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**The correct information is:** Senior lifetime low-income fishing licenses are available for Colorado residents **age 64 and older.**  
Go online for full eligibility requirements: [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us)  
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2021 FISHING BROCHURE CORRECTION
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**VIDEOS**

**FISHING FOR HIP HOP: COLORADO STYLE**

**FISHING FUNDS CONSERVATION**

**101 PLACES TO TAKE A KID FISHING**

**CO OUTDOORS “QUICK TIP”: SPINCAST REELS**

**GET THE CPW FISHING APPS:**

The CPW Fishing app can help you discover over 1,300 fishing locations, check local conditions, read up on regulations and more!

The CPW Match a Hatch app can help you match your fly to the same insects where you’re fishing!
WHAT’S NEW: 2021

STATEWIDE BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS FOR MOUNTAIN WHITEFISH: Mountain whitefish are currently found in NW and NE Colorado. In the NW, these fish are present in the Yampa, White and Colorado River drainages, along with their associated tributaries; in the NE, these fish are present in the Poudre River drainage, along with its associated tributaries. Mountain whitefish now have a bag limit of 4 and a possession limit of 8 statewide. See pages 10 and 11.

FISHING REGULATIONS ADJUSTED ON CERTAIN STREAMS TO PROTECT COLORADO RIVER & RIO GRANDE CUTTHROAT TROUT (LOOK FOR THE NEW TAG!): See pages 11–39.

Delta Co.:
Cunningham Creek
Hubbard Creek, Main
Hubbard Creek, Middle
Terror Creek, West Fork

Disappointment Creek
Disappointment Point Creek, South Fork
Slate Creek

Mesa Co.:
Escalante Creek, North Fork
Points Creek

Mineral Co.:
Roaring Fork
Wolf Creek, South Fork

Ouray Co.:
Beaver Dams Creek
Pryor Creek

NEW FISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING WATERS (LOOK FOR THE NEW TAG!):
Berthoud Res. (Larimer Co.)
Boedecker Res. (Larimer Co.)
Colorado River, North Fork (Grand Co.)
Horseshoe Res. (Larimer Co.)
Lake Granby (Grand Co.)
Lake Loveland (Larimer Co.)

Deep Creek
Kaufman Creek
Minnesota Creek, South Fork
Robinson Creek
Rock Creek
Schaeffer Creek
Second Creek
Twin Creek, North and South

ANNUAL LICENSES ARE VALID MARCH 1–MARCH 31 THE NEXT YEAR (13 MONTHS)
WHAT YOU NEED TO BUY A LICENSE
1. PROPER IDENTIFICATION and PROOF of residency (for Colorado residents).
2. HABITAT STAMP: A 2021 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 $10.07. 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 $10.07 or an annual senior combo small game/fishing license for $30.50, 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.

SENIOR LIFETIME LICENSING: Mountain whitefish now have a bag limit of 4 and a possession limit of 8 statewide. See pages 10 and 11.

RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS
• ANNUAL LICENSE:
  a. Annual license for anyone ages 18–64. One will be automatically added to your purchase, if applicable. (See page 2.)
  b. A second-rod stamp is not required when only using trot-lines or jugs.
  c. Youths under 16 must have and carry with them a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.
  d. Seniors fishing 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 ENFORCEMENT: 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.

LICENSE FEES, HABITAT STAMPS, ANS STAMP

HABITAT STAMPS
• Annual Habitat Stamp (nonrefundable) .................................................. $10.40
  Only one is required per person, ages 18–64, per year buying or applying for a license.
• Lifetime Habitat Stamp ............................................................................ $312.30

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS) STAMP
• RESIDENTS
  a. Annual .................................................. $25.00
• NONRESIDENTS
  a. Annual .................................................. $50.00

LICENSES
• RESIDENTS
  a. Adult annual (18–64) .................................................. $36.08
  b. Senior annual (65+) .................................................. $10.07
  c. Small game & fishing combo .................................................. $51.68
  d. Senior small game & fishing combo (65+) .......................... $30.50

• NONRESIDENTS
  a. Annual .................................................. $100.57
  b. Five-day .................................................. $32.95

YOUTH
• Residents ages 16–17 .................................................. $10.07

SECOND-ROD CHARGE APPLIES.

RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS
• SECOND-ROD STAMP .................................................. $11.11
  A second-rod stamp per year is available to anyone who has purchased a fishing license and any youth under 16 (see “Second-rod Stamp” below).
  a. One-day fishing: residents .................................................. $14.23
  b. One-day fishing: nonresidents .................................................. $17.35
  c. Additional-day fishing .................................................. $6.95

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS: You must be a U.S. citizen to buy a license. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you will need to purchase a nonresident license.

CUSTOMERS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL PERMIT TO PURCHASE A LICENSE.

LICENSE FEES AND ADMINISTRATION:

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

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**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](http://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**
   - **a. Requirements:** You must live in Colorado for at least 6 consecutive months 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.
   - **b. 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**
   - **a. 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.
   - **b. 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**
   - **a. Requirements:** You must meet Colorado residency requirements and be attending an accredited school outside of Colorado, paying nonresident tuition.
   - **b. 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**
   - **a. Requirements:** You must be active-duty military stationed in Colorado (including your spouse/dependents). Residency begins the date the orders begin.
   - **b. Proof:** Military ID and orders.

5. **MILITARY: COLORADO HOME OF RECORD**
   - **a. 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).
   - **b. 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 $10.40 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 $312.30.
- Anyone who holds one type of the free lifetime disability licenses or is an approved Big Game Mobility Impaired Program member is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See: [cpw.state.co.us/accessibility](http://cpw.state.co.us/accessibility)
- Learn more online: [cpw.state.co.us/habitatstamp](http://cpw.state.co.us/habitatstamp)

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**ANGLERS WITH DISABILITIES**

CPW offers several programs for hunters and anglers with disabilities. Go to [cpw.state.co.us/accessibility](http://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 VETERAN LIFETIME PROGRAM**

Military veterans who are disabled and residents of Colorado are eligible to apply for a lifetime fishing and small game combo license. The veteran must have proof of a service-connected disability, with an overall-combined rating of 60% or more by the Department of Veteran’s Affairs. Purple Heart recipients are also eligible to apply for the combo license.

**RESIDENT FIRST RESPONDER LIFETIME PROGRAM**

Colorado residents who are disabled first responders can obtain a lifetime first responder combination small game/fishing license. The first responder must have proof of a permanent occupational disability.

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**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](http://colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-fish-consumption)
GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

WILD TROUT PROGRAM

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

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

GOLD MEDAL LAKES

- NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE in Jackson Co.
- SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVIOR in Park Co.
- STEAMBOAT LAKE in Routt Co.

STREAM SURVEYS

STREAM SURVEYS HELP BIOLOGISTS MANAGE FISHING

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is the state agency responsible for fisheries management of public waters in Colorado.

The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake and stream survey. These surveys periodically monitor fish populations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FISHERY DATA FOR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE COLORADO WATERS:
cpw.state.co.us/fish/fisherydata
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 (released only) and Master Angler.

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 he believes 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.state.co.us/fish/records

STATE RECORDS BY LENGTH

State Records by Length recognizes the longest fish of a particular species that is caught and released by an angler, anywhere throughout Colorado. Records are by length (inches) for this program, and the angler will fill out and return an application form. Applications can be sent to: Record Fish Program, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Attn: Assistant Chief of Hatcheries, 6060 Broadway, Denver CO 80216.

Prior to Jan. 2020, the fish that were considered for the Records by Length program came through our Master Angler program (see next page). The Master Angler program had minimal 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.

Starting Jan. 2020, our Records by Length program will be 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.

See records and more information on qualifying lengths: cpw.state.co.us/fish/records. Look for a new State Records by Length table in this brochure next year!
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

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MEASURE YOUR CATCH

1. Fish must be hooked, played and landed on sport tackle by the entrant. (Snagged fish are not eligible.)
2. Only fish caught in Colorado are eligible for entry and must be submitted within 60 days of catch.
3. All state fishing regulations must be followed.
4. How to measure your fish’s length: Close the fish’s mouth and measure from the tip of jaw to the tip of the tail with a measuring device behind the fish and not following the curvature of the fish. This is the total length.

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
- Juniiata 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. Check the Special Regulations on pages 11–39 of this brochure.
- Check online health advisories at: colorado.gov/dephe/wq-fish-consumption

REMEMBER:

- Do not move fish from one body of water to another! Anyone caught moving fish illegally may be fined up to $5,000, can lose hunting and fishing privileges and may be held liable for the costs of eradication or removal. Collection and transportation of wild-caught live fish as bait is restricted in most of the state. Know these rules and follow them if you use live bait.
- Report any poaching activity to Operation Game Thief:

REPORT POACHERS

OPERATION GAME THIEF: 1-877-265-6648
EMAIL: GAME.THEIF@STATE.CO.US

Earn a reward payment for reporting wildlife violations by calling Operation Game Thief. Callers can remain anonymous. (This number is not for information requests or emergencies.)
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**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](http://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](http://cpw.state.co.us) (click “Buy and Apply”), or in person at any CPW office, state park or sales agent.

**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

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**DISINFECTING YOUR GEAR**

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

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

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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 stick 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.

- FLOTUBE 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), spalke (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, hand line or tip-up that is used for fishing and which is under the personal control of a person who is in proximity to it.

- SIZE OR LENGTH means the total length of a fish with head and tail attached measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.

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

- 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.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- FISHING CONDITIONS
  - 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
  - cpw.state.co.us/fishstocking

- BOAT REGISTRATION
  - cpw.state.co.us/boatingregistration

- FISHING ATLAS
  - Find all of the color-coded fishing regulation maps in this brochure (pages 11–39) online: cpw.state.co.us/fish/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

- 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 report online.

- AND MORE! GO TO: cpw.state.co.us/fish
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.

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.
   4. Spears must be attached by a safety line.

d. Archery, slingbows and gigs are allowed for taking bullfrogs.

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

6. SEINES AND CAST-NET See Use and Collection of Bait Fish on 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 on 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 on 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.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS

THREATENED, ENDANGERED & NONGAME SPECIES

If caught, these species must be returned to the water immediately. Except, taking greenback cutthroat trout is permitted in specific waters and with restrictions as listed in this brochure.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE OR USE THE FOLLOWING:


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

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

3. ALLOWABLE SPECIES — THE FOLLOWING AQUATIC WILDLIFE MAY BE POSSESSIBLE 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: cpw.state.co.us/regulations

b. 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 “Crustaceans” on next page.

c. 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; triploid 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, redbreast and pumpkinseed 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.*

### 4. USE AND COLLECTION OF BAIT FISH:

**a.** Except as otherwise noted in this brochure, in waters east of the Continental Divide and below 7,000 feet elevation, live fish collected for use as bait may only be used in the same body of water from which they were collected. In addition, collection and use is allowed in any man-made ditches and canals within one-half of a mile of the adjoining lake or reservoir. Use of any baitfish collected in those ditches and canals is restricted to only the water from which it was collected and the adjoining lake or reservoir. Baitfish collected under this provision may not be otherwise transported or stored for later use.

**b.** The collection, use or possession of live fish for use as bait is prohibited in all waters east of the Continental Divide above 7,000 feet elevation and all waters west of the Continental Divide, except in Navajo Reservoir; collection, use or possession of live fish for bait is also prohibited in the Arkansas River above Parkdale (in Fremont and Chaffee counties) and in Watson Lake in Larimer Co.

**c.** In Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers counties, live fish collected for personal use as bait may be transported, stored or used anywhere within these counties. Transportation to, or use of, any such baitfish in any other Co. is prohibited.

**d.** The only fish allowed to be taken for commercial use are minnows, gizzard shad, white and longnose suckers and carp. All live aquatic organisms from a commercial source and transported by anglers must at all times be accompanied by a receipt from the source. It is illegal to import any live native or non-native aquatic wildlife into Colorado without authorization from CPW or as stated in regulations.

**e.** The only species allowed to be taken and used for personal use as bait (either alive or dead) by fishing, seining, netting, trapping or dipping are minnows, bluegill, hybrid bluegill, carp, sunfish, gizzard shad, sculpin, white and longnose suckers, yellow perch and rainbow smelt. Statewide bag limits apply to sunfish, bluegill, hybrid bluegills and yellow perch.

**f.** The seining, netting, trapping and dipping of fish is prohibited statewide in all natural streams, springs, all waters in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, Elbert, Jefferson and Park counties, and all public standing waters in Rio Grande, Saguache, Conejos, Costilla, Alamosa, Mineral and Hinsdale counties in the Rio Grande drainage. This does not apply to fish handled or produced at commercially licensed aquaculture facilities.

**g.** BULLFROGS AND SALAMANDERS: Bullfrogs and the aquatic gilled form of the tiger salamander for private and commercial use are permitted. Statewide bag limits apply. Bullfrogs can be taken by fishing, archery, hand, gigs and nets. Artificial light is allowed. Salamander larvae can be taken by fishing, hand, traps, seines or nets.

**h.** CRUSTACEANS: Take methods include by hand, baited lines, traps, pots, nets or seines for food or bait. Taking crustaceans, crayfish, with a commercial fishing license is allowed with the following restrictions: The minimum size is 3 inches for commercial food (measured from the tip of the acumen (bony spike between the eye) to the telson (last bony plate in the tail)); crayfish with eggs attached must be returned to the water immediately; all set pots and traps must be labeled with the user’s CID or user’s name if a CID is unavailable.

Only the following species are allowed to be possessed east of the Continental Divide: virile crayfish, water nymph crayfish, calico crayfish, ringed crayfish and Southern Plains crayfish. NEW *Only 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.

In all waters west of the Continental Divide and from Sanchez Reservoir SWA, all crayfish must be returned to the water of origin immediately or killed by separating the abdomen from the cephalothorax (tail from body) and taken into possession immediately upon catch.

**I. MOLLUSKS:** Taking mollusks is prohibited.

### 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.

- **a.** Molting, 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.

- **a.** 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.
- **b.** 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 LIMITS

**TYPE OF FISH** | **DAILY BAG LIMIT** | **POSSESSION LIMIT**
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**TROUT, ARCTIC CHAR, GRAYLING, SALMON**, **NEW MOUNTAIN WHITEFISH** (except kokanee) in aggregate* | 4 | 8
Kokanee Salmon | angling, snagging or archery | 10 | 10
**WALLEYE, SAUGEYE, SAUGER** statewide, in aggregate* | 5 | 5
On Arkansas and South Fork of Republican River drainages, in aggregate* | 10 | 10
**BASS: LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, SPOTTED** in aggregate* | 5 | 5
West of Continental Divide for smallmouth only | unlimited | unlimited
**BASS: WHITE, STRIPED, WIPER** statewide, in aggregate* | 10 | 10
On Arkansas and South Fork of Republican River drainages, in aggregate* | 20 | 20
**CATFISH: CHANNEL, FLATHEAD, BLUE** in aggregate* | 10 | 10
**CRAPPIE: WHITE, BLACK** in aggregate* | 20 | 20
**BLUEGILL, HYBRID BLUEGILL, GREEN SUNFISH, REDEAR SUNFISH, PUMPKINSEED SUNFISH** in aggregate* | 20 | 20
**YELLOW PERCH** West of Continental Divide | unlimited | unlimited
East of Continental Divide | 20 | 20
**TIGER MUSKIE** at least 36 inches long | 1 | 1
**NORTHERN PIKE, BULLHEAD** | unlimited | unlimited
**SPECKLED DACE, SCULPIN** West of Continental Divide in aggregate* | 20 | 20
East of Continental Divide | unlimited | unlimited
**CRAWFISH (CRAWDADS), BULLFROGS** | unlimited | unlimited
**AQUATIC TIGER SALAMANDER LARVAE** grilled and less than 5 inches long | 50 | 50

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

### STATEWIDE BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS

**THREATENED, ENDANGERED & NONGAME SPECIES**
If caught, these species must be returned to the water immediately. Except, taking greenback cutthroat trout is permitted in specific waters and with restrictions as listed in this brochure.

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE OR USE THE FOLLOWING:**

### 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: www.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: www.fws.gov/fishing

### POSSESSION LIMIT

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

### 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.

### 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.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS: FISHING WATERS

GOLD MEDAL WATERS: Waters that offer the greatest potential for trophy trout fishing. See page 3 for details.

FISHING MAPS ARE ONLINE: PDFs of the maps in the brochure are available online. Store them on your smartphone for use in the field: cpw.state.co.us/fish/maps

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 the water, larger fish may result. While many streams and rivers support a daily bag and possession limit, anglers are asked to reduce their harvest by practicing voluntary, selective harvest.

NEW THE FOLLOWING WATERS HAVE NEW MTN. WHITEFISH DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS:

The daily bag limit for mountain whitefish is now 4 with a possession limit of 8, statewide. See page 10.

NW Colorado:
► Colorado River drainage, including the mainstem river and all of its tributaries
► All tributaries to the Colorado River and their associated drainages, including but not limited to: Canyon Creek (Garfield Co.), Eagle River, Elk Creek (Garfield Co.), Grizzly Creek, No Name Creek, Piney River and Roaring Fork River
► Roaring Fork River drainage, including the mainstem river and all of its tributaries, consisting of but not limited to: the Fryingpan River and Crystal River drainages, and their associated drainages
► White River drainage, including the mainstem river and all of its tributaries, consisting of but not limited to: the North Fork and South Fork drainages, and their associated drainages
► Yampa River drainage, including the mainstem river and all of its tributaries
► All tributaries to the Yampa River and their associated drainages, including but not limited to: Bear Creek, Burgess Creek, Elk River, Elk Creek — North, South and Middle Forks, Fish Creek, Mad Creek, Morrison Creek, Sarvis Creek, Soda Creek, Trout Creek and Walton Creek

NE Colorado:
► Poudre River drainage, including the mainstem river and all of its tributaries

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

► ADAMS CO. FAIRGROUNDS LAKES (PUBLIC WORKS AND MANN-NYHOLT LAKES) — ADAMS
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

► ADOBE CREEK RESERVOIR (BLUE LAKE) — BENET, KIOWA
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

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

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

► ALBERTA PARK RESERVOIR — MINERAL
MAP: PAGE 27
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

► AMERICAN LAKES (SNOW AND MICHIGAN LAKES) — JACKSON
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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

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

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

► ANTERO RESERVOIR — PARK
MAP: PAGE 30
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
2. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

► NEW ANTHRACITE CREEK, NORTH FORK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH HELL CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► APACHE CREEK, NORTH AND SOUTH FORKS — HUERTANO
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Fishing prohibited.

► ARAPAHOE BEND NATURAL AREA (BASS, BEAVER, CORMORANT AND SNAPPER PONDS) — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

► ARAPAHO CREEK — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
FROM MONARCH LAKE DOWNSTREAM TO USFS RD. 125:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

► ARCHULETA CREEK — SAGUACHE
MAP: PAGE 19
WITHIN THE COCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SNYDER RANCH) DOWNSTREAM FROM DOME LAKES STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

► ARKANSAS RIVER — CHAFFEE
MAP: PAGE 12
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE LAKE FORK OF THE ARKANSAS DOWNSTREAM TO PARKDALE AT THE U.S. 50 BRIDGE CROSSING ABOVE THE ROYAL GORGE.

► ARKANSAS RIVER — CHAFFEE, FREMONT, PUEBLO
FROM THE STOCKYARD BRIDGE (CHAFFEE CR 102) BELOW SALIDA DOWNSTREAM 7.5 MILES TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH BADGER CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout and cutbow must be returned to water immediately.

WITHIN THE PUEBLO RESERVOIR STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Bag, possession and min. size for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate, 18 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

FROM THE BRIDGE AT VALCO PONDS DOWNSTREAM TO PUEBLO BLVD. (EXCEPT AT PUEBLO NATURE CENTER AS POSTED):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout longer than 16 inches must be returned to water immediately.

► ARKANSAS RIVER, MIDDLE FORK OF THE SOUTHARKANSAS — CHAFFEE
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO BOSS LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

► AURORA (SENAC) RESERVOIR — ARAPAHOE
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
2. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye is 18 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
WATERS

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

▶ BARKER RESERVOIR — BOULDER
1. Ice fishing prohibited.
2. Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1–Dec. 1

▶ BARR LAKE — ADAMS
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

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

▶ BEAR CREEK — CONEJOS
MAP: PAGE 18
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE CONEJOS RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ BEAR CREEK — EL PASO
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO GOLD CAMP ROAD:
1. Fishing prohibited.

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

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

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

▶ 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.

▶ NEW 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.
**NEW BERTHOUD RESERVOIR — LARIMER**
1. Bag, possession limit for crappie and redbreast 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 CREEK LAKE — CONEJOS**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**BIG THOMPSON PONDS — LARIMER**
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in aggregate, 15 inches long.
2. Largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

**BLUE MESA RESERVOIR — GUNNISON**
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. No bag or possession limit for lake trout.
3. Only 1 lake trout longer than 32 inches may be taken per day.
5. Bag limit for kokanee is 5.
6. Possession limit for kokanee is 10.
7. Statewide regulations apply to all waters except: Blue River, Old Dillon Reservoir, Green Mountain Reservoir.

**BESWICK POND — MESA**
1. Fishing prohibited.

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

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

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

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

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

**BLUE MESA RESERVOIR — GUNNISON**
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. No bag or possession limit for lake trout.
3. Only 1 lake trout longer than 32 inches may be taken per day.
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**BLUE RIVER — GRAND, SUMMIT**
*MAP: PAGE 13*
**GOLD MEDAL WATERS FROM DILLON RESERVOIR DAM TO HAMILTON CREEK ROAD BRIDGE**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Bag, possession limit for lake trout and/or splake is 3. Only 1 may be longer than 26 inches.
5. Bag limit for kokanee is 5.
6. Possession limit for kokanee is 10.
7. Statewide regulations apply to all waters except: Blue River, Old Dillon Reservoir, Green Mountain Reservoir.

**BLUE RIVER — GRAND, SUMMIT**
From the North Inlet at Summit County, 3 miles downstream to Dillon Reservoir:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**BLUE RIVER — GRAND, SUMMIT**
From Dillon Dam downstream to North City limits of Silverthorne:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**BLUE RIVER — GRAND, SUMMIT**
From North City limits of Silverthorne downstream to Colorado River State Wildlife Area:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

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

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

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

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

**BLUE MESA RESERVOIR — GUNNISON**
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. No bag or possession limit for lake trout.
3. Only 1 lake trout longer than 32 inches may be taken per day.
5. Bag limit for kokanee is 5.
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2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.
BOBTAIL CREEK — 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.

BOSS LAKE — CHAFFEE
2. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.
3. No bag or possession limit for any game fish expected to be refilled.

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

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.

BOYD LAKE — LARIMER
1. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Fishing is prohibited from December 1–February 28.
3. Fishing access is restricted to the parking lot, the trail and up to 50 feet from the water line.
4. Ice fishing is prohibited.
5. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

BULL CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1, NO. 2 AND 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.

BULL CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1, NO. 2 AND CONNECTING CHANNELS — MESA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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 TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CANYON CREEK — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM NORTH SIDE OF I-70 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

CARTER LAKE — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
3. 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 — GARFIELD
1. Fishing is prohibited.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
3. Fishing access is restricted to the parking lot, the trail and up to 50 feet from the water line.
4. Ice fishing is prohibited.
5. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

CARTER LAKE — GARFIELD
1. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
3. Fishing prohibited.
4. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
5. Fishing is prohibited.
6. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CERRO SUMMIT (MONTROSE) RESERVOIR — MONTROSE
MAP: PAGE 20
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

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

CHADDS MILL RESERVOIR — LA PLATA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

CHERRY CREEK — DENVER
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.
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CHEEZEBAKER CREEK — RIO GRANDE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
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CLEVE CREEK — RIO GRANDE
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2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

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

COLORADO FISHING
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Ice fishing is prohibited.
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17. Ice fishing is prohibited.
River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **A** - Fly/lure only. All cutthroat must be released
- **B** - 2 trout limit
- **C** - 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- **D** - Flylure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Gold Medal Water
- **E** - Fishing prohibited Sept. 1 - Nov. 30

Gold Medal Water - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Fishing prohibited Sept. 1 - Nov. 30 in inlet and upstream 0.5 miles.

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Gusymp Ponds SWA** - 2 trout limit
- **Sylvan Lake** - Fishing prohibited from Sept. 1 - Nov. 30 in inlet and upstream 0.5 miles

MAP:
- Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers
- CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR — ARAPAHOE
  1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
  2. Bag and min. size for walleye is 3, 18 inches long.
  3. Only 1 walleye longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
  4. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam or walleye spawning nets Mar. 1–April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are complete.

MAP:
- CLEAR CREEK HOLDING PONDS (SANDOVAL POND) — ADAMS
  1. Fishing prohibited except for youths in CPW angler education activities.

MAP:
- CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR — CHAFFEE

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

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

MAP:
- CLIFF CREEK — GUNNISON
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

MAP:
- CLINE RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREA — PARK
  (See Tarryall Creek on page 37.)
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
### Upper Colorado River - Headwaters to Radium

#### Lake Regulations

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**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**
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.

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**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 TROUBLESONE CREEK, AND FROM CANYON CREEK TO ROCK CREEK:**

**FROM LAKE GRANBY DOWNSTREAM TO THE U.S. 40 BRIDGE APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES WEST OF HOT SULFUR SPRINGS:**

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**FROM THE U.S. 40 BRIDGE APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES WEST OF HOT SULFUR SPRINGS DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH TROUBLESONE CREEK (APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES EAST OF KREMMLING):**

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

**FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE WILLIAMS FORK RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:**

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

**FROM CONFLUENCE WITH TROUBLESONE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO I-70 EXIT 90 BRIDGE AT RIFLE (EXCLUDING 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM OF CONFLUENCES WITH CANYON, NEW ELK, GRIZZLY AND NO NAME CREEKS):**

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**FROM 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM OF THE CONFLUENCES WITH CANYON, ELK, GRIZZLY AND NO NAME CREEKS:**

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**COLORADO RIVER, NORTH FORK INCLUDING SHADOW MOUNTAIN SPILLWAY — GRAND**

**MAP: PAGE 16**

**FROM SHADOW MOUNTAIN DAM SPILLWAY TO LAKE GRANBY, INCLUDING COLUMBINE BAY TO THE TWIN CREEK INLET:**

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

**COMO CREEK — BOULDER**

**FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH NORTH BOULDER CREEK:**

1. Fishing prohibited.

**CONEJOS RIVER — CONEJOS**

**MAP: PAGE 18**

**FROM THE LOWER BRIDGE AT TOWN OF PLATERO DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF THE CONEJOS RIVER:**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**FROM MENKHAVEN RESORT DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER BOUNDARY OF ASPEN GLADE CAMPGROUND:**

1. Artificial flies only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**CONEJOS RIVER, LAKE FORK — CONEJOS**

**MAP: PAGE 18**

**FROM THE HEADWATERS INCLUDING BIG LAKE, DOWNSTREAM TO AND INCLUDING ROCK LAKE AND ITS OUTLET:**

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

**CONNECTED LAKE — MESA**

**MAP: PAGE 22**

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

**COOPER LAKE — HINSDALE**

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

**CORRAL CREEK — SAN JUAN**

**FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH HERMOSA CREEK:**

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

**COTTONWOOD CREEK, LITTLE — MOFFAT**

**MAP: PAGE 36**

**FROM FREEMAN RESERVOIR UPSTREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE:**


**CRAWFORD RESERVOIR — DELTA**

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

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

**MAP: PAGE 21**

1. Fishing prohibited in spillway, stilling basin and outlet canal.

**CROSHO RESERVOIR — RIO BLANCO**

**MAP: PAGE 36**

1. Bag, possession and min. size for grayling is 2, 16 inches long.

**CRYSTAL LAKE — LAKE**

**MAP: PAGE 12**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

**CRYSTAL RESERVOIR — MONTROSE**

**MAP: PAGE 21**


**CELEBRA CREEK — COSTILLA**

**FROM COLO. 159 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES TO THE JACQUEZ BRIDGE:**

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

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Big Lake - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Rock Lake - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Kerr Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- Kerr Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly only; 2 trout limit
- Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches

Conejos and Alamosa River Drainages

Map of Conejos and Alamosa River Drainages with various water bodies and boundaries marked.

River Regulations

Map of River Regulations with various waters marked.

New Mexico

Map of New Mexico with various areas and boundaries marked.

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Upper Gunnison Basin - Taylor Park Reservoir to Blue Mesa Reservoir

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
- Fishing prohibited as posted
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches; No taking of kokanee
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches; No taking of kokanee; Fishing prohibited Aug. 1- Oct. 31
- Fly/lure 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/lure only; All fish must be released
- Fly/lure 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 snare prohibited; 3 lake trout limit; Only one lake trout over 26 inches per day

For Gunnison River regulations below
Blue Mesa Reservoir see Lower Gunnison Basin Map
**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

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**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

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**NEW CUNNINGHAM CREEK — DELTA**

**MAP: PAGE 20**

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

**NEW CUNNINGHAM CREEK — PITKIN**

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

**DAIGRE LAKE — HUERFANO**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

**DEADMAN GULCH — ROUTT**

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

**NEW DEEP CREEK — GUNNISON**

**MAP: PAGE 20**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO PAONIA RESERVOIR:

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

**DEEP CREEK — LA PLATA**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:

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

**DEEP CREEK — SAN MIGUEL**

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

**DEER BEAVER CREEK — SAGUACHE**

**MAP: PAGE 19**

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

**DELANEY BUTTE LAKES (NORTH, SOUTH, AND EAST) — JACKSON**

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Brown trout 14–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
4. Rainbow, cutthroat and cutbow trout 18–22 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

**NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE:**
1. Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.
2. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 feet of dam Sept. 15–Nov. 15.

**SOUTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE:**
1. Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.

**DePOORTER LAKE — SEDGWICK**

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

**DILLON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT**

**MAP: PAGE 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.

**NEW DISAPPOINTMENT CREEK — DOLORES**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO USFS BOUNDARY:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
Lower Gunnison Basin - Blue Mesa Reservoir to Delta

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.
- 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:

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- Fly/lure only; All rainbow trout must be released; Gold Medal Water
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DOLORES RIVER — DOLORES, MESA, MONTezuma, MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL
FROM CONFLUENCE WITH WEST FORK OF THE DOLORES RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF MCPHEE RESERVOIR:
1. Taking kokanee prohibited except Nov. 15–Dec. 31 when snagging permitted.

FROM MCPHEE DAM DOWNSTREAM APPROXIMATELY 11 MILES TO THE BRADFORD BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

DOLORES — DOLORES, MESA, MONTezuma, MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL
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1. Taking kokanee prohibited except Nov. 15–Dec. 31 when snagging permitted.

FROM MCPHEE DAM DOWNSTREAM APPROXIMATELY 11 MILES TO THE BRADFORD BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

DOLORES RIVER — DOLORES, MESA, MONTezuma, MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL
FROM CONFLUENCE WITH WEST FORK OF THE DOLORES RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF MCPHEE RESERVOIR:
1. Taking kokanee prohibited except Nov. 15–Dec. 31 when snagging permitted.

FROM MCPHEE DAM DOWNSTREAM APPROXIMATELY 11 MILES TO THE BRADFORD BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

DOLORES RIVER — DOLORES, MESA, MONTezuma, MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL
FROM CONFLUENCE WITH WEST FORK OF THE DOLORES RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF MCPHEE RESERVOIR:
1. Taking kokanee prohibited except Nov. 15–Dec. 31 when snagging permitted.

FROM MCPHEE DAM DOWNSTREAM APPROXIMATELY 11 MILES TO THE BRADFORD BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

DOLORES RIVER — DOLORES, MESA, MONTezuma, MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL
FROM CONFLUENCE WITH WEST FORK OF THE DOLORES RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF MCPHEE RESERVOIR:
1. Taking kokanee prohibited except Nov. 15–Dec. 31 when snagging permitted.

FROM MCPHEE DAM DOWNSTREAM APPROXIMATELY 11 MILES TO THE BRADFORD BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

DOLORES RIVER — DOLORES, MESA, MONTezuma, MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL
FROM CONFLUENCE WITH WEST FORK OF THE DOLORES RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF MCPHEE RESERVOIR:
1. Taking kokanee prohibited except Nov. 15–Dec. 31 when snagging permitted.

FROM MCPHEE DAM DOWNSTREAM APPROXIMATELY 11 MILES TO THE BRADFORD BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

Lower Colorado River and Grand Mesa

**Lake Regulations**

*Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:*

- **Bewick Pond**: Fishing prohibited
- **Bull Basin Res. #1, Bull Creek Res. #1 & #2, and connecting channels**: Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- **Connected & Duke Lakes**: 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 18 inches
- **Griffith Reservoir**: Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- **Hallenbeck Reservoir**: Fly/lure only; Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; Largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released; Only 2 largemouth bass greater than 15 inches allowed
- **Harvey Gap Reservoir**: Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches; 2 channel catfish limit; Use of spearfishing, archery, slingbow and gibs for the take of northern pike is prohibited
- **Highline Reservoir**: 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches
- **Jerry Creek Reservoirs #1 & #2**: Fly/lure only; Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; All fish must be released; Float tubes with chest-high waders permitted
- **Juniata Reservoir**: Fly/lure only; Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; Largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released; Only 2 largemouth bass greater than 15 inches allowed
- **Mack Mesa Reservoir**: 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches
- **Rifle Gap Reservoir**: 1 walleye limit, minimum 18 inches; 20 yellow perch limit
- **Silver Lake**: Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- **Youngs Creek reservoirs #1, #2, and #3**: Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released

**River Regulations**

*Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:*

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

**River Regulations**

*Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:*

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

**River Regulations**

*Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:*

- **C**: Fishing prohibited Oct 1 - last day of Feb.
  - Fishing prohibited Oct 1 - last day of Feb.

**River Regulations**

*Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:*

- **D**: Fishing prohibited Oct 1 - last day of Feb.
  - Fishing prohibited Oct 1 - last day of Feb.
FROM ROARING JUDY HATCHERY OUTLET DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:

**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:

**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, 14 inches long.

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

**EMERALD LAKE INLET FOR 0.5 OF A MILE ABOVE BIG EMERALD LAKE:**

**ERIE LAKE — BOULDER**
1. All largemouth and smallmouth must be returned to water immediately.

**NEW ESCALANTE CREEK, NORTH FORK — MESA**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO USF&S 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:

**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 AND SOUTH) — WELD**
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

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

**FRASER RIVER — GRAND**
**MAP: PAGE 16**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH ST. LOUIS CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

**FRYINGPAN RIVER — EAGLE, PITKIN**
**MAP: PAGE 28**
FROM RUEDI DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER, APPROXIMATELY 14 MILES:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout is 2, 14 inches long.
3. Trout (except brown trout) must be returned to the water immediately.

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

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

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

**GORE CREEK — EAGLE**
**MAP: PAGE 15**
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.

**GRAÑEROS 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 MILE:
1. Fishing prohibited April 15–July 15.

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

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

FROM FIRST BRIDGE CROSSING ABOVE LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL:
1. Artificial flies only.

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

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

FROM FROM THE CLOSURE SIGNS BELOW BLUE MESA DAM DOWNSTREAM TO BLUE MESA RESERVOIR:
MAP: PAGE 19

GUNNISON RIVER, LAKE FORK — GUNNISON, HINSDALE
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH CHERRY CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL:
1. Artificial flies only.

FROM FIRST BRIDGE CROSSING ABOVE LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL:
1. Artificial flies only.

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

FROM THE BLM BOUNDARY BELOW “THE GATE” CAMP­GROUND TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CHERRY CREEK:
MAP: PAGE 19
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH CHERRY CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER RED BRIDGE CAMP­GROUND:
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.

FROM THE UPPER RED BRIDGE CAMP­GROUND BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM TO BLUE MESA RESERVOIR:
MAP: PAGE 19

GUNNISON RIVER, NORTH FORK — DELTA, GUNNISON MAP: PAGES 20 & 21
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH ANTHRACITE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE GUNNISON RIVER:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

GYPSUM PONDS STATE WILDLIFE AREA — EAGLE MAP: PAGE 15
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

HANNAH CREEK — RIO BLANCO
MAP: PAGE 33
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
HIMES 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.

NEW 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.

NEW 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.

NEW 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.

HUDSON TOWN POND — WELD
1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

HUERFANO RIVER — HUERFANO FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

HUNT 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 longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
5. Fishing prohibited in outlet ditch below dam around rotary screen.
6. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

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 AND 2 — MESA MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches long.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Float tubes with chest-high waders permitted.

JIM CREEK — CONEJOS MAP: PAGE 18
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 longer 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 longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
5. Visitors ages 18–64 must have annual Jumbo/ Prewitt Res. access permit, except those who have a valid annual Colorado hunting or fishing license. Permits are $43, available on the CPW website or at authorized sales agents.

JUNIATA RESERVOIR — MESA MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

KINNEY RESERVOIR — RIO BLANCO MAP: PAGE 34
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

KERR LAKE — CONEJOS MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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.

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

LA PLATA RIVER — LA PLATA
FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
Upper Rio Grande Basin

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Alberta Park Reservoir - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
Beaver Creek Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1–Dec. 31
Poage Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches
Upper Seepage Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
West San Francisco Lake - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
Upper Rio Grande Basin

3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4.
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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

LAKE CREEK — HINSDALE
From Big Emerald Lake Inlet upstream for 0.5 of a mile:

LAKE DOROTHEY — LAS ANIMAS
Within Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Area, including Schwachheim Creek and all other drainages into the lake:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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.
3. Gaftis and tail snare prohibited.
4. Jan. 1–Aug. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee is 4, singly or in aggregate.

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

NEW 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.

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

LAKE GRANBY — GRAND
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4.
3. Gaftis and tail snare prohibited.
4. Jan. 1–Aug. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee is 4, singly or in aggregate.

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

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

NEW 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.

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

NEW 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.

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

LAKE CREEK — HINSDALE
From Big Emerald Lake Inlet upstream for 0.5 of a mile:

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Within Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Area, including Schwachheim Creek and all other drainages into the lake:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

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From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Glacier Creek:
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LAKE GRANBY — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4.
3. Gaftis and tail snare prohibited.
4. Jan. 1–Aug. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee is 4, singly or in aggregate.
**Lake Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Hangin Lake** - Fishing is prohibited
- **Harvey Gap Reservoir** - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches; 2 channel catfish limit; Use of spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs 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**

(Please see inset map)

**Inset Map**

- **A** - 2 trout limit; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30; *Non-native fish regulation
- **B** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Gold Medal Water
- **C** - Fly only; All trout must be released; Gold Medal Water
- **D** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; 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

**River Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **E** - Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Gold Medal Water
- **F** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30; *Non-native fish regulation
- **G** - Fly/lure only; All trout (except brown trout) must be released; 2 brown trout limit, maximum 14 inches; Gold Medal Water
- **H** - 2 trout limit; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30; *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 more information, please refer to the Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers Map.
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**LOS PINOS RIVER — HINSDALE, LA PLATA**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WEMINuche WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

**MEADOW CREEK — EAGLE**
**MAP:** PAGE 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.

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

**NEW MEADOW CREEK RESERVOIR — JACKSON**
1. Bag, possession limit for trout is 2.

**MEDANO CREEK — SAGUACHE, ALAMOSA**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

**MEREDITH RESERVOIR — CROWLEY**
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

**MICHIGAN RIVER — JACKSON**
WITHIN BROWNLIEE, MURPHY AND DIAMOND J STATE WILDLIFE AREAS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**MIDDLE CREEK, EAST — SAGUACHE**
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL APPROXIMATELY 2.5 MILES UPSTREAM FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH MIDDLE CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**MINERS CREEK — SAGUACHE**
**MAP:** PAGE 27
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**NEW 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.

**MONUMENT RESERVOIR — LAS ANIMAS**

**MORROW POINT RESERVOIR — GUNNISON, MONTROSE**
**MAP:** PAGE 19

**MOUNT ELBERT FOREBAY RESERVOIR — 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 the water immediately.

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

**MUDDY CREEK, LITTLE • GRAND**
**MAP:** PAGE 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.
**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:

- **Fly/lure only; Trout 12-20 in. must be released; 2 trout limit; Only 1 trout over 20 in.; Gold Medal Water**
- **Fly/lure only; All trout must be released**
- **Fly/lure only; Trout 12-20 in. must be released; 2 trout limit; Only 1 trout over 20 in.**
- **Fly/lure only; All fish must be released; Portions may be closed Sept. 15 - Dec. 31; Gold Medal Water**
- **Fishing is prohibited (Homestake Conveyance Channel)**

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**South Platte River in South Park**

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

- **NATIVE LAKE — LAKE**
  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 Osos 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 AND JET) — KIOWA**

**Note:** At publication, this reservoir is dry.

1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

**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**

**MAP: PAGE 28**

From the confluence with the Colorado River upstream for 0.5 of a mile:

2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.
4. Min. size for largemouth bass 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 PLATTE RIVER — JACKSON**

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

**NORTH TAYLOR CREEK — CUSTER**

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

**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.

**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 is 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.

PARVIN LAKE — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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

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. NEW 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 ROAD) DOWNSTREAM TO THE LOWER BOUNDARY OF THE TRES PIEDRA RANCH (1.5 MILES ABOVE U.S. 160):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.
FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO NAVAJO RESERVOIR:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

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.

NEW Fishing prohibited in Webster Pond.
PIKES PEAK SOUTH SLOPE RECREATION AREA — EL PASO, TELLER
Permits Required. Visit Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services website and then Open Spaces for more information on opening and closing dates, permits and other rules.

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

MAISON 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.

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.

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

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

PORCUPINE LAKE — ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

POOURS RIVER — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM UPPER BOUNDARY OF GATEWAY PARK (WATER DIVERSION FOR FORT COLLINS) DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE NORTH FORK OF THE POUDRE RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

POURED RIVER, NORTH FORK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH DIVIDE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO BULL CREEK (ABOVE HALLIGAN RESERVOIR):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

POURED RIVER, SOUTH FORK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM FOR 1 MILE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

PREWITT RESERVOIR — LOGAN, WASHINGTON
1. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye, saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
5. Visitors ages 18–64 must have annual Jumbo/Prewitt Res. access permit, except those who have a valid annual Colorado hunting or fishing license. Permits are $43, available on the CPW website or at authorized sales agents.

NEW PRIEST GULCH — DOLORES, MONTZUMA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

PRONGR POND — LOGAN
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

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

BASS LAKE AND WEST PROSPECT LAKES ONLY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. No bag, possession limit for smallmouth bass.

PROSPECT PONDS NO. 2 AND 3 — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

NEW PRYOR CREEK — OURAY
MAP: PAGE 21
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

PUEBLO RESERVOIR — PUEBLO
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag, possession, min. size for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate, 18 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Bag, possession, min. size for crappie is 10 fish, 10 inches long.
5. Bag and possession limit for wiper is 5.

QUEENS RESERVOIR, NORTH AND SOUTH — KIOWA
1. Trott-lines and jugs permitted.

QUINCY RESERVOIR — ARAPOHOE
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18 inches long.
4. Access controlled by Aurora Parks & Rec. as posted.

RAMPART RESERVOIR — EL PASO
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

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

RED LION STATE WILDLIFE AREA — LOGAN
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

RELAY CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

RHODES GULCH — CONJOS
MAP: PAGE 22, 28
1. Bag, possession and min. size for walleye is 1, 18 inches long.
2. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 20.
**Lake Regulations**

- **Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:**
  - **Trappers Lake** - Fly/Lure Only; 2 cutthroat limit, 11 inches maximum size; Fishing prohibited in inlets and upstream 1/2 mi.; Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of all inlet streams; Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of the outlet and downstream to the first falls; No limit on brook trout.
  - **Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches**
  - **Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.**
  - **Artificial flies and lures only.**
  - **Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.**
  - **Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.**
  - **2 trout limit.**
  - **All cutthroat must be released.**
  - **No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch, and crappie.**

**River Regulations**

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

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**White River - Headwaters to Meeker**

- **RIO BLANCO LAKE — RIO BLANCO**
  - **MAP: PAGE 34**
  - 1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
  - 2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **RIO BLANCO RIVER — ARCHULETA AND CONEJOS**
  - **FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO SAN JUAN WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:**
    - 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
    - 2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
    - FROM THE BLANCO DIVERSION DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SAN JUAN RIVER:
      - 1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

- **RIO DE LOS PINOS — CONEJOS**
  - **MAP: PAGE 18**
  - FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL AT THE SOUTH SAN JUAN WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:
    - 1. Artificial flies and lures only.
    - 2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **RIO GRANDE — HINSDALE, MINERAL, RIO GRANDE**
  - **MAP: PAGE 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.

- **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.
  - 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.
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

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

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

Fishing prohibited as posted. No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

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.

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

ROCK CREEK — GUNNISON
MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH CLEAR FORK OF MUDDY CREEK:
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 — 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.

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

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAKE - DENVER
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

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

ROUGH CANYON - CONEJOS
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

RUNYON/FOUNTAIN LAKES STATE WILDLIFE AREA — PUEBLO
1. Ice fishing prohibited.

SAGUACHE CREEK — SAGUACHE
MAP: PAGE 27
FROM CONFLUENCE OF THE MIDDLE AND SOUTH FORKS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CALIFORNIA GULCH:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

SAGUACHE CREEK, MIDDLE FORK — SAGUACHE
MAP: PAGE 27
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF SAGUACHE CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

SAGUACHE CREEK, SOUTH FORK — SAGUACHE
MAP: PAGE 27
FROM HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE MIDDLE FORK OF SAGUACHE CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

ST. VRAIN CREEK (NORTH AND SOUTH) — BOULDER
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

ST. VRAIN STATE PARK — WELD
Bald Eagle Lake:
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.
**Blue Heron Lake:**
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
2. Only 1 channel catfish in the bag or possession limit may exceed 20 inches long.

**San Francisco Creek (Middle and West Forks) and West San Francisco Lake — Rio Grande**
- **Artificial flies and lures only.**

**San Juan River — Archuleta**
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**San Miguel River — Montrose, San Miguel**
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:**
  - No bag or possession limit for trout is 2.

**Second Creek — Delta**
- **Map:** Page 21
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**New Second Creek — Gunnison**
- **Map:** Page 20
  1. From the headwaters downstream to confluence with Clear Fork of Muddy Creek:
    1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
  3. **Severy Creek — El Paso**
    1. 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
  1. From Shadow Mountain Reservoir downstream to Lake Granby including Columbine Bay to the Twin Creek Inlet:
    1. Fishing prohibited. **New Oct. 15–Nov. 30.**
  2. Snagging prohibited.

**Sheep Creek — Conejos**
- **Map:** Page 18
  1. From the headwaters downstream to the Conejos River:
    1. Artificial flies and lures only.
    2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**Sheep Creek — Larimer**
- **Map:** Page 25
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Sheep Creek, East and West Forks — Larimer**
- **Map:** Page 25
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Sig Creek — East Fork — San Juan**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Silver Lake — Mesa**
- **Map:** Page 22
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**New Slate Creek — Dolores**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

** Slater Creek, South Fork and West Prong of the South Fork — Routt**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Sloan Lake — Hinsdale**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**Snell Creek — Rio Blanco**
- **Map:** Page 33
  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
  1. 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.

  1. From the outlet of Spinney Mountain Reservoir downstream to the inlet of Eleven Mile Reservoir:
    1. Artificial flies and lures only.
    2. Some portions may be closed to fishing as posted from Sept. 15–Dec. 31 for kokanee spawning.
    3. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

  1. From immediately below Eleven Mile Dam downstream to the Waggon Tongue Gulch Road Bridge at Springer Gulch (Eleven Mile Canyon):
    1. Artificial flies and lures only.
    2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

  1. From Cheesman Dam downstream to the South Property line at Wigwam Club:
    1. Artificial flies and lures only.
    2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

- **Crosho Reservoir**: 2 grayling limit, minimum 16 inches
- **Elkhead Reservoir**: 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches; 10 crappie limit
- **Freeman Reservoir**: Fishing prohibited from Jan. 1 - July 31 within 50 yards of either side of the inlet and upstream 1/4 mile
- **Pearl Lake** (including 1/4 mile up inlet and 1/4 mile down outlet): Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches
- **Porcupine Lake**: Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- **Stagecoach Reservoir**: No bag and possession limit for walleye
- **Vaughn Reservoir**: 2 cutthroat limit
**SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, MIDDLE FORK — PARK**

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

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

**SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — PARK**

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
- Only 1 walleye longer than 20 inches may be taken per day.

**SPRING GULCH POND — DOUGLAS**

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- All fish must be returned to water immediately.

**SPRUCE CREEK (CONFLUENCE WITH BLUE RIVER, 5 MILES N OF GREEN MOUNTAIN RES.) — GRAND, SUMMIT**

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

**SPRUCE CREEK (CONFLUENCE WITH BLUE RIVER, 2.5 MILES S OF BRECKENRIDGE) — SUMMIT**

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

**STARKER LAKE — YUMA**

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

**STEARNS LAKE — BOULDER**

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

**STEELMAN CREEK — GRAND**

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

**STEUBEN CREEK, WEST FORK — GUNNISON**

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

**SUMMIT RESERVOIR — MONTEZUMA**

- Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

**SWAMP LAKES — LAKE**

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

**SWAN RIVER — SUMMIT**

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**SWAN RIVER, NORTH FORK — SUMMIT**

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

**SWEITZER LAKE — DELTA**

- All fish except carp must be returned to the water immediately.

**SYLVAN LAKE — EAGLE**

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Fishing prohibited on Oct. 1–last day of Feb.
- 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.

**TERRORY CREEK, EAST FORK — DELTA**

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

**TERROR CREEK RESERVOIR — BOUTH**

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Fishing prohibited one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- Ice fishing prohibited.
- No bag and possession limit for yellow perch.

**SPRAT-PLATTE LAKE — ADAMS**

- Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
- Min. size for largemouth bass is 18 inches long.

**SPRING CREEK — DOLORES**

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

**TAYLOR CREEK, LITTLE — MONTEZUMA**

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

**TAYLOR PARK RESERVOIR — GUNNISON**

- Artificial flies and lures only.
- Fishing prohibited Oct. 1–last day of Feb.
- 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 RIVER — GUNNISON**

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

**THREE LAKES (LOWEST AND MIDDLE LAKES) — LAKE**

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

**THOMAS RESERVOIR — BOULDER**

- Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
TRINIDAD RESERVOIR — LAS ANIMAS
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

THREE MILE 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.

TORDIVO 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.

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

TRAPPERS LAKE — GARFIELD
MAP: PAGE 33
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 sauger is 5 in the aggregate.
3. Only 1 walleye or sauger 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.

TRINITY RESERVOIR — RIO GRANDE
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 the 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:
2. From Ridgway Dam downstream to the fence just below USGS gauge station:
   1. Fishing prohibited, except as posted.
3. 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.
   3. From the Ridgway Dam downstream to the confluence with the Gunnison River:
      1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
   4. From the Colorado 90 Bridge downstream to the Lasalle Rd. Bridge:
      1. Artificial flies and lures only.
      2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

UNION RESERVOIR (CALLINS 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.
3. 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. 31.

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

VAUGHN RESERVOIR — RIO BLANCO
MAP: PAGE 36
1. Bag and possession limit for cutthroat is 2.
**WASHINGTON PARK (LILY POND) — DENVER**
1. Fishing open only to youths 15 or younger.

**WATSON LAKE — LARIMER**
1. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.

**WAXATOE STATE WILDLIFE AREA — HUERFANO**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

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

**WATSON LAKE — LARIMER**
1. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.

**WILLIAMS FORK RESERVOIR — GRAND**
1. Northern pike 26–34 inches must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Use of spearfishing, archery, slingsbows and gags for the take of northern pike is prohibited.
3. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 8. Only 1 may be longer than 30 inches.

**YAMPA RIVER — ROUTT, MOFFAT**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. 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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1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

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

TIGER TROUT
Cross between a brown trout and a brook trout; pronounced stripes on body, resembling a tiger

PIKE

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

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

BASS

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

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

WIPER
Hybrid between white bass and striped bass

PIKE

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

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

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

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

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

TIGER TROUT
Cross between a brown trout and a brook trout; pronounced stripes on body, resembling a tiger
**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 a 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.
- **How to safely remove hooks:** Use a pair of forceps, longnosed pliers or a purposely made hook-out to quickly, efficiently remove the hook. If the fish is hooked deep in the throat or stomach, cut the line as close to the hook as possible and leave the hook in the fish — it could do more damage trying to remove a deeply set hook than leaving it where it is.
- **GENTLE HANDLING IS ESSENTIAL.** Avoid squeezing or putting your fingers in the gills or eye sockets.
- **It's best to hold a fish gently by its belly or by the area in front of the tail.**
- **TO REVIVE AN UNCONSCIOUS FISH** hold it upright in the water. Move the fish forward and backward so that water runs through the gills. This may take a few minutes. When it begins to struggle, release it.
- **WHEN PHOTOGRAPHING A FISH,** hold it horizontally and do not squeeze the fish. Do not put your hands in its gills or hold it vertical by its gills.

### Western Slope Native Fish That Must Be Released

Anglers may possibly catch these species if fishing in the Colorado River Basin. These fish must be returned to the water unharmed as quickly as possible. See pages 8 and 10 for a full list of protected species to be released.

- **Bonytail Chub**
  - Slight hump and a long, narrow tail

- **Humpback Chub**
  - Green to silver and white with an abrupt hump behind the head

- **Roundtail Chub**
  - Silver to olive with fine scales; adult males often with red to orange pigment on cheeks, fins, belly

- **Flannelmouth Sucker**
  - Yellow to bronze backs with lighter-colored belly; large fleshy lips and large sickle-shaped dorsal fin

- **Bluehead Sucker**
  - Blue to gray head; olive to gray back with lighter belly; pebble-patterned scales near tail

- **Razorback Sucker**
  - Bronze to yellow fish with sharp-edged keel behind the head

- **Colorado Pikeminnow**
  - Adults may be green-gray to bronze on backs and silver to white along sides and bottoms
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