: At publication, this reservoir is dry.
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Antero Res. - 2 trout limit; Portable ice fishing shelters only
Eleven Mile Res. - 4 trout limit; Only 2 trout over 16 inches; No limit for yellow perch; Portable ice fishing shelters only
Spinney Mtn. Res. - Fly/lure only; 1 trout over 20 inches; No fishing from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise; Ice fishing prohibited; No bag or possession limit for yellow perch; Gold Medal Water

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
① - Fly/lure only; Trout 12-20 in. must be released; 2 trout limit; Only 1 trout over 20 in.; Gold Medal Water
② - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
③ - Fly/lure only; Trout 12-20 in. must be released; 2 trout limit; Only 1 trout over 20 in.
④ - Fly/lure only; All fish must be released; Portions may be closed Sept. 15 - Dec. 31; Gold Medal Water
⑤ - Fishing is prohibited (Homestake Conveyance Channel)

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

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

NO NAME CREEK — GARFIELD
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

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

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

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.
  3. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
  4. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long. Only 1 can be longer than 25 inches.
  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 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 wiper 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 — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 22
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

OLD DILLON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT
MAP: PAGE 13
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Bag, possession and min. size for golden trout 1, 16 inches long.

OSIER CREEK — CONEJOS
MAP: PAGE 18
  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
MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE TOP OF PAONIA DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE BOUNDARY FENCE BELOW THE STILLING BASIN:
  1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

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

PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST MIDDLE FORK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 22
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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.

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

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

PASS CREEK — MINERAL

MAP: PAGE 27
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 36
INCLUDING INLET STREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE ABOVE INLET AND THE OUTLET STREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE BELOW THE OUTLET:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.

PELLA CROSSING RECREATION AREA PONDS (ALL PONDS) — BOULDER

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Fishing prohibited in Webster Pond.

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 RD.) DOWNSTREAM TO THE LOWER BOUNDARY OF THE TRES PIEDRA RANCH (1.5 MILES ABOVE U.S. 160):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

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.

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

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

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

PIT D POND — BOULDER
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.
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POAGE LAKE — RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 27
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 12 inches long.

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

POOSE CREEK — RIO BLANCO
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

POUDRE RIVER — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH JOE WRIGHT CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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

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RIO GRANDE — HINSDALE, MINERAL, RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 27
FROM LOWER BOUNDARY OF RIVER HILL CAMPGROUND DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLO. 149 BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
3. Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout is 2, 12 inches long.

FROM COLO. 149 BRIDGE AT SOUTH FORK DOWNSTREAM TO THE RIO GRANDE CANAL DIVERSION STRUCTURE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.

RIO GRANDE — HINSDALE, MINERAL, RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 27
FROM LOWER BOUNDARY OF RIVER HILL CAMPGROUND DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLO. 149 BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
3. Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout is 2, 12 inches long.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ROARING FORK RIVER — PITKIN, GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH McFARLANE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER WOODY CREEK BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

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

ROARING FORK — MINERAL
MAP: PAGE 27
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH GOOSE CREEK, INCLUDING UNNAMED TRIBUTARY STREAMS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

ROARING FORKS CREEK — MONTEZUMA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
White River - Meeker to Utah State Line

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Kenney Reservoir - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
Rio Blanco Lake - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAKE — DENVER
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

ROSEMONT RESERVOIR — TELLER
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

ROUGH CANYON — CONEJOS
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
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

B. River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
A. 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
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2. Fishing prohibited as posted. No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

MAP:
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CLEAR FORK OF MUDDY CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
3. Ice fishing prohibited.
4. Fishing prohibited as posted.

MAP:
FROM CONFLUENCE OF THE MIDDLE AND SOUTH FORKS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CALIFORNIA GULCH:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
4. Only 1 channel catfish in the bag or possession limit may exceed 20 inches long.

MAP:
FROM HEADED TOURIST TO CONFLUENCE WITH CALIFORNIA GULCH:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
3. Fishing prohibited as posted.
4. No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
5. Ice fishing prohibited.
> 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 DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE DOLORES RIVER:
  1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

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

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

> SCHAFFER CREEK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO CR 12C:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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

> SECOND CREEK — DELTA
MAP: PAGE 21
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.

> SECOND CREEK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH CLEAR FORK OF MUDDEY CREEK:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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

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

> SHADOW MOUNTAIN SPILLWAY — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
FROM SHADOW MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE GRANBY INCLUDING COLUMBINE BAY TO THE TWIN CREEK INLET:
  1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 15–Nov. 30.

> SHEEP CREEK — CONEJO
MAP: PAGE 18
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONEJO RIVER:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

> SHEEP CREEK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.

> SHEEP CREEK, EAST AND WEST FORKS — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.

> SIG CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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

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

> SLATE CREEK — DOLORES
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.

> SLATER CREEK, SOUTH FORK & WEST PRONG OF THE SOUTH FORK — ROUTT
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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

> SNELL CREEK — RIO BLANCO
MAP: PAGE 33
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.

> SOUTH PLATTE PARK (LITTLETON) — ARAPAHOE
FROM THE OUTLET OF SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO THE INLET OF ELEVEN MILE 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.

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

> SOUTH PLATTE RIVER — 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.

> SLATER CREEK, SOUTH FORK & WEST PRONG OF THE SOUTH FORK — ROUTT
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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

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

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

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

FROM CHEESMAN DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE AT WIGWAM CLUB:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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.
Yampa River - Headwaters to Craig

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- **A** - Non-native fish regulation
- **B** - Flylure only; All trout must be released; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Non-native fish regulation
- **C** - Flylure only; 2 trout limit; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Non-native fish regulation
- **D** - Flylure only; 2 trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation
- **E** - Flylure only; All trout must be released; *Non-native fish regulation
- **F** - 2 trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation
- **G** - Flylure only; All cutthroat must be released
- **H** - Fishing prohibited Jan. 1-July 31
- **I** - Flylure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches
*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- **A** - Non-native fish regulation
- **B** - Flylure only; All trout must be released; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Non-native fish regulation
- **C** - Flylure only; 2 trout limit; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; *Non-native fish regulation
- **D** - Flylure only; 2 trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation
- **E** - Flylure only; All trout must be released; *Non-native fish regulation
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FROM STRONTIA SPRINGS DAM DOWNSTREAM TO 300 YARDS UPSTREAM FROM THE DENVER WATER BOARD’S MARSTON DIVERSION STRUCTURE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. 

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

▶ SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, MIDDLE FORK — PARK
MAP: PAGE 30
FROM THE COLORADO 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. 

1. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

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

1. 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. 

1. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

▶ 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

▶ SYLVAN LAKE — EAGLE
MAP: PAGE 15
IN INLET AND UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 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.

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

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

▶ TAYLOR RIVER — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 19
FROM THE TOP OF TAYLOR DAM AND FROM THE DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 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
MAP: PAGE 20
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.

▶ TERROR CREEK, WEST FORK — DELTA
MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH TERROR CREEK (INCLUDING THE UNNAMED TRIBUTARY BELOW TERROR CREEK RESERVOIR):
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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 & MIDDLE LAKES) — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
WATERS

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

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

THURSTON RESERVOIR — PROWERS
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

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

TORSIDO CREEK — CONEjos
MAP: PAGE 18
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.

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

TRAPPERS LAKE — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 32
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession limit and min. size for trout is 2, 11 inches long.
3. Cutthroat over 11 inches long must be returned to water immediately.
4. No bag or possession limit for brook trout.
5. Fishing prohibited in inlets and upstream for 0.5 of a mile.
6. Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of inlet streams.
7. Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of outlet and downstream to first falls.

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

TROUT CREEK — RIO BLANCO, ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO, BUT NOT INCLUDING, SHERIFF RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

TWIN CREEK, NORTH & SOUTH — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 20
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

TWO BUTTES RESERVOIR — BACA
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

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

UNCOMPAGHRE RIVER — OURAY, MONTROSE, DELTA
MAP: PAGE 21
FROM OURAY CR 23 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO RIDGWAY RESERVOIR:

FROM RIDGWAY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE FENCE JUST BELOW USGS GAUGE STATION:
1. Fishing prohibited, except as posted.
2. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

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

FROM THE FENCE JUST BELOW THE USGS GAUGE STATION BELOW RIDGWAY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE GUNNISON RIVER:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE RIDGWAY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE LA PLATA CR 501 BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

UPPER SEEPAGE LAKE — MINERAL
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession limit and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

VALCO PONDS 4 & 5 — PUEBLO
1. Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass must be returned to water immediately.
2. Bag, possession limit for channel catfish is 1.

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.

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- Riffle Gap Reservoir, Garfield Co.
- Steamboat Lake, Routt Co.
- Stagecoach Reservoir, Routt Co.

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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.

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

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

VASQUEZ CREEK, SOUTH FORK — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
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2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

3. Fishing prohibited as posted.

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

5. By the headwaters downstream to confluence with the South Fork of the White River:

6. From the headwaters downstream to confluence with the North Fork of the White River:

7. From the Buoy Line at the Williams Fork River Inlet upstream to the first Grand Cr Bridge:

8. From the James Brown (Soul Center of the Universe) Bridge, in Steamboat Springs:

9. From the Confluence with the South Fork of the White River downstream to the confluence with the Green River:

10. From the headwaters of the Yampa River downstream to the Confluence with the Green River:

11. From the Confluence with Walton Creek downstream to Catamount Lake:

12. From Stagecoach Dam downstream for 0.6 of a mile:

13. Only 1 may be longer than 30 inches.


15. Northern pike 26–34 inches must be returned to the water immediately.

16. Ice fishing prohibited.

17. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

18. Artificial flies and lures only.

19. Fishing prohibited as posted.

20. Artificial flies and lures only.

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

22. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited.

23. Artificial flies and lures only.

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

25. Fishing open only to youth 15 or younger.

26. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

27. Fishing prohibited.

28. Fishing prohibited.

29. Lake trout is 8.

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

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COLORADO FISH IDENTIFICATION

IDENTIFICATION TIPS FOR COMMON GAME SPECIES

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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

LAKE TROUT (MACKINAW)

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 a dark background

PIKE

TIGER MUSKIE
Northern pike and muskie hybrid; irregular, dark-colored vertical markings on a light background; long snout

PIKE

BASS

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

BASS

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

BASS

WIPER
Hybrid between white bass and striped bass

WIPER

OTHER SPORTFISH

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

CHANNEL CATFISH

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

WALLEYE

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

SAUGER

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

SAUGEYE

YELLOW PERCH
Two separate dorsal fins; large vertical dark stripes on yellow sides

YELLOW PERCH
**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

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Green to silver and white with an abrupt hump behind the head

**BONYTAIL CHUB**
Bronze to yellow fish with a sharp-edged keel behind the head

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

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

▌ **TIME IS ESSENTIAL.** Quickly play and release fish. A fish played for too long will be too exhausted to recover.

▌ **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.

▌ **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.
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