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- RE: Chapter W-1 Final Regulations for the November 2020 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting
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Final regulatory changes for Chapter W-1 are summarized below. If there are questions about the agenda item below, or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at 303-866-3203 x4609 or krista.heiner@state.co.us.

# Agenda Item 16: Chapter W-1 - "Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1 (Step 2 of 2)

These regulations amend Chapter W-1 - Fishing - of the Parks and Wildlife Commission Regulations. These regulations are designed to manage statewide aquatic resources and provide a diversity of angling recreation opportunities for resident and nonresident anglers throughout Colorado. They are the result of extensive public involvement and application of biological information on aquatic species. All regulation changes are based on the best available biological information and are designed to manage aquatic resources towards stated objectives. In addition to annual changes and non-substantive clean-up, these regulations specifically address the following:

- Updating the criteria for establishing an emergency closure of fishing waters (p. 6) Regulation #104(F)(1) was changed to reflect updated state and national water quality standards, including those of the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as well as to provide uniform and consistent messaging to the public and ensure consistency in implementation across varied thermal regimes and environmental conditions across systems statewide. More specifically, for criterion "a," the previous daily maximum water temperature threshold of 74 degrees Fahrenheit and the daily average temperature threshold of 72 degrees Farenheit did not align with presently established standards by CDPHE and EPA aimed at protecting aquatic life and were not protective of all systems as temperature effects on aquatic life may be evident at levels outside of those thresholds. Similarly, for criterion "b," the previous threshold of "25% or less of the historical average low flow for the time period in question" was not protective enough across most systems statewide and resulted in measurement challenges because the phrase "the time period in question" was not well defined. For criterion "c," the previous description did not include the word "stress," which is important when describing fish that may be exhibiting additional signs of deterioration related to environmental conditions. For criterion "d," the previous daily minimum dissolved oxygen level of five parts per million was not adequately protective and did not align with presently established standards by CDPHE and EPA aimed at protecting aquatic life.
- Establishing a limited harvest for mountain whitefish statewide (p. 10) Mountain whitefish are currently found in Colorado in the Yampa River drainage, the White River drainage, and the Colorado River drainage, including the Eagle and Roaring Fork rivers. Population declines in the Colorado River and Roaring Fork Rivers have been documented. Although mountain whitefish abundance is still relatively high in the White River, this species is sensitive to environmental stressors and staff are concerned that increased angling pressure, elevated summer water temperatures, entrainment of fish through irrigation diversions, and



habitat modifications could reduce mountain whitefish reproduction and recruitment success. To reduce harvest of mountain whitefish, a statewide bag limit of four fish and a possession limit of eight fish was established. This bag and possession limit corresponds to the bag and possession limit placed on mountain whitefish in the Yampa River drainage in 2009, which has proven to be an effective tool. Staff hope this statewide restriction will help to increase the persistence of mountain whitefish and convey the importance of this unique sportfish across the state.

• <u>Changing fishing regulation on selected streams to protect Colorado River cutthroat trout</u> and Rio Grand cutthroat trout (throughout)

Staff identified several streams in the Southwest Region that are inhabited by Colorado River cutthroat trout and Rio Grande cutthroat trout populations, but were not protected by special fishing regulations. As a result, regulations that allow fishing by artificial flies and lures only and specify that all cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch were adopted on the following waters:

- Anthracite Creek, North Fork (Gunnison County);
- Basin Creek (Gunnison County);
- Beaver Dams Creek (Ouray County);
- Chair Creek (Gunnison County);
- Clear Fork of Muddy Creek (Gunnison County);
- Cliff Creek (Gunnison County);
- Cunningham Creek (Delta County);
- Deep Creek (Gunnison County);
- Disappointment Creek (Dolores County);
- o Disappointment Creek, South Fork (Dolores County);
- Escalante Creek, North Fork (Mesa County);
- Kaufman Creek (Gunnison County);
- Main Hubbard Creek (Delta County);
- Middle Hubbard Creek (Delta County);
- South Fork Minnesota Creek (Gunnison County);
- Points Creek (Mesa County);
- Priest Gulch (Montezuma County);
- Pryor Creek (Ouray County);
- Roaring Fork (Mineral County);
- Robinson Creek (Gunnison County);
- Rock Creek (Gunnison County);
- Second Creek (Gunnison County);
- Schaeffer Creek (Gunnison County);
- Slate Creek (Dolores County);
- o Terror Creek, West Fork (Delta County);
- o Twin Creek, North (Gunnison County);
- o Twin Creek, South (Gunnison County);
- Wildcat Creek (Montezuma County); and
- South Fork Wolf Creek (Mineral County).
- <u>Restricting bass fishing and reducing the bag limits and minimum size limit for crappie and</u> redear sunfish at Berthoud Reservoir (Larimer County) (p. 15)

From 2017-2019, redear sunfish, black crappie, largemouth bass, and rainbow trout were stocked in Berthoud Reservoir, resulting in an exceptional fishery. To allow crappie and redear to naturally reproduce at least one season prior to being potentially harvested, a 10-inch minimum harvest restriction was installed for both crappie and redear sunfish. Additionally, the bag limit was reduced to 10 crappie and redear sunfish taken together, as the potential

harvest of both 20 crappie in addition to 20 redear sunfish (40 fish total) under general statewide regulations has the potential to severely limit long-term angling success. Finally, to ensure growth rates of panfish remains optimal, a catch and release regulation was installed for largemouth and smallmouth bass to create a quality bass fishing experience and maximize predation on small crappie and readear sunfish.

• Implementing a minimum size limit for black and white crappie at Boedecker Reservoir (Larimer County) (p. 17)

Boedecker Reservoir has had exceptional natural recruitment of crappie. To maintain the quality angling and bolster natural reproduction, a 10-inch minimum size limit for black and white crappie was implemented. This will help to ensure the crappie can naturally reproduce at least one season prior to being potentially harvested.

• <u>Changing fishing closure dates on the Colorado River below Shadow Mountain Reservoir (p.</u> <u>22)</u>

The purpose of the regulation is to close the area to public fishing during CPW's annual kokanee salmon spawn collection operations. However, given the current timing and scope of the spawn operation, the date range was excessively wide and did not accurately reflect the period during which spawn collection occurs, and unnecessarily restricted public opportunity. As a result, the date range of the closure was shortened to October 15 through November 30.

 Implementing special fishing regulations for walleye at Horseshoe Reservoir (Larimer County) (p. 35)

Horseshoe Reservoir is just west of Boyd Lake. Given the limited public angling access, CPW generally limits stocked fish to walleye fry resulting in a marginal walleye fishery and general statewide regulations have historically applied. However, the lack of a special fishing regulation at Horseshoe Reservoir has resulted in confusion among anglers and a difficult situation for law enforcement personnel due to its proximity to Boyd Lake where there are restrictive walleye fishing regulations. Special fishing regulations have been implemented at Horseshoe Reservoir that mimic the existing Boyd Lake walleye regulations to help ease these law enforcement issues.

Eliminating the special regulation for largemouth and smallmouth bass at Lagerman
 Reservoir (Boulder County) (p. 39)

Lagerman Reservoir no longer supports quality production and growth for largemouth and smallmouth bass and CPW does not stock these species in this water. As a result, the restrictions on the minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass harvest have been removed.

• Implementing special fishing regulaitons for walleye at Lake Loveland (Larimer County) (p. 40)

Lake Loveland is also in close proximity to Boyd Lake and Horseshoe Reservoir. The south and west shores offer public shore fishing. North Lake Park also offers additional public fishing opportunities. All publicly accessible areas are managed by the City of Loveland's Parks and Recreation Department while Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) manages the fishery in this reservoir. Walleye are the dominant sport fish in this reservoir and become quite accessible to shore anglers as these fish attempt to spawn along rip-rap dams. To provide a better angling experience, for the control of white sucker and common carp, and for consistency among nearby reservoirs, special fishing regulations have been implemented that mimic the existing Boyd Lake walleye regulations.

• <u>Revising the bag and possession limit and minimum size requirements for tiger trout at</u> <u>Meadow Creek Reservoir (Grand County) (p. 42)</u>

CPW has stocked tiger trout (a sterile hybrid) on three occasions (2014, '16, and '18) in Meadow Creek Reservoir in Grand County in an effort to establish a predator that will thin the stunted brook trout population in the lake. However, few tiger trout have grown to 14 inches in length and only minimal predation of brook trout has been observed. Staff believe that production of larger, predatory fish may currently be limited by angler harvest. For that reason, harvest restrictions have been placed on tiger trout to allow them to grow to predatory size.

 <u>Reducing the bag and possession limit for trout at Meadow Creek Reservoir (Jackson</u> <u>County) (p. 42)</u>

CPW began stocking the Meadow Creek Reservoir in Jackson County annually in 2010 with subcatchable rainbow trout at a very low rate, primarily to keep trout densities low enough to maintain a trophy fishery. Sampling results from 2019 showed high numbers of suckers, but the overall number of trout decreased drastically and no trout over twenty inches were sampled, suggesting a loss or substantial decrease of the trophy component to the fishery. Angler pressure has increased over the last decade and associated harvest increase has likely led to decreased overall trout abundance and trophy trout present in the reservoir. As a result, the bag limit has been reduced to two trout and the possession limit has been reduced to two trout.

• Prohibiting angling at Webster Pond (Boulder County) (p. 47)

Prior to the September 2013 flood, Webster Pond provided angling for bass and sunfish. Flooding resulted in substantial sediment deposition in the pond and a breach in the pond's shoreline lowered the historic water level by approximately 10 feet. As a result, species management changed from warm water sportfish to native minnow species. The pond will be reclaimed during 2020 and restocked with the state endangered northern redbelly dace. To protect this pond as a native species refugia, angling has been prohibited in Webster Pond.

• Adding East Fork Roaring Creek (Larimer County) to the current Roaring Creek regulation for cutthroat trout (p. 53)

Roaring creek has a naturally reproducing population of greenback cutthroat trout, which is protected under the Endangered Species Act as a federally threatened species. This designation allows catch and realease only fishing of this species. To clarify that East Fork Roaring Creek is included under this regulation, the wording has been changed to say "Roaring Creek and tributaries."

#### **FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-1 FISHING**

#### **ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **#100 – DEFINITIONS**

See also 33-1-102, C.R.S and Chapter 0 of these regulations for other applicable definitions.

- A. "Artificial flies and lures" means devices made entirely of, or a combination of, natural or synthetic non-edible, non-scented (regardless if the scent is added in the manufacturing process or applied afterward), materials such as wood, plastic, silicone, rubber, epoxy, glass, hair, metal, feathers, or fiber, designed to attract fish. This definition does not include anything defined as bait in #100.B below.
- B. "Bait" means any hand-moldable material designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell; those devices to which scents or smell attractants have been added or externally applied (regardless if the scent is added in the manufacturing process or applied afterward); scented manufactured fish eggs and traditional organic baits, including but not limited to worms, grubs, crickets, leeches, dough baits or stink baits, insects, crayfish, human food, fish, fish parts or fish eggs.
- **C.** "**Chumming**" means placing fish, parts of fish, or other material upon which fish might feed in the waters of this state for the purpose of attracting fish to a particular area in order that they might be taken, but such term shall not include fishing with baited hooks or live traps.
- D. "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 Commission. This includes, but is not limited to brown, brook, cutthroat, golden, lake (mackinaw), and rainbow trout; cutbow (rainbow trout x cutthroat trout hybrids), splake (lake trout x brook trout hybrids), and tiger trout (brown trout x brook trout hybrids); arctic char; grayling; kokanee salmon; whitefish; sculpin; smallmouth, largemouth, spotted, striped, and white bass; wipers (striped bass x 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 x sauger hybrids); speckled dace; rainbow smelt; tench; walleye; bluegill; bluegill hybrids (bluegill x green sunfish); green, redear and pumpkin-seed sunfish; gizzard shad; longnose and white suckers; and minnows.
- **E. "Float tube"** means a floating device which suspends a single occupant in the water from the seat down and is not propelled by oars, paddles or motors.
- F. "Gig" means a barbed fork with one or more tines which is attached to a handle.
- G. "Jugs" means floats to which are attached a line and common hook.
- H. "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 in Chapter 10 of these regulations, or those designated as Unregulated Wildlife in Chapter 11 of these regulations.

- I. "Natural stream" means an existing stream course where water naturally flows regularly or intermittently for at least part of the year. Ditches or other water conveyance channels which are man-made are not considered natural streams.
- J. "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.
- **K.** "**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.
- L. "Common hook" means any hook or multiple hooks having a common shank. All hooks attached to a manufactured artificial lure shall be considered a common hook.
- **M.** "**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.
- **N.** "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.
- **O.** "**Snagging**" means 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.
- **P.** "Trotline" means a single, anchored line with a float at each end from which droplines are attached.

#### **#101 - SEASON DATES AND HOURS**

**A.** Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, all waters of the state shall be open to fishing using all manners of take day and night, year around.

# #102 - LICENSE AND STAMP REQUIREMENTS

# See also 33-6-107 C.R.S. for general fishing license requirements

- A. A valid commercial fishing license is required to take or possess bait fish, amphibians, or crustaceans for commercial purposes.
  - Commercial fishing licenses shall be available from the Division at a cost of forty dollars (\$40.00). Applications for licenses are available from the Division. Licenses issued by the Division can be restricted to specific waters, specific bag limits and times designated by the Division on the basis of the following criteria:
    - a. Negative impacts on sport fishing opportunity.
    - b. Effects of commercial harvest on populations of target species.
    - c. Detrimental effects of transplanting a species outside its current range.
    - d. Presence of threatened or endangered species and species of special concern.
  - 2. All commercial fishing license holders shall submit an annual report as specified on the commercial fishing license application to the Division within thirty (30) days of the expiration date of the license.
  - 3. All commercial fishing license holders shall be required to provide each purchaser of live fish with a written receipt stating the seller's name, the date of sale, the species, and the number sold.

- 4. The taking of mollusks listed in Chapter 10 is prohibited.
- **B.** Free fishing dates The following dates are open to fishing without a license or Habitat Stamp in all waters of the state: The first full weekend of the month of June.
- **C.** Second rod stamp Any person may use one additional (second) personally attended line statewide when a second rod stamp is purchased, as identified on the user's fishing license.
  - 1. Any person under 16 years of age who is not required to have a fishing license must have a second rod stamp with their signature in possession in order to use a second personally attended line.
  - 2 Second rod stamps are not transferable to any other person, nor do they confer fishing privileges to any person other than the license-holder.
  - 3. A second rod stamp is not required when fishing with a trotline or jugs only.

#### **#103 - MANNER OF TAKE**

- A. The following are legal methods of take for species listed in this chapter. Any method of take not listed herein shall be prohibited, except as otherwise provided by statute or these regulations:
  - 1. One personally attended line, except as otherwise authorized in these regulations.
    - a. Each line shall have no more than 3 common hooks attached.
  - 2. Trotlines
    - a. Trotlines may only be used on waters specified in regulation #108.
    - b. No one may use more than one trotline.
    - c. Trotlines shall be anchored, marked at each end by floats, be no more than 150 feet in length, have no more than 25 droplines, and shall be weighted to place the line a minimum of 3 feet beneath the surface of the water.
    - d. There shall be no more than 3 barbed hooks on a common hook on each dropline.
    - e. Trotlines shall be tagged with the user's customer identification number and date set. If the user does not have a customer identification number, trotlines must be tagged with the user's name.
    - f. All trotlines shall be personally checked at least once in each 24-hour period.
  - 3. Jugs
    - a. Jugs shall only be used only on waters specified in regulation #108.
    - b. No one may use more than 10 jugs, each of which shall not have more than a single line with one common hook attached.
    - c. Jugs shall be tagged with the user's customer identification number. If the user does not have a customer identification number, jugs must be tagged with the user's name.
    - d. Jugs shall be personally checked at least once every hour.
  - 4. Underwater spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs

- a. Underwater spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs may be used statewide for the taking of carp and northern pike, except as otherwise prohibited by these regulations or land management agencies. East of the Continental Divide, gizzard shad, and white or long-nose suckers may also be taken, unless otherwise prohibited in regulation #108. Other game fish species may only be taken when authorized in regulation #108 for a specific water.
- b. The following additional restrictions apply to underwater spearfishing:
  - 1. CO<sub>2</sub> 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.
- c. Archery and slingbows may be used for the taking of kokanee salmon during times and in locations otherwise open to snagging of salmon, as established in #108 of these regulations.
- d. Archery, slingbows and gigs may be used for the taking of bullfrogs.
- e. The following additional restrictions apply to fishing with archery hand-held bows and slingbows:
  - 1. All archery hand-held bows and slingbows must have a reel, fishing line and arrow attached to the bow.
  - 2. All archery hand-held bows must have an arrow safety slide mechanism, which maintains the fishing line in front of the arrow rest at all times.
- 5. Snagging
  - a. Snagging shall be used for the taking of kokanee salmon only, and only where specifically authorized in regulation #108.
  - b. Snagged fish species other than kokanee salmon must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- 6. Seines and cast-nets
  - a. Seines shall be used only for fish taken in accordance with regulation #104(H), the gilled form aquatic tiger salamander larvae, and crayfish; or when authorized for emergency salvage.
  - b. Seines shall be made of one-fourth (1/4) inch or less non-metallic square mesh.
  - c. Seines shall not exceed 20 feet in length by 4 feet in depth
- 7. By hand or with the aid of dip nets
  - a. Bullfrogs, crayfish, and the gilled form aquatic tiger salamander larvae may be taken by hand or with the aid of dip nets.
  - b. Fish may be taken by hand or with the aid of dip nets or any other method approved by the Director, when emergency public salvage of fish has been approved in accordance with regulation #104(G).
  - c. Hand held dip nets may be used for fish taken in accordance with regulation #104(H).
- 8. Livetraps
  - a. Cage or box traps, including set pots, shall be used only for the taking of crayfish, snapping turtles, and fish taken in accordance with regulation #104(H). All cage or box traps, including set pots, shall be tagged with the user's customer identification number. If the user does not have a customer identification number, traps must be tagged with the user's name.
- 9. Artificial light
  - a. Artificial light may be used as an aid in taking.

- 10. Bait
  - a. Bait may be used as an aid in taking, except by chumming, in accordance with regulation #104(H).

#### **#104 - SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

- **A.** Any fish released upon catch must be released alive and into the same body of water from which it was taken. Transfer or transport of live fish is prohibited, except as otherwise permitted in the provisions of Article VII, #010 and Article I #104(H).
- B. When fishing through the ice, the following additional restrictions apply:
  - 1. Ice fishing holes shall not exceed 10 inches in diameter, or 10 inches on any side.
  - 2. All fires on the ice must be enclosed in a container.
  - 3. No litter may be left on the ice.
  - 4. On waters where only portable shelters are permitted, all ice fishing shelters must be removed from the ice at the end of the day.
  - 5. On waters where permanent ice fishing shelters are permitted; the name and customer identification number of the owner or user must be displayed on the outside, shore side, of the shelter, in legible, contrasting color letters at least 2 inches high.
- **C.** Only those persons designated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service may take fish, amphibians, mollusks or crustaceans within the boundaries of any Federal fish hatchery or rearing unit.
- **D.** Molesting, disturbing, or damaging gill nets, traps, seines or trot-lines set by the Division is prohibited.
- **E.** Fishing may be prohibited as posted pending the adoption of water-specific regulations when necessary to:
  - 1. Protect threatened or endangered species.
  - 2. Protect spawning areas.
  - 3. Protect waters being used in Division research projects.
  - 4. Protect newly acquired access to fishing waters.
  - 5. Protect the integrity of sport fish, native fish or other aquatic wildlife populations.
- F.\_\_\_Emergency Closure of Fishing Waters
  - The Director may authorize emergency closure of fishing waters in the state for a period of up to 9 months when it is determined that environmental conditions in these waters are such that fishing could result in unacceptable levels of fish mortality. Such closures <u>may</u> be enacted when any one of the following criteria are met:
    - a. Daily maximum water temperatures exceeds <u>71</u>74 ° F-or the daily average temperature exceeds <u>72° F</u>;
    - b. Measured stream flows are-<u>50% or less of the daily average flow</u><del>25 % or less of the historical average low flow for the time period in question</del>;
    - c. Fish condition is deteriorating such that fungus and other visible signs of deterioration <u>and/or stress</u> may be present;
    - d. Daily minimum dissolved oxygen levels are below <u>six (6) five (5)</u> parts per million (ppm).

e. When a natural or man-caused environmental event such as wildfire, mudslides, oil spills or other similar event has occurred, resulting in the need for recovery time or remedial action for a fish population

When such determination has been made  $\frac{1}{27}$  public notice will be given, including posting at the site.

- G. Emergency Public Salvage of fish
  - The Director may authorize emergency public salvage when substantial numbers of fish in waters of the state are found to be in imminent danger of being lost. Such loss is deemed to be imminent when the volume and depth of water, water temperature and/or oxygen content are such that fish cannot survive. Measurements shall be made of these criteria as a basis for making a judgment on the total loss of fish and when such loss will occur, and will include:
    - a. Water storage levels in lakes, reservoirs, or ponds of less than twenty-five (25) percent of total capacity or,
    - b. River or stream flow essentially eliminated with only pools left standing or,
    - c. Visual evidence of substantial numbers of sick or dying fish, or
    - d. Reclamation projects.
  - 2. When such determination has been made; public notice will be given, including posting at the site, that fish may be taken by hand or by dip net, or any other method authorized by the Director. When practical the Director shall exercise this authority within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the information or at such earlier time as the emergency necessitates.
  - 3. Numbers of fish to be salvaged and possessed by an individual shall be determined by Division personnel at the site.
  - 4. Emergency salvage shall be permitted only during daylight hours.
- **H.** Take, Possession and Use of Fish, Amphibians, and Crustaceans for bait, personal or commercial use
  - 1. 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.
    - a. Fish handled or produced on commercially licensed aquaculture facilities are exempt from this regulation.
  - 2. The only fish 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.
    - a. Restrictions on Live Fish Used as Bait.
      - The collection, use, or possession of live fish for use as bait is prohibited in the following waters:
         aa. All waters east of the Continental Divide above 7,000 feet elevation

- bb. The Arkansas River above Parkdale Fremont and Chaffee counties
- ce. Watson Lake Larimer County
- de. All waters west of the Continental Divide, except in Navajo Reservoir.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided by these regulations, 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 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.
- 3. 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 the listed counties. Transportation to or use of any such baitfish in any other county is prohibited,
- 4. All live baitfish acquired from a commercial source and transported by anglers must at all times be accompanied by a receipt from the source.
- 3. The only fish species allowed to be taken for commercial use are minnows, gizzard shad, white and longnose suckers and carp.
- 4. Bullfrogs and Salamanders. The taking, possession and use of bullfrogs and the aquatic gilled form of the tiger salamander for private and commercial use is permitted. Statewide bag limits apply.
- 5. Crustaceans.
  - a. The taking, possession and use of any crustacean under the authority of a commercial fishing license is subject to the following restrictions:
    - 1. The minimum size for crayfish taken for commercial food purposes shall be three (3) inches. (Measured from the tip of the acumen (bony spike between the eye) to the telson (last bony plate in the tail)).
    - 2. All crayfish taken with eggs attached must be returned to the water immediately.
    - 3. All set pots and traps shall be labeled with the user's customer identification number. If the user does not have a customer identification number, all set pots and traps must be labeled with the user's name.
  - b. In all waters west of the Continental Divide All crayfish must be returned to the water of origin immediately or killed and taken into possession immediately upon catch with kill being effected by separating the abdomen from the cephalothorax (tail from body).
- 6. Mollusks. The taking of mollusks is prohibited.

#### #105 - VACANT

#### #106 - FISHING CONTESTS AND RELEASE OF TAGGED FISH

A. Fishing Contests using tagged or marked released fish

- 1. No person shall advertise, promote, conduct or offer to conduct any fishing contest where the object of such contest is to take marked or tagged fish released in any waters open to public fishing, except licensed commercial and private lakes, or release marked or tagged fish for this purpose, unless such contest is first approved by the Director.
  - a. Application shall be made on a form provided by the Division at least sixty (60) days prior to the proposed contest date. Such application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of forty dollars (\$40.00).
  - b. Approval shall be granted to any person meeting the requirements of this regulation unless the Director determines the proposed contest would be significantly detrimental to the wildlife resource. In such cases, approval may be granted if conditions can be placed on the conduct of the contest which will avoid such detrimental effects. When an application for a contest is denied the applicant shall be promptly notified with a written notice stating the reason(s) for such denial.
- Contests involving tagged or marked trout will be permitted only on lakes and reservoirs greater than 200 surface acres and managed primarily as a catchable fishery by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "Catchable fishery" means any lake or reservoir which is annually stocked with hatchery reared trout averaging eight (8) to ten (10) inches in length.
- 3. No tagged or marked fish contest shall be permitted on any stream, river or other flowing water or any water designated as a Gold Medal or Wild Trout water.
- 4 Written approval shall be obtained from the person(s) or agency(s) who owns or controls the land and water area involved prior to making application to the Division
- 5. All statutes and regulations including license provisions, manner of taking, size restrictions and daily bag and possession limits for fish shall remain in effect during any contest.
- 6 Any public fishing area shall remain open to public fishing without charge, regardless of any special contest fee or changes, during a fishing contest.
- 7. All fish obtained for use in any contest shall be certified disease free in accordance with #009, prior to release.
- 8. Contest sponsor(s) shall provide a written report to the appropriate Parks and Wildlife office within twenty (20) days of the close of such contest. Said report shall include an estimate of the number of participants, the average time spent by participants in fishing and the estimated total fish catch by species.

#### #107 - STATEWIDE DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS AND SPECIAL SEASONS

Species	Daily Bag and Possession Limit (except as otherwise noted)	Special Conditions
a. Trout (Brook, Brown, Cutbow, Cutthroat, Golden, Lake, Rainbow, Splake, and Tiger <u>);</u> Arctic Char <u>i</u> , Salmon (except kokanee) <u>; - and</u> -Grayling <u>; and</u> <u>Mountain Whitefish</u> :	Daily Bag: 4 fish in the aggregate Possession Limit: 8 fish in the aggregate	Brook Trout - additional daily bag and possession limit: 10 fish, 8 inches or less in length
b. Kokanee salmon:	10 fish	
c. Walleye, Saugeye, Sauger:	5 fish in the aggregate	Arkansas and South Fork of the Republican River drainages - bag and possession limit: 10 fish in the aggregate
d. Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, and Smallmouth Bass:	5 fish in the aggregate	West of the Continental Divide- for Smallmouth Bass only: Unlimited bag and possession limit.
e. White Bass, Striped Bass, Wiper:	10 fish in the aggregate	Arkansas and South Fork of the Republican River drainages - bag and possession limit: 20 fish in the aggregate
f. Channel Catfish, Blue Catfish, Flathead Catfish:	10 fish in the aggregate	
g. White Crappie, Black Crappie:	20 fish in the aggregate	
h. Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Redear Sunfish, Pumpkinseed Sunfish:	20 fish in the aggregate	
i. Yellow Perch:	20 fish	West of the Continental Divide: Unlimited
j. Tiger Muskie:	1 fish, at least 36 inches in length	
k. Northern Pike <u>and</u> , Whitefish, Bullhead:	Unlimited	
I. Speckled Dace, and Sculpin:	Unlimited	West of the Continental Divide - bag and possession limit: 20 fish in the aggregate
m. Bullfrogs	Unlimited	
n. Crayfish (crawdads)	Unlimited	
o. Aquatic Tiger Salamander larvae (gilled form)	50, less than 5 inches in length	

2. Any fish caught and placed on a stringer, in a container or in a live well, or not returned to the water immediately, will be counted as part of the established daily bag or possession limit. Any fish taken and subsequently smoked, canned, frozen or otherwise preserved for consumption is considered part of the established possession limit until it is consumed.

**3.** There are no daily bag or possession limits for game species not specifically listed.

#### **ARTICLE II - SPECIAL REGULATION WATERS**

#### #108 – Special Daily Bag and Possession Limits, Size Restrictions, and Other Water-Specific Provisions

- A. Various cutthroat waters, specifically those considered Cutthroat Conservation and Recreation waters, are protected throughout the state as listed below. In those waters:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
    - Note: This is to accommodate the growing number of cutthroat trout streams and lakes that are being included in conservation and recovery actions according to management plans.
- B. In place of or in addition to regulations # 101, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107 (bag and possession limits, manner of take, fishing dates, fishing hours, special conditions and restrictions, or other fishing activities), and 108 A, the following regulations apply to the named waters:

# Note: Additional conditions and restrictions for state wildlife areas are found in Chapter 9

#### 1. <u>Abrams Creek - Eagle County</u>

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 2. Adams County Fairgrounds Lakes (Public Works and Mann-Nyholt Lakes) - Adams County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 3. Adobe Creek Reservoir (Blue Lake) - Bent and Kiowa Counties

a. Trotlines and jugs are permitted.

#### 4. Agnes Lakes (Upper and Lower Lakes) - Jackson County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

#### 5. Akron City Lake - Washington County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 6. <u>Alberta Park Reservoir - Mineral County</u>

a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

#### 7. American Lakes (Snow and Michigan Lakes) - Jackson County.

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 8. <u>Animas River - La Plata County</u>

- a. From the confluence with Lightner Creek to the Rivera Crossing Bridge:1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.
- b. From the confluence with Hermosa Creek downstream to the state line:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

# 9. <u>Antelope Creek, West - Gunnison County</u>

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 10. <u>Antero Reservoir - Park County</u>

- a. Ice fishing shelters must be portable.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 11. Anthracite Creek, North Fork - Gunnison County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Hell Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 11.12. Apache Creek, North and South Forks - Huerfano County

a. From the headwaters downstream to the US Forest Service boundary:1. Fishing is prohibited.

#### 12.13. Arapahoe Bend Natural Area (Bass, Beaver, Cormorant, and Snapper Ponds) - Larimer County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 13.14. Arapaho Creek - Grand County

- a. From Monarch Lake downstream to USFS 125:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 14.15. Archuleta Creek - Saguache County

- a. On that portion within the Cochetopa State Wildlife Area (Snyder Ranch) downstream from Dome Lakes State Wildlife Area:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 15.16. Arkansas River - Chaffee, Fremont, Lake and Pueblo Counties

- a. From the US 24 river overpass downstream to the lower boundary of the Hayden Ranch, as posted:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and maximum size for trout is one fish, 12 inches in length.
- From the Stockyard Bridge (Chaffee Co Rd 102) below Salida downstream 7 ½ miles to the confluence with Badger Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All rainbow trout and cutbows must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- c. Within the Pueblo Reservoir State Wildlife Area:
  - 1. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for walleye and saugeye is five fish in the aggregate, 18 inches in length.
  - 2. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.
- d. From the bridge at Valco Ponds downstream to Pueblo Boulevard (except at the Pueblo Nature Center as posted):
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout 16 inches in length or greater must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 16.17. Arkansas River, Middle Fork of the South Arkansas - Chaffee County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to Boss Lake:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 17.18. Augustora Creek - Archuleta County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 18.19. Aurora (Senac) Reservoir - Arapahoe County

- a. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- b. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.
- c. The minimum size for walleye is 18 inches in length.
- d. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.

# 19.20. Bard Creek - Clear Creek County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 20.21. Barker Reservoir - Boulder County

- a. Ice fishing is prohibited.
- b. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from October 1 through December 1.

#### 21.22. Barr Lake - Adams County

- a. The minimum size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches in length.
- b. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.

#### 23. Basin Creek - Gunnison County

a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 22.24. Bear Creek - Conejos County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with the Conejos River:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

#### 23.25. Bear Creek - El Paso County

a. From the headwaters downstream to Gold Camp Road:1. Fishing is prohibited

#### 24.26. Bear Creek - Jefferson County

- a. From the base of Evergreen Lake dam downstream to Bear Creek Reservoir:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout (except rainbow trout and cutbows) is two fish.
  - 3. All rainbow trout and cutbows must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 25.27. Bear Creek - Montezuma County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with the Dolores River:
  - 1 Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

#### 26-28. Bear Creek Reservoir - Jefferson County

- a. The minimum size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches in length.
- b. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.

#### 27-29. Bear River - Garfield and Routt Counties

- a. The bag limit for whitefish is four fish.
- b. The possession limit for whitefish is eight fish.

#### 28.30. Beaver Creek - Garfield County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 29.31. Beaver Creek - Gunnison County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 30.32. Beaver Creek - Mineral County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

### 31.33. Beaver Creek Reservoir - Rio Grande County

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

#### 32.34. Beaver Creek, West - Gunnison County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 35. Beaver Dams Creek - Ouray County

- a. From the headwaters and unnamed tributary stream downstream to the US Forest Service boundary:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 36. Berthoud Reservoir - Larimer County

- a. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for crappie and redear sunfish is 10 fish in the aggregate, 10 inches in length.

#### 33.37. Beswick Pond - - Mesa County

a. Fishing is prohibited.

#### 34.38. Big Bend Creek - La Plata County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 35.39. Big Creek Lake (Lower) - Jackson County

a. The bag and possession limit for lake trout and/or splake is three fish, only one of which may be greater than 26 inches in length.

#### 36.40. Big Hole Creek - Eagle County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 37.41. Big Lake - Conejos County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### **38.42.** Big Thompson Ponds - Larimer County

a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is one fish in the aggregate, 15 inches in length.

#### **39.43.** Big Thompson River - Larimer County

- a. From the base of Olympus Dam at Lake Estes downstream to the bridge at Waltonia:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 40.44. Black Canyon - San Juan County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 41.45. Black Hollow Creek - Larimer County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 42.46. Blanca Wildlife Habitat Area (BLM Ponds) - Alamosa County

- a. The minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches in length.
- b. Fishing is prohibited from February 15 through July 15.

#### 43.47. Blue Mesa Reservoir - Gunnison County

- a. Ice fishing shelters must be portable.
- b. There is no bag or possession limit for lake trout.
- c. No more than one lake trout greater than 32 inches in length may be taken per day.
- d. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from November 1 through December 31.
- e. The bag limit for kokanee salmon is 5 fish.
- f. The possession limit for kokanee salmon is 10 fish.

#### 44.48. Blue River - Grand and Summit Counties

- a. From the north inlet at Summit Co Rd 3 (Coyne Valley Rd. 3 miles north of Breckenridge) downstream to Dillon Reservoir:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.
- b. From Dillon Dam downstream to the north city limits of the town of Silverthorne:

- 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- c. From the north city limits of the town of Silverthorne downstream to the Colo 9 bridge over the Blue River at Blue River State Wildlife Area:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.
- d. From the Colo 9 bridge over the Blue River at Blue River State Wildlife Area downstream to the Green Mountain Reservoir inlet:
  - 1. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.
- e. From Green Mountain Reservoir dam downstream to the Colorado River:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 45.49. Bobtail Creek - Grand County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the Denver Water Board Diversion:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 50. Boedecker Reservoir - Larimer County

a. The minimum size for crappie is 10 inches in length.

#### 46.51. Bonny Reservoir - Yuma County

- a. There is no bag or possession limit for any game fish species.
- b. Trotlines and jugs are allowed.

#### 47.52. Boss Lake - Chaffee County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 48.53. Boulder Creek - Boulder County

- a. From the upper end of Eben Fine Park (within the City Limits of Boulder) downstream to 55th St:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 49.54. Boyd Lake - Larimer County

- a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.
- b. The minimum size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches in length.
- c. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.

#### 50.55. Brush Creek - Eagle County

a. From the confluence with the Eagle River upstream for 2.5 miles:

1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

#### 51.56. Brush Creek, West - Eagle County

- a. In the Sylvan Lake inlet and upstream for ½ mile:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from September 1 through November 30.

#### 52.57. Brush Hollow Reservoir - Fremont County

a. The minimum size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 53.58. Bull Basin Reservoir #1 - Mesa County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.

#### 54.59. Bull Creek Reservoirs #1 and #2 and Connecting Channels - Mesa County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.

#### 55.60. Burgess Creek - Garfield and Routt Counties

- a. The bag limit for whitefish is four fish.
- b. The possession limit for whitefish is eight fish.

#### 56.61. Button Rock (Ralph Price) Reservoir - Boulder County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- c. Fishing is prohibited from November 1 through April 30.

#### 57.62. Cabin Creek - Garfield County

- a. From Trappers Lake upstream for ½ mile:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited.

#### 58.63. Canyon Creek - Garfield County

- a. From the north side of the I-70 Bridge downstream to the confluence with the Colorado River:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from March 15 through May 31 and from October 1 through November 30.

#### 59.64. Carnero Creek, Middle - Saguache County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 60.65. Carnero Creek, North - Saguache County

a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 61.66. Carnero Creek, South - Saguache County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 62.67. Carter Creek - Grand County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 63.68. Carter Lake - Larimer County

- a. The bag limit and maximum size for walleye is three fish 21 inches in length.
- b. The possession limit for walleye is five fish.
- c. It is unlawful to possess filleted or cleaned fish in a boat on the lake.

# 64.69. Cascade Creek - Conejos County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 65-70. Cascade Creek - Huerfano County

a. From the headwaters downstream to the US Forest Service boundary:1. Fishing is prohibited.

# 66.71. Castle Creek - La Plata County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 67.72. Cat Creek - Rio Grande and Conejos Counties

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 68.73. Cat Creek, North Fork - Rio Grande County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 69.74. Cat Creek, South Fork - Rio Grande County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 70.75. Cataract Creek - Summit County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 71.76. Cerro Summit (Montrose) Reservoir - Montrose County

- a. Fishing is prohibited from December 1 to February 28.
- b. Fishing access is restricted to the parking lot, the trail and up to 50 feet from the water line from March 1 through August 15.
- c. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- d. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- e. Ice fishing is prohibited.

#### 77. Chair Creek - Gunnison County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 72.78. Chalk Creek - Chaffee County

- a. Within Wright's Lake State Wildlife Area:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

#### 73.79. Chartier Pond - Morgan County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 74.80. Chatfield Reservoir and Chatfield State Park - Jefferson and Douglas Counties

- a. Within Chatfield State Park, including the South Platte River and all ponds within the park boundary:
  - 1. The bag limit and minimum size for walleye is three fish, 18 inches in length.
  - 2. No more than one walleye greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.
  - 3. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.
  - 4. Fishing is prohibited from the dam and within 100 feet of the dam or walleye spawning operation nets, from March 1 through April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are completed.
  - 5. Fishing is prohibited on the ponds within the dog off leash area.

#### 75.81. Cheesman Reservoir - Douglas and Jefferson Counties

- a. Fishing is prohibited from October 1 through April 30.
- b. Fishing is prohibited from ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise.
- c. Fishing is prohibited on the dam and around the reservoir as posted.
- d. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through September 30.
- e. Ice fishing is prohibited.

#### 76.82. Cherry Creek Reservoir - Arapahoe County

- a. The bag limit and minimum size for walleye is three fish, 18 inches in length.
- b. No more than one walleye greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.
- c. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

d. Fishing is prohibited from the dam and within 100 feet of the dam or walleye spawning operation nets, from March 1 through April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are completed.

#### 77.83. Cheyenne Creek, North - El Paso and Teller Counties

a. From the headwaters downstream to Gold Camp Rd:1. Fishing is prohibited.

#### 78.84. Cimarron River - Montrose County

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

#### 79.85. Clear Creek - Chaffee County

- a. From the gauging station (approximately ½ mile above Clear Creek Reservoir) downstream to Clear Creek Reservoir:
  - 1. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from October 1 through December 31.

#### 80.86. Clear Creek - La Plata County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 81.87. Clear Creek Holding Ponds - Adams County

a. Fishing is prohibited, except for youth participating in Division angler education activities.

#### 82.88. Clear Creek Reservoir - Chaffee County

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

#### 89. Clear Fork of Muddy Creek - Gunnison County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 83.90. Clear Lake - Jackson County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 91. Cliff Creek - Gunnison County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with South Prong Cliff Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 84.92. Clinton Reservoir - Summit County

a. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

#### 85.93. Cochetopa Creek - Saguache County

- a. On that portion within the Cochetopa State Wildlife Area (Snyder Ranch):1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 86.94. Colorado River - Garfield, Eagle, Grand, and Mesa Counties

- a. From Lake Granby Dam downstream to the US 40 bridge approximately 3 miles west of Hot Sulphur Springs:
  - 1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- From the US 40 bridge, approximately three miles west of Hot Sulphur Springs downstream to the confluence with Troublesome Creek (approximately 5 miles east of Kremmling):
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- c. From the confluence of Williams Fork River downstream to the state line:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
- d. From the confluence with Troublesome Creek downstream to the I-70 Exit 90 bridge at Rifle (excluding 50 yards upstream and downstream of the confluences with Canyon, <u>Elk</u>, Grizzly and No Name Creeks):
  1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- e. 50 yards upstream and downstream of the confluences with Canyon, Elk, Grizzly and No Name Creeks:
  - 1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
  - 2. Fishing is prohibited from March 15 through May 31 and from October 1 through November 30.

#### 87.95. Colorado River, (North Fork) including Shadow Mountain Spillway - Grand County

- a. From Shadow Mountain Dam spillway to Lake Granby, including Columbine Bay to the Twin Creek inlet:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from October <u>15</u>4 through <u>November</u> <u>30</u>December 31.

#### 88-96. Como Creek - Boulder County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with North Boulder Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited.

#### 89.97. Conejos River - Conejos County

- a. From the lower bridge at the town of Platoro downstream to the confluence with the South Fork of the Conejos River:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.
- b. From Menkhaven Resort downstream to the upper boundary of Aspen Glade Campground:

- 1. Fishing is by artificial flies only.
- 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.

#### 90.98. Conejos River, Lake Fork - Conejos County

- a. From the headwaters including Big Lake, downstream to and including Rock Lake and its outlet:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 91.99. Connected Lake - Mesa County

a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for largemouth bass is two fish, 18 inches in length.

#### 92.100. Cooper Lake - Hinsdale County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 93-101. Cornelius Creek - Larimer County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 94-102. Corral Creek - San Juan County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 95.103. Corral Creek - Summit County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 96-104. Cottonwood Creek, Little - Moffat County

a. From Freeman Reservoir upstream for ¼ mile:
1. Fishing is prohibited from January 1 through July 31.

# 97.105. Crawford Reservoir - Delta County

- a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for largemouth bass is one fish, 18 inches in length.
- b. There is no bag or possession limit on yellow perch.
- c. From the fence on top of the Crawford Reservoir dam downstream to the north boundary fence:
  - 1. Fishing in the spillway, the stilling basin and the outlet canal is prohibited.

# 98-106. Crosho Reservoir - Rio Blanco County

a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for grayling is two fish, 16 inches in length.

#### 99.107. Crystal Lake - Lake County

a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

#### 100.108. Crystal Reservoir - Montrose County

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

#### 101.109. Culebra Creek - Costilla County

- a. From the Colo 159 bridge downstream approximately 3 miles to the Jaquez Bridge:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 110. Cunningham Creek - Delta County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 102.111. Cunningham Creek - Pitkin County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 103.112. Daigre Lake - Huerfano County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. Ice fishing is prohibited.

# 104.113. Deadman Gulch - Routt County

- a. Fishing\_is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 114. Deep Creek - Gunnison County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to Paonia Reservoir:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 105.115. Deep Creek - La Plata County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the USFS boundary:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 106.116. Deep Creek - San Miguel County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 107.117. Deer Beaver Creek - Saguache County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 108.118. Delaney Butte Lakes (North, South, and East) - Jackson County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or scented lures may be used on this water if they are 1.5 inches or longer.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- c. All brown trout between 14 and 20 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- d. All rainbow trout, cutthroat trout and cutbows between 18 and 22 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- e. North Delaney Butte Lake:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from the dam and within 100 feet of the dam from September 15 through November 15.
  - 2. Fishing is prohibited in the inlet, upstream of the standing water line.
- f. South Delaney Butte Lake:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited in the inlet, upstream of the standing water line.

#### 109.119. DePoorter Lake - Sedgwick County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 110.120. Dillon Reservoir - Summit County

- a. All Arctic char under 20 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for Arctic char is one fish, 20 inches in length.

#### 121. Disappointment Creek - Dolores County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the US Forest Service boundary:
   1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 122. Disappointment Creek, South Fork - Dolores County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 111.123. Divide Creek, West - Garfield County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Brook Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 112.124. Dixon Lake - Larimer County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 113.125. Dolores River - Dolores, Montezuma, Montrose, Mesa and San Miguel Counties

- a. From the confluence with the West Fork of the Dolores River downstream to the standing water line of McPhee Reservoir:
  - 1. The taking of kokanee salmon is prohibited, except from November 15 through December 31, when snagging is permitted.
- b. From McPhee Dam downstream approximately 11 miles to the Bradfield Bridge:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- c. From the McPhee Dam downstream to the state line:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
- d. From the Bradfield Bridge downstream to the Utah state line:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for brown trout.

#### 114.126. Doty Park Lake - Morgan County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 115.127. Doug Creek - Montrose County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 116.128. Dry Gulch -- Clear Creek County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Clear Creek:1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 117.129. Duke Lake - Mesa County

a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for largemouth bass is two fish, 18 inches in length.

#### 118.130. Eagle River - Eagle County

- a. From the confluence of the East Fork and the South Fork downstream to the confluence with the Colorado River:
  - 1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- b. From the I-70 Exit 147 bridge in the Town of Eagle downstream to the confluence with the Colorado River:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

#### 119.131. East Pass Creek - Saguache

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 120.132. East River - Gunnison County

- a. From the upstream property boundary at the Roaring Judy Fish Hatchery downstream to the confluence with the Taylor River:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and maximum size for trout is two fish, 12 inches in length.
  - 3. The taking of kokanee salmon is prohibited.
- b. From the Roaring Judy Fish Hatchery outlet downstream to the Roaring Judy property boundary:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from August 1 through October 31.

#### **121.133.** Echo Canyon Reservoir - Archuleta County

a. All largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### **122.134.** Elaine T. Valente Open Space Lakes, North Lake - Adams County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or scented lures may be used on this water if they are 1.5 inches or longer.
- b. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 123.135. Eleven Mile Reservoir - Park County

- a. Ice fishing shelters must be portable.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is four fish, only two of which may be greater than 16 inches in length.
- c. There is no bag or possession limit on yellow perch.

#### 124-136. Elk Creek -- Garfield County

- a. From the confluence with the Colorado River upstream to the US-Hwy 6 Bridge in New Castle:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from March 15 through May 31 and from October 1 through November 30.

#### 125.137. Elk Creek - San Miguel County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 126-138. Elk River - Routt County

- a. The bag limit for whitefish is four fish.
- b. The possession limit for whitefish is eight fish.

#### 127.139. Elk River (North, South and Middle Forks) - Routt County

- a. The bag limit for whitefish is four fish.
- b. The possession limit for whitefish is eight fish.

#### **<u>128.140.</u>** Elkhead Reservoir - Moffat and Routt Counties

a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for largemouth bass is two fish, 15 inches in length.

b. The bag and possession limit for crappie is ten fish.

#### 129.141. Emerald Lakes (Big and Little) - Hinsdale County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit and maximum size for trout is two fish, 14 inches in length.
- c. In the Lake Creek inlet for ½ mile above Big Emerald Lake:
  1. Fishing is prohibited from January 1 through July 15.

#### 130-142. Erie Lake -- Boulder County

a. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 143. Escalante Creek, North Fork - Mesa County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the US Forest Service boundary:
   1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### **131.144.** Evans City Lake (Riverside Park) - Weld County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 132.145. Fall Creek --- Mineral County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to Wolf Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 133.146. Fall Creek - San Miguel County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to Woods Lake:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 134.147. Fawn Creek - Rio Blanco County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 135.148. Fish Creek - Routt County

- a. The bag limit for whitefish is four fish.
- b. The possession limit for whitefish is eight fish.

#### 136.149. Florida River - La Plata County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to Lemon Reservoir:
  - 1. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

- b. From the US 160 bridge east of Durango downstream to the confluence with the Animas River:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

#### 137.150. Forbes Park Lake - Costilla County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### **138.151.** Fort Morgan Ponds - Morgan County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 139.152. Fourmile Creek - Garfield County

- a. From the confluence with the Roaring Fork River upstream for ½ mile:
  1. Fishing is prohibited from March 15 through May 31 and from
  - October 1 through November 30.

#### 140-153. Frank Easement Ponds - Weld County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 141.154. Fraser Creek - Garfield County

a. From Trappers Lake upstream for ½ mile:1. Fishing is prohibited.

#### 142.155. Fraser River - Grand County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with St. Louis Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. From the confluence with St. Louis Creek downstream to the Colorado River:
  - 1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

#### 143.156. Freeman Reservoir - Moffat County

a. Within 50 yards on either side of the inlet and upstream for ¼ mile:1. Fishing is prohibited from January 1 through July 31.

#### 144.157. French Gulch - Summit County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 145.158. Frey Gulch - Summit County

a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 146-159. Fryingpan Lakes #2 and #3 - Pitkin County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 147-160. Fryingpan River - Eagle and Pitkin Counties

- a. From Ruedi Dam downstream to the confluence with the Roaring Fork River, approximately 14 miles:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout (except brown trout) must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
  - 3. The bag and possession limit and maximum size for brown trout is two fish, 14 inches in length.

#### 148.161. George Creek - Larimer County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 149.162. Goat Creek - San Miguel County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 150-163. Golden Park Ponds - Boulder County

- a. On Golden Park Ponds #3:
  - 1. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is one fish in the aggregate, 15 inches in length.
- b. On Golden Park Ponds #1 and #2:
  - 1. Fishing is by 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 the water immediately upon catch.
  - 4. Possession of largemouth or smallmouth bass while fishing Golden Park Ponds #1 or #2 is prohibited.

#### 151.164. Gore Creek - Eagle County

- a. From the confluence with Red Sandstone Creek downstream to the confluence with the Eagle River:
  - 1. Fishing by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.

#### 152.165. Grand Lake - Grand County

- a. The bag and possession limit for lake trout is four fish, only one of which may be greater than 36 inches in length. All lake trout between 26 and 36 inches in length must be released immediately upon catch.
- b. Ice fishing shelters must be portable.
- c. Gaffs and tail snares are prohibited.

#### 153.166. Grandview Ponds - Adams County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 154.167. Graneros Creek - Pueblo County

a. From the headwaters downstream to the US Forest Service Boundary:1. Fishing is prohibited.

#### 155.168. Grassy Creek - San Juan County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 156.169. Green Creek, Little - Grand and Routt County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 157.170. Green Mountain Reservoir - Summit County

- a. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.
- b. The bag and possession limit for lake trout is eight fish.

#### 158.171. Green River - Moffat County

a. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

# 159.172. Griffith Reservoir - Mesa County

- a. Fishing by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.

# 160-173. Grimes Creek - La Plata County

- a. From the Bureau of Reclamation property boundary downstream to the standing water line of Vallecito Reservoir:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from September 1 through November 14.
  - 2. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from November 15 through December 31.

# 161.174. Grizzly Creek - Garfield County

- a. From the confluence with the Colorado River upstream for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from March 15 through May 31 and from October 1 through November 30.

#### 162.175. Gross Reservoir - Boulder County

a. Fishing is prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

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

#### 163.176. Groundhog Creek - Dolores County

a. From Groundhog Reservoir upstream for ½ mile:
1. Fishing is prohibited from April 15 through July 15.

#### 164.177. Groundhog Reservoir - Dolores County

a. In the Nash Creek and Groundhog Creek inlets upstream for ½ mile:
1. Fishing is prohibited from April 15 through July 15.

#### 165.178. Gunnison River - Delta, Gunnison and Montrose Counties

- a. From the confluence of the East and Taylor rivers downstream to the US 50 bridge:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for brown trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.
  - 3. All rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. From the confluence of the East and Taylor Rivers downstream to the standing water line of Blue Mesa Reservoir, including all tributary canals and diversions:
  - 1. The taking of kokanee salmon is prohibited from August 1 through October 31.
  - 2. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted November 1 through December 31.
- c. From Blue Mesa Dam downstream for 225 yards:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited, as posted.
- d. From the closure signs below Blue Mesa Dam downstream to Morrow Point Reservoir Dam:
  - 1. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.
- e. From Morrow Point Reservoir dam downstream for 130 yards:1. Fishing is prohibited, as posted.
- From the closure sign below Morrow Point Reservoir dam downstream to Crystal Reservoir Dam:
  - 1. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.
- g. From Crystal Reservoir dam downstream for 200 yards:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited, as posted.
- h. From 200 yards downstream of the Crystal Reservoir dam downstream to the Relief Ditch diversion (five miles above Austin Bridge):
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- i. From the confluence with the Smith Fork downstream to the confluence with the Colorado River:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

# 166.179. Gunnison River, North Fork - Gunnison and Delta Counties

- a. From the confluence with Anthracite Creek downstream to the confluence with the Gunnison River:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

#### **167.180.** Gunnison River, Lake Fork - Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the waterfall at Sherman:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. From first bridge crossing above Lake San Cristobal downstream to Lake San Cristobal:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies only.
- c. From the confluence with High Bridge Gulch downstream to the BLM boundary below The Gate campground:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for brown trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.
  - 3. All rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- d. From the BLM boundary below The Gate campground to the confluence with Cherry Creek:
  - 1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- e. From the confluence with Cherry Creek downstream to the upper Red Bridge campground boundary:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for brown trout is 2 fish, 16 inches in length.
  - 3. All rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- f. From the upper Red Bridge campground boundary downstream to Blue Mesa Reservoir:
  - 1. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

# 168-181. Gypsum Ponds SWA - Eagle County

a. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 169.182. Hahn Creek - Rio Blanco County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 170-183. Hallenbeck (Purdy Mesa) Reservoir - Mesa County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or scented lures may be used on this water if they are 1.5 inches or longer.
- b. All largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch. No more than two largemouth bass in any bag and possession limit may be greater than 15 inches in length.

# 171.184. Hamilton Creek - Grand County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 172.185. Hanging Lake - Garfield County

a. Fishing is prohibited.

# **173.186.** Harvey Gap Reservoir - Garfield County

- a. The minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches in length.
- b. The bag and possession limit for channel catfish is two fish.
- c. Use of spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited.

## 174-187. Hat Creek - Eagle County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 175.188. Haxtun City Lake (Gun Club Lake) - Phillips County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

## 176-189. Hayden Creek, South Prong - Fremont County

a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Hayden Creek:1. Fishing is prohibited.

## 177.190. Headache Creek - Archuleta County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 178.191. Heberton Creek - Garfield County

a. From Trappers Lake upstream for ½ mile:1. Fishing is prohibited.

## 179.192. Henry Reservoir - Crowley County

a. Trotlines and jugs are permitted.

## 180.193. Herman Gulch - Clear Creek County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 181.194. Hermosa Creek - La Plata and San Juan Counties

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with East Cross Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 182.195. Hermosa Creek, East Fork - La Plata County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 183-196. Hidden Lakes - Lake County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 184.197. Highline Reservoir - Mesa County

a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for largemouth bass is two fish, 15 inches in length.

### 185.198. Himes Creek - Mineral County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 186-199. Hine Lake - Jefferson County

a. The minimum size for largemouth bass is 18 inches in length.

# 187.200. Hohnholz Lake #3 - Larimer County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is four fish.

## 188.201. Holyoke City Lake (Lions Club Fishing Hole) - Phillips County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

## 189.202. Homestake Conveyance Channel (Spinney Mountain Reservoir inlet ditch) - Park County

a. Fishing is prohibited.

### 190.203. Horse Creek Reservoir (Timber Lake) - Bent and Otero Counties

a. Trotlines and jugs are permitted.

## 191.204. Horseshoe Reservoir - Huerfano County

a. The minimum size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches in length.

# 205. Horseshoe Reservoir - Larimer County

a. The minimum size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches in length.

b. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.

## 192.206. Horsetooth Reservoir - Larimer County

- a. Fishing is prohibited in the inlet area as posted from March 15 through May 31.
- b. The minimum size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches in length.

# 193.207. Hotel Draw - San Juan County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 208. Hubbard Creek, Main - Delta County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the Overland Ditch:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 209. Hubbard Creek, Middle - Delta County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the Overland Ditch:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 194.210. Hudson Town Pond - Weld County

a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is one fish in the aggregate, 15 inches in length.

# 195.211. Huerfano River - Huerfano County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the US Forest Service boundary:1. Fishing is by artificial flies or artificial lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 196.212. Hunt Lake - Chaffee County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 197.213. Illinois River - Jackson County

- a. Within the Diamond J and Yarmony Ranch State Wildlife Areas:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies or artificial lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 198.214. Jackson Lake (Reservoir) - Morgan County

- a. Ice fishing shelters must be portable.
- b. The minimum size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches in length.
- c. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.
- d. The minimum size for wipers is 15 inches in length.
- e. The minimum size for crappie is 10 inches in length.

f. Fishing in the outlet ditch immediately below the dam around the rotary screen structure is prohibited.

# 199.215. Jayhawker Ponds - Larimer County

- a. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. The bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 5 fish.

# 200.216. Jerry Creek Reservoirs #1 and #2 - Mesa County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or scented lures may be used on this water if they are 1.5 inches or longer.
- b. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- c. Use of float tubes with chest-high waders is allowed.

# 201.217. Jim Creek - Conejos County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 202.218. Joe Wright Creek - Larimer County

- a. From the confluence with Joe Wright Reservoir upstream to Colo 14:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from January 1 through July 31.
  - 2. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

# 203.219. Joe Wright Reservoir - Larimer County

a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

# 204.220. John Martin Reservoir - Bent County

a. Trotlines and jugs are permitted.

# 205-221. Johnstown Reservoir - Weld County

- a. The minimum size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches in length.
- b. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.
- c. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.
- d. The minimum size for crappie is 10 inches in length.

# 206.222. Jumbo (Julesburg) Reservoir - Logan and Sedgwick Counties

- a. The minimum size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches in length.
- b. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.
- c. The minimum size for wipers is 15 inches in length.
- d. The minimum size for crappie is 10 inches in length.

# 207.223. Juniata Reservoir - Mesa County

a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or scented lures may be used on this water if they are 1.5 inches or longer.

b. All largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch. No more than two largemouth bass in any bag and possession limit may be greater than 15 inches in length.

# 224. Kaufman Creek - Gunnison County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 208.225. Kelly Lake - Jackson County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 209.226. Kelso Creek - Mesa County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 210.227. Kenney Reservoir - Rio Blanco County

a. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

# 211.228. Kerr Lake - Conejos County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 212.229. Ketner Lake - Jefferson County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 213.230. Kingfisher Pond (Fort Collins Environmental Learning Center) -Larimer County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 214.231. Kinney Creek (3 miles east of Hot Sulphur Springs) - Grand County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 215.232. KOA Lake - Boulder County

a. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 216.233. La Plata River - La Plata County

a. From the US 160 bridge downstream to the state line:

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

# 217. Lagerman Reservoir - Boulder County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 218.234. Lake Arbor - Jefferson County

- a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.
- b. The minimum size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches in length.
- c. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.

# 219.235. Lake Creek - Hinsdale County

a. From Big Emerald Lake inlet upstream for ½ mile:1. Fishing prohibited from January 1 through July 15.

# 220.236. Lake Dorothey - Las Animas County

- a. Within the Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Area, including Schwachheim Creek and all other drainages into the lake:
   1 Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

# 221.237. Lake Fork Creek - Lake County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Glacier Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 222.238. Lake Granby - Grand County

- a. The bag and possession limit for lake trout is four fish.
- b. From January 1 through August 31, the bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee salmon is four fish, singly or in aggregate.
- c. From September 1 through December 31, the bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) is four fish, singly or in aggregate.
- d. From September 1 through December 31, the bag and possession limit for kokanee salmon is 10 fish.
- e. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted in Lake Granby only from September 1 through December 31 except snagging is prohibited in Columbine Bay from the inlet of Twin Creek upstream.
- f. Gaffs and tail snares are prohibited.
- g. Ice fishing shelters must be portable.
- h. In Columbine Bay from the inlet of Twin Creek upstream:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from October 1 through December 31.

# 223.239. Lake John - Jackson County

a. The bag and possession limit for trout is four fish.

# 240. Lake Loveland - Larimer County

- a. The minimum size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches in length.
- b. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.

## 224.241. Laramie River - Larimer County

- a. Within the Hohnholz State Wildlife Area:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 225.242. Laskey Gulch - Summit County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 226.243. Lester Creek - Routt County

- a. For ¼ mile upstream and ¼ mile downstream from Pearl Lake:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 18 inches in length.

## 227.244. Lon Hagler Reservoir - Larimer County

- a. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. Only one channel catfish in bag or possession may be greater than 20 inches.

# 228.245. Lone Pine Creek - Larimer County

- a. From Parvin Lake upstream to Larimer Co Rd 74E (Red Feather Lakes Rd):
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited, as posted.

# 229.246. Long Draw Reservoir - Larimer County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 230.247. Los Pinos Creek - Saguache County

- a. On that portion within the Cochetopa State Wildlife Area (Snyder Ranch):
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 231.248. Los Pinos River - Hinsdale and La Plata Counties

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the Weminuche Wilderness boundary:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- b. From the US 160 bridge in Bayfield downstream to Navajo Reservoir:

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

# 232.249. Lost Trail Creek - Gunnison County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 233.250. Lowell Ponds - Adams County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 234.251. Mack Mesa Reservoir - Mesa County

a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for largemouth bass is two fish, 15 inches in length.

## 235.252. Mad Creek - Routt County

- a. The bag limit for whitefish is four fish.
- b. The possession limit for whitefish is eight fish.

## 236.253. Mancos River - Montezuma County

- a. From the US 160 bridge in Mancos downstream to the state line:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

# 237.254. Martin Lake - Huerfano County

a. The minimum size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 238.255. May Creek - Larimer County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with the Poudre River:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 239.256. Mead Ponds - Weld County

a. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 240.257. McElmo Creek - Montezuma County

- a. From the US 160 bridge east of Cortez downstream to the state line:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

# 241.258. McKay Lake - Adams County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or scented lures may be used on this water if they are 1.5 inches or longer.
- b. All largemouth bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 242.259. McMurry Ponds - Larimer County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

## 243.260. McPhee Reservoir - Montezuma County

- a. All largemouth and smallmouth bass between 10 and 15 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.
- c. There is no bag or possession limit for walleye.

## 244.261. Meadow Creek - Eagle County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 245.262. Meadow Creek, East - Eagle County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 263. Meadow Creek Reservoir - Grand County

a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for tiger trout is one fish, <u>18 inches in length.</u>

## 264. Meadow Creek Reservoir - Jackson County

a. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

#### 246.265. Medano Creek - Saguache and Alamosa Counties

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 247-266. Medano Creek, Hudson Branch - Saguache County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 248.267. Medano Creek, Little - Saguache County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 249.268. Meredith Reservoir - Crowley County

a. Trotlines and jugs are permitted.

## 250.269. Michigan River - Jackson County

- a. Within the Brownlee, Murphy, and Diamond J State Wildlife Areas:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

## 251.270. Middle Creek, East - Saguache County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the waterfall approximately 2.5 miles upstream from the confluence with Middle Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 252.271. Miners Creek - Saguache County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 272. Minnesota Creek, South Fork - Gunnison County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 253.273. Mitchell Creek - Garfield County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the upper boundary of the Glenwood Springs Fish Hatchery:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 254.274. Montgomery Reservoir - Park County

- a. Ice fishing is prohibited.
- b. Fishing is prohibited from December 1 through May 31.
- c. On the south side of the reservoir and from the west face of the dam:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited, as posted.

### 255.275. Monument Reservoir - Las Animas County

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

#### 256.276. Morrison Creek - Routt County

- a. The bag limit for whitefish is four fish.
- b. The possession limit for whitefish is eight fish.

## 257.277. Morrow Point Reservoir - Gunnison and Montrose Counties

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

#### 258.278. Mount Elbert Forebay Reservoir - Lake County

a. The bag and possession limit for lake trout is one fish. All lake trout between 22 and 34 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 259.279. Muddy Creek - San Miguel County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to Woods Lake:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 260.280. Muddy Creek, Little - Grand County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 261.281. Nash Creek - Dolores County

a. From Groundhog Reservoir upstream for ½ mile:
1. Fishing is prohibited from April 15 through July 15.

# 262.282. Nate Creek - Ouray County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 263.283. Native Lake - Lake County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 264.284. Navajo Lake - Dolores County

a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

# 265.285. Navajo Reservoir - Archuleta County

a. Trotlines are permitted.

# 266.286. Navajo River - Archuleta and Conejos Counties

- a. From the headwaters downstream to Bridal Veil Falls:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. From the Oso Diversion Dam downstream to the state line:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

# 267.287. Nee Gronda Reservoir - Kiowa County

a. Trotlines and jugs are permitted.

# 268.288. Nee Noshe Reservoir - Kiowa County

a. Trotlines and jugs are permitted.

# 269.289. Nee So Pah Reservoir (Sweetwater and Jet) - Kiowa County

a. Trotlines and jugs are permitted.

# 270.290. Newlin Creek - Custer and Fremont Counties

a. From the headwaters downstream to the US Forest Service boundary:1. Fishing is prohibited.

# 271.291. Nickelson Creek - Pitkin County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 272.292. No Name Creek - Garfield County

a. From the confluence with the Colorado River upstream for ½ mile:
1. Fishing is prohibited from March 15 through May 31 and from October 1 through November 30.

# 273.293. Nolan Creek - Eagle County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 274.294. North Lake State Wildlife Area - Las Animas County

a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

# 275.295. North Platte River - Jackson County

- a. Within the Brownlee II or Verner State Wildlife Areas:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- b. From the southern boundary of the Routt National Forest downstream to the Wyoming state line (Northgate Canyon):
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 276.296. North Platte River, North Fork - Jackson County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 277.297. North Shields Ponds - Larimer County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 278.298. North Sterling Reservoir - Logan County

a. The minimum size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches in length.

- b. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.
- c. The minimum size for wipers is 15 inches in length; only one wiper may be greater than 25 inches in length.
- d. The minimum size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches in length.
- e. The minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches in length.
- f. The minimum size for crappie is 10 inches in length.

# 279.299. North Taylor Creek - Custer County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 280.300. Northwater Creek - Garfield County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 281.301. Old Dillon Reservoir - Summit County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for golden trout is one fish, 16 inches in length.

## 282.302. Osier Creek - Conejos County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 283.303. Overland Trail Pond - Logan County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 284.304. Paonia Reservoir (Muddy Creek) - Gunnison County

- a. From the top of Paonia Dam downstream to the boundary fence below the stilling basin:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited, as posted.

## 285.305. Parachute Creek, East Fork - Garfield County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 286.306. Parachute Creek, East Middle Fork - Garfield County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 287.307. Parvin Lake - Larimer County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- c. In the inlet stream (Lone Pine Creek) upstream to Larimer Co Rd 74E (Red Feather Lakes Rd):

1. Fishing is prohibited, as posted.

## 288.308. Pass Creek - Mineral County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 289.309. Pasture Creek - La Plata and San Juan Counties

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# **290.310.** Pearl Lake - Routt County - Including the inlet stream for <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile above the inlet and the outlet stream for <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile below the outlet:

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 18 inches in length.

# 291.311. Pella Crossing Recreation Area Ponds (All Ponds) - Boulder County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or scented lures may be used on this water if they are 1.5 inches or longer.
- b. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- c. Fishing is prohibited in Webster Pond.

# 292.312. Petty Creek - San Juan County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 293.313. Piedra River - Archuleta County

- a. From the Piedra River bridge on USFS 631 (Piedra Road) downstream to the lower boundary of the Tres Piedra Ranch (1.5 miles above US 160):
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. From the US 160 bridge downstream to Navajo Reservoir:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

# 294.314. Piedra River, East Fork - Hinsdale and Mineral Counties

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 295.315. Pikes Peak North Slope Recreation Area (Crystal, North Catamount and South Catamount Reservoirs) - El Paso and Teller Counties

- a. The bag and possession limit for lake trout is two fish.
- b. North Catamount Reservoir only:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

## 296.316. Pikes Peak South Slope Recreation Area (Boehmer Reservoir, Boehmer Creek, Mason Reservoir and McReynolds Reservoir) - El Paso and Teller Counties

- a. In Boehmer Reservoir and Boehmer Creek, from the headwaters to Mason Reservoir:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited.
- b. In Mason Reservoir:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and maximum size for trout is one fish, 16 inches in length.
- c. In McReynolds Reservoir:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 297.317. Pit D Pond - Boulder County

a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is one fish in the aggregate, 15 inches in length.

# 298.318. Poage Lake - Rio Grande County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit and maximum size for trout is two fish, 12 inches in length.

# 319. Points Creek - Mesa County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 299.320. Poose Creek - Rio Blanco County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 300.321. Porcupine Lake - Routt County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 301.322. Poudre Ponds #1 - Weld County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 302.323. Poudre River - Larimer County

- a. From the Rocky Mountain National Park boundary downstream to the confluence with Joe Wright Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- b. From the upper boundary of the Big Bend campground downstream to the confluence with Black Hollow Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

- c. From the west boundary of the Hombre Ranch (below Rustic) downstream to the Pingree Park Road/bridge:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- From the upper boundary of Gateway Park (water diversion for Ft. Collins) downstream to the confluence with the North Fork of the Poudre River:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 303.324. Poudre River, North Fork - Larimer County

- a. From the confluence with Divide Creek downstream to Bull Creek (above Halligan Reservoir):
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies or artificial lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. From Milton Seaman Reservoir downstream to the confluence with the Poudre River:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# **304.325.** Poudre River, South Fork - Larimer County

- a. From the Rocky Mountain National Park boundary downstream for one mile:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 305.326. Prewitt Reservoir - Logan and Washington counties

- a. The minimum size limit for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches in length.
- b. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.
- c. The minimum size for wipers is 15 inches in length.
- d. The minimum size for crappie is 10 inches in length.

# 327. Priest Gulch – Dolores and Montezuma Counties

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# **306.328.** Pronger Pond - Logan County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 307.329. Prospect Park Lakes - Jefferson County

- a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.
- b. Bass Lake and West Prospect Lakes only:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or scented lures may be used on this water if they are 1.5 inches or longer.

# 308-330. Prospect Ponds #2 and #3 - Larimer County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 331. Pryor Creek - Ouray County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the US Forest Service boundary:
   1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 309.332. Pueblo Reservoir - Pueblo County

- a. The minimum size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches in length.
- b. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for walleye and saugeye is five fish in the aggregate, 18 inches in length.
- c. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.
- d. The bag and possession limit for crappie is ten fish.
- e. The minimum size for crappie is 10 inches in length.
- f. The bag and possession limit for wiper is five fish.
- g. No more than one wiper greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.
- h. Underwater spearfishing is allowed for the take of channel, blue and flathead catfish with an aggregate bag and possession limit of five fish; and for wiper with a bag and possession limit of five fish.
- i. Fishing is prohibited from the dam and within 100 feet of the dam or walleys spawning operation nets, from March 1 through April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are completed.
- j. It is unlawful to possess filleted or cleaned fish in a boat on the lake.

# 310.333. Purgatoire River, Middle Fork - Las Animas County

- a. Within the Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 311.334. Purgatoire River, South Fork - Las Animas County

- a. Within the Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area:
  - 1. Fishing by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 312.335. Queens Reservoir, North and South - Kiowa County

a. Trotlines and jugs are permitted.

## 313.336. Quincy Reservoir - Arapahoe County

- a. Fishing by artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or scented lures may be used on this water if they are 1.5 inches or longer.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- c. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18 inches in length.
- d. Fishing access is controlled by Aurora Parks and Recreation as posted.

# 314.337. Rampart Reservoir - El Paso County

- a. Ice fishing is prohibited.
- b. The bag and possession limit for lake trout is two fish.

# 315.338. Ranch Creek, North Fork - Grand County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 316-339. Red Lion State Wildlife Area - Logan County

- a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.
- b. The minimum size for crappie is 10 inches in length.

# 317.340. Relay Creek - La Plata and San Juan Counties

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 318.341. Rhodes Gulch - Conejos County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 319.342. Ridgway Reservoir - Ouray County

- a. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.
- b. There is no bag or possession limit for smallmouth bass.

# 320-343. Rifle Gap Reservoir - Garfield County

- a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for walleye is one fish, 18 inches in length.
- b. The bag and possession limit for yellow perch is twenty fish.

# 321.344. Rio Blanco Lake - Rio Blanco County

a. The minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 322.345. Rio Blanco River - Archuleta and Conejos Counties

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the San Juan Wilderness boundary:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. From the Blanco Diversion Dam downstream to the confluence with the San Juan River:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

# 323.346. Rio de Los Pinos - Conejos County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the waterfall at the South San Juan Wilderness boundary:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 324.347. Rio Grande River - Hinsdale, Mineral and Rio Grande Counties

- a. From the lower boundary of River Hill Campground downstream to the the Colo 149 bridge:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and maximum size for brown trout is two fish, 12 inches in length.
  - 3. All rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. From the Colo 149 bridge at South Fork downstream to the Rio Grande Canal diversion structure:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for brown trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.
  - 3. All rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 325.348. Rio Lado Creek - Montezuma County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## **326.349.** Riverbend Ponds #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 - Larimer County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

## 327.350. River's Edge Natural Area Ponds (Bass, Dragonfly, Sandpiper) -Larimer County

- a. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. The bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 5 fish.

# 328-351. Road Beaver Creek - Gunnison County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 329.352. Roaring Creek and tributaries - Larimer County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 330.353. Roaring Fork Creek - Grand County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 331.354. Roaring Fork of the North Platte - Jackson County

- a. Within the Manville State Wildlife Area:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 332.355. Roaring Fork River - Pitkin and Garfield Counties

- a. From the confluence with McFarlane Creek downstream to the upper Woody Creek bridge:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. From the 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. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.
- c. 50 yards upstream and downstream from the confluences with Fourmile Creek and Threemile Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.
  - 3. Fishing is prohibited from March 15 through May 31 and from October 1 through November 30.

# 356. Roaring Fork - Mineral County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Goose Creek, including unnamed tributary streams:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 333.357. Roaring Forks Creek - Montezuma County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 358. Robinson Creek - Gunnison County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 359. Rock Creek - Gunnison County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Clear Fork of Muddy Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 334.360. Rock Creek - Lake County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

### 335.361. Rock Creek, Little - Mesa County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 336.362. Rock Creek - Park County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 337.363. Rock Lake - Conejos County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 338.364. Rocky Fork Creek - Pitkin County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 339.365. Rocky Mountain Lake - Denver County

a. The minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches in length.

## 340.366. Rosemont Reservoir - Teller County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. Ice fishing is prohibited.

# 341.367. Rough Canyon - Conejos County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 342.368. Ruby Jewel Lake - Jackson County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

### 343.369. Runyon/Fountain Lakes State Wildlife Area - Pueblo County

a. Ice fishing is prohibited.

## 344.370. Saguache Creek - Saguache County

- a. From the confluence of the Middle and South Forks downstream to the confluence with California Gulch:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

## 345-371. Saguache Creek, Middle Fork - Saguache County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with the South Fork of Saguache Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

# 346-372. Saguache Creek, South Fork - Saguache County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with the Middle Fork of Saguache Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

## 347.373. Saint Vrain Creek (North and South) -- Boulder County

- a. Within the town limits of Lyons as posted:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 348.374. Saint Vrain State Park - Weld County

- a. Bald Eagle Lake:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or scented lures may be used on this water if they are 1.5 inches or longer.
  - 2. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. Blue Heron Lake:
  - 1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
  - 2. Only one channel catfish in bag or possession may be greater than 20 inches.

# 349.375. San Francisco Creek (Middle and West Forks) and West San Francisco Lake - Rio Grande County

- a. That portion on US Forest Service lands including West San Francisco Lake:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 350.376. San Juan River - Archuleta County

- a. From the intersection of US 160 and US 84 downstream through Pagosa Springs to the intersection of Apache Street with the river, including River Center Ponds:
  - 1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- b. From the US 160 bridge in Pagosa Springs downstream to Navajo Reservoir:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

#### 351.377. San Miguel River - Montrose and San Miguel Counties

- a. From the Colo 90 bridge at Pinon downstream to the confluence with the Dolores River:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

# 352.378. Sarvis Creek - Grand and Routt Counties

a. The bag limit for whitefish is four fish.

b. The possession limit for whitefish is eight fish.

# 353.379. Scenery Pond (Colorow Mountain State Wildlife Area) - Rio Blanco County

a. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

## 380. Schaeffer Creek - Gunnison County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to Gunnison Co Rd 12C:
  1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 354.381. Schwachheim Creek - Las Animas County

a. Within the Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Area:1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

## 355.382. Second Creek - Delta County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 383. Second Creek - Gunnison County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Clear Fork of Muddy Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 356.384. Severy Creek - El Paso County

a. From the headwaters downstream to the US Forest Service boundary:1. Fishing is prohibited.

#### 357.385. Shadow Mountain Reservoir - Grand County

a. Ice fishing shelters must be portable.

## 358-386. Shadow Mountain Spillway - Grand County

- a. From Shadow Mountain Reservoir downstream to Lake Granby including Columbine Bay to the Twin Creek inlet:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from October 1 through December 31.
  - 2. Snagging is prohibited.

#### 359.387. Sheep Creek - Conejos County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the Conejos River:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 360.388. Sheep Creek - Larimer County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 361.389. Sheep Creek, East and West Forks - Larimer County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## **362.390.** Sig Creek - La Plata and San Juan Counties

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 363-391. Sig Creek, East Fork - San Juan County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 364-392. Silver Lake - Mesa County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.

## 393. Slate Creek - Dolores County

<u>a.</u> Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.<u>b.</u> All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 365-394. Slater Creek, South Fork and West Prong of the South Fork - Routt County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 366.395. Sloan Lake - Hinsdale County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

### 367.396. Snell Creek - Rio Blanco County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 368.397. Soda Creek - Routt County

- a. The bag limit for whitefish is four fish.
- b. The possession limit for whitefish is eight fish.

#### 369.398. South Platte Park (Littleton) - Arapahoe County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 370.399. South Platte River - Douglas, Jefferson, Park and Teller Counties

- a. From the confluence of the Middle and South Forks downstream to Spinney Mountain Reservoir:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout between 12 and 20 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
  - 3. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish, only one of which may be greater than 20 inches in length.
- b. From the outlet of Spinney Mountain Reservoir downstream to the inlet of Eleven Mile Reservoir:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All fish caught must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
  - 3. Some portions may be closed to fishing as posted from September 15 to December 31 for kokanee salmon spawning operations.
- c. From immediately below Eleven Mile Dam downstream to the Wagon Tongue Gulch Road bridge at Springer Gulch (Eleven Mile Canyon):
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- d. From Cheesman Dam downstream to the upper Wigwam Club property line:
  - 1. Fishing by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- e. From the lower boundary of the Wigwam Club downstream to Scraggy View Picnic Ground:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.
- f. From Strontia Springs Dam downstream to 300 yards upstream from the Denver Water Board's Marston Diversion structure:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- g. Within Chatfield State Park:
  - 1. The bag limit and minimum size for walleye is three fish, 18 inches in length.
  - 2. No more than one walleye greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.
  - 3. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

## 371.400. South Platte River, Middle Fork - Park County

- a. From the Colo 9 bridge (4.9 miles north of Garo) downstream to the confluence with the South Fork of the South Platte:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout between 12 and 20 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
  - 3. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish, only one of which may be greater than 20 inches in length.

# 372.401. South Platte River, South Fork - Park County

- a. From US 285 downstream to Antero Reservoir:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout between 12 and 20 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

- 3. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish, only one of which may be greater than 20 inches in length.
- b. From Antero Reservoir downstream in the newly constructed channel to the confluence with the existing channel:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- c. From the lower boundary fence of the Badger Basin State Wildlife Area downstream to the confluence with the Middle Fork of the South Platte:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout between 12 and 20 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
  - 3. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish, only one of which may be greater than 20 inches in length.

## 373.402. Spinney Mountain Reservoir - Park County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is one fish, 20 inches in length.
- c. Fishing is prohibited from ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise.
- d. Ice fishing is prohibited.
- e. There is no bag or possession limit for yellow perch.

# 374.403. Sprat-Platte Lake - Adams County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or scented lures may be used on this water if they are 1.5 inches or longer.
- b. The minimum size for largemouth bass is 18 inches in length.

# 375.404. Spring Creek - Dolores County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 376.405. Spring Gulch Pond - Douglas County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 377.406. Spruce Creek (confluence with Blue River approximately 5 miles north of Green Mtn. Res.) - Grand and Summit Counties

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 378.407. Spruce Creek (confluence with Blue River approximately 2.5 miles south of Breckenridge) - Summit County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

### 379.408. Stagecoach Reservoir - Routt County

a. There is no bag or possession limit for walleye.

## 380.409. Stalker Lake - Yuma County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

## 381.410. Standley Lake - Jefferson County

- a. The minimum size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches in length.
- b. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 21 inches in length may be taken per day.

## 382.411. Stearns Lake - Boulder County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

#### 383.412. Steelman Creek - Grand County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the Denver Water Board Diversion:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 384.413. Stueben Creek, West Fork - Gunnison County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 385.414. Summit Reservoir - Montezuma County

a. The minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 386.415. Swamp Lakes - Lake County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 387.416. Swan River - Summit County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is 2 fish, 16 inches in length.

## 388.417. Swan River, North Fork - Summit County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 389.418. Sweitzer Lake - Delta County

a. All fish, except carp, must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 390.419. Sylvan Lake - Eagle County

a. In the inlet and upstream for 1/2 mile:

1. Fishing is prohibited from September 1 through November 30.

## **391.420.** Tamarack Ranch Pond - Logan County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 392.421. Tarryall Creek - Park County

- a. For that portion of Tarryall Creek located on the Cline Ranch State Wildlife Area:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
  - 3. Fishing is prohibited from October 1 through the end of February.
  - 4. Fishing access is restricted to designated fishing areas (beats) only. Access to each fishing beat is restricted to occupants of the vehicle parked in the parking stall assigned to that beat (determined by corresponding number). No more than four anglers are allowed per vehicle, and only one vehicle is allowed per stall.

# **393.422.** Taylor Creek, Little - Montezuma County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 394.423. Taylor Park Reservoir - Gunnison County

- a. The bag and possession limit for lake trout is three fish, only one of which may be greater than 26 inches in length.
- b. Gaffs and tail snares are prohibited.
- c. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.

# 395.424. Taylor River - Gunnison County

- a. From the top of Taylor Dam and then from the dam downstream for 325 yards:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited as posted.
- b. From a point 325 yards below Taylor Dam downstream to the lower boundary of the Taylor State Wildlife Area (approximately 0.4 miles):
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 396-425. Terror Creek, East Fork - Delta County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Terror Creek (including unnamed tributary below Terror Creek Reservoir);
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 426. Terror Creek, West Fork - Delta County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 397.427. Thomas Reservoir - Boulder County

a. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is one fish in the aggregate, 15 inches in length.

## 398.428. Three Lakes - Lowest and Middle Lakes - Lake County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 399.429. Three Licks Creek - Eagle County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 400.430. Threemile Creek - Garfield County

- a. From the confluence with the Roaring Fork River upstream for 1/2 mile:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from March 15 through May 31 and from October 1 through November 30.

## 401.431. Thurston Reservoir - Prowers County

a. Trotlines and jugs are permitted.

## 402.432. Timberline Lake - Lake County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 403.433. Torsido Creek - Conejos County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 404.434. Totten Reservoir - Montezuma County

a. The minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 405.435. Trapper Creek - Garfield County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 406.436. Trappers Lake - Garfield County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for cutthroat trout is two fish. All cutthroat trout greater than 11 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- c. Fishing is prohibited in all inlets and upstream for ½ mile.
- d. Fishing is prohibited within 100 feet of either side of all inlet streams.
- e. Fishing is prohibited within 100 feet of either side of the outlet and downstream to the first falls.
- f. There is no bag or possession limit on brook trout.

# 407.437. Trinidad Reservoir - Las Animas County

- a. The minimum size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches in length.
- b. The bag and possession limit for walleye and saugeye is five fish in the aggregate.
- c. No more than one walleye or saugeye in the aggregate greater than 18 inches in length may be taken per day.

# 408.438. Trout Creek - Rio Blanco and Routt Counties

- a. From the headwaters downstream to, but not including Sheriff Reservoir:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. From Sheriff Reservoir dam downstream to the confluence with the Yampa River:
  - 1. The bag limit for whitefish is four fish.
  - 2. The possession limit for whitefish is eight fish.

# 409-439. Turquoise Reservoir - Lake County

a. The bag and possession limit for lake trout is two fish.

# 410.440. Tuttle Creek - Saguache County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 441. Twin Creek, North & South - Gunnison County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 411.442. Twin Lakes - Lake County

a. The bag and possession limit for lake trout is one fish. All lake trout between 22 and 34 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 412.443. Two Buttes Reservoir - Baca County

a. Trotlines and jugs are permitted.

# 413.444. Two Ledge Reservoir - Jackson County

a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

# 414.445. Uncompany River -- Ouray, Montrose and Delta Counties

- a. From the Ouray Co Rd 23 bridge downstream to Ridgway Reservoir:
  - 1. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from September 1 through December 31.
- b. From Ridgway dam downstream to the fence just below the USGS Gauge Station:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited, except as posted.

- c. From the fence just below the USGS Gauge Station below Ridgway Dam downstream to the confluence with Cow Creek:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- d. From the Ridgway Dam downstream to the confluence with the Gunnison River:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
- e. From the <u>Hwy-Colo</u> 90 Bridge downstream to the LaSalle Rd. Bridge:
  1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 415.446. Union Reservoir (Calkins Lake) - Weld County

a. The minimum size for wipers is 15 inches in length.

## 416.447. Upper Seepage Lake -- Mineral County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.

## 417.448. Valco Ponds #4-7 -- Pueblo County

- a. All largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and spotted bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- b. The bag and possession limit for channel catfish is one fish.

# 418.449. Vallecito Creek - La Plata and San Juan Counties

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the southern boundary of the Weminuche Wilderness:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- b. From the southern boundary of the Weminuche Wilderness downstream to the La Plata Co Rd 501 bridge:
  - 1. All kokanee salmon must be returned to the water immediately upon catch from September 1 through November 14.
  - 2. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from November 15 through December 31.
- c. From the La Plata Co Rd 501 bridge downstream to the standing water line of Vallecito Reservoir:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited from September 1 through November 14.
  - 2. Snagging of kokanee salmon is permitted from November 15 through December 31.

# 419.450. Vasquez Creek, Little - Grand County:

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the Denver Water Board Diversion:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 420.451. Vasquez Creek, South Fork - Grand County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 421.452. Vaughn Reservoir - Rio Blanco County

a. The bag and possession limit for cutthroat trout is two fish.

## 422.453. Virginia Gulch Creek, West - La Plata County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 423.454. Virginia Lake - Lake County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 424.455. Wacker Ponds (formerly known as Hanson Bros. Ponds) - Morgan County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass 15 inches in length.

## 425.456. Wahatoya State Wildlife Area - Huerfano County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. Ice fishing is prohibited.

# 426.457. Walden Ponds (except Wally Toevs Pond) - Boulder County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or scented lures may be used on this water if they are 1.5 inches or longer.
- b. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

#### 427.458. Walker Lake State Wildlife Area - Mesa County

a. Fishing is prohibited from October 1 through the last day of February.

# 428.459. Walton Creek - Routt County

- a. The bag limit for whitefish is four fish.
- b. The possession limit for whitefish is eight fish.

## 429-460. Waneka Lake (Lafayette) - Boulder County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 430.461. Washington Park (Lily Pond) - Denver County

a. Fishing is restricted to youth 15 years of age or younger.

# 431.462. Watson Lake - Larimer County

a. The minimum size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches in length.

## 432.463. West Creek - Mesa County

- a. From the Colo 141 Bridge downstream 5 miles to the confluence of Ute Creek:
  - 1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 433.464. West Cross Creek - Eagle County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 434.465. White River - Rio Blanco County

- a. From the confluence of the North and South Forks of the White River downstream to the Colo 13 Bridge below Meeker (excluding the Sleepy Cat easement, Wakara lease, and the Meeker Pasture State Wildlife Area):
  - 1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- b. On the Sleepy Cat easement, Wakara Lease, and the Meeker Pasture State Wildlife Area east of Meeker:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- c. From the confluence of the North and South Forks of the White River downstream to Kenney Reservoir:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
- d. From Taylor Draw Dam downstream 400 yards:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited, as posted, to protect native fish spawning.
- e. From Taylor Draw Dam downstream to the state line:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

#### 435.466. White River, North Fork - Rio Blanco County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to confluence with the South Fork of the White River:
  - 1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 436.467. White River, South Fork - Rio Blanco County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to confluence with the North Fork of the White River:
  - 1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.

# 468. Wildcat Creek – Dolores and Montezuma Counties

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 437.469. Williams Fork Reservoir - Grand County

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

- b. All northern pike between 26 and 34 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- c. From the buoy line at the Williams Fork River inlet upstream to the first Grand Co Rd bridge:
  - 1. Fishing and snagging are prohibited from September 15 through November 30.
- d. Use of spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited.
- e. The bag and possession limit for lake trout is eight fish, only one of which may be greater than 30 inches in length.

# 438.470. Williams Fork River - Grand County

- a. From Williams Fork Dam downstream to the confluence with the Colorado River:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 439.471. Williams Gulch - Larimer County

- a. From the headwaters downstream to the confluence with the Poudre River:
  - 1. Fishing is prohibited.

# 440.472. Willow Creek (Little Snake drainage) - Moffat County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 441.473. Willow Creek Reservoir - Grand County

a. Ice fishing shelters must be portable.

#### 442.474. Windsor Reservoir - Weld County

a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.

# 443.475. Wolf Creek - Conejos County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 476. Wolf Creek, South Fork - Mineral County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 444.477. Wolford Mountain Reservoir - Grand County

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

# 445.478. Woods Lake State Wildlife Area - San Miguel County

a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

## 446.479. Wrights Lake - Chaffee County

a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

## 447.480. Yampa River - Routt County

- a. From the headwaters to the confluence with Trout Creek (including tributaries):
  - 1. The bag limit for whitefish is four fish.
  - 2. The possession limit for whitefish is eight fish.
- b. From Stagecoach Dam downstream for 0.6 mile:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- c. From Stagecoach Dam downstream to Catamount Lake:
  - 1. Spawning areas (redds) are closed to fishing as posted to protect spawning fish.
- d. From 0.6 miles below Stagecoach Dam downstream to the confluence with Walton Creek, excluding Catamount Lake:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- e. From the confluence with Walton Creek downstream for 4.8 miles to the James Brown (Soul Center of the Universe) bridge, in Steamboat Springs:
  - 1. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
  - 2. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- f. From the James Brown (Soul Center of the Universe Bridge) downstream to the Colo 394 bridge near Craig:
  - 1. The bag and possession limit for trout is two fish.
- g. From the headwaters of the Yampa River downstream to the confluence with the Green River:
  - 1. There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

## 448.481. Youngs Creek Reservoirs #1, #2, and #3 - Delta County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

# 449.482. Yuma City Lake - Yuma County

- a. The minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches in length.
- b. The bag and possession limit for channel catfish is five fish.

## 450.483. Zimmerman Lake - Larimer County

- a. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
- b. All trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
- c. Fishing is prohibited in the inlet area as posted from January 1 through July 31.

MAILING - 11/06/2020 Basis and Purpose Chapter W-1 - Fishing

## **Basis and Purpose:**

These regulations amend Chapter W-1 - Fishing - of the Parks and Wildlife Commission Regulations. These regulations are designed to manage statewide aquatic resources and provide a diversity of angling recreation opportunities for resident and nonresident anglers throughout Colorado. They are the result of extensive public involvement and application of biological information on aquatic species. All regulation changes are based on the best available biological information and are designed to manage aquatic resources towards stated objectives. In addition to annual changes and non-substantive clean-up, these regulations specifically address the following:

## Updating the criteria for establishing an emergency closure of fishing waters

Regulation #104(F)(1) was changed to reflect updated state and national water quality standards. including those of the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as well as to provide uniform and consistent messaging to the public and ensure consistency in implementation across varied thermal regimes and environmental conditions across systems statewide. More specifically, for criterion "a," the previous daily maximum water temperature threshold of 74 degrees Fahrenheit and the daily average temperature threshold of 72 degrees Farenheit did not align with presently established standards by CDPHE and EPA aimed at protecting aquatic life and were not protective of all systems as temperature effects on aquatic life may be evident at levels outside of those thresholds. Similarly, for criterion "b," the previous threshold of "25% or less of the historical average low flow for the time period in question" was not protective enough across most systems statewide and resulted in measurement challenges because the phrase "the time period in question" was not well defined. For criterion "c," the previous description did not include the word "stress," which is important when describing fish that may be exhibiting additional signs of deterioration related to environmental conditions. For criterion "d," the previous daily minimum dissolved oxygen level of five parts per million was not adequately protective and did not align with presently established standards by CDPHE and EPA aimed at protecting aguatic life.

# Establishing a limited harvest for mountain whitefish statewide

Mountain whitefish are currently found in Colorado in the Yampa River drainage, the White River drainage, and the Colorado River drainage, including the Eagle and Roaring Fork rivers. Population declines in the Colorado River and Roaring Fork Rivers have been documented. Although mountain whitefish abundance is still relatively high in the White River, this species is sensitive to environmental stressors and staff are concerned that increased angling pressure, elevated summer water temperatures, entrainment of fish through irrigation diversions, and habitat modifications could reduce mountain whitefish reproduction and recruitment success. To reduce harvest of mountain whitefish, a statewide bag limit of four fish and a possession limit of eight fish was established. This bag and possession limit corresponds to the bag and possession limit placed on mountain whitefish in the Yampa River drainage in 2009, which has proven to be an effective tool. Staff hope this statewide restriction will help to increase the persistence of mountain whitefish and convey the importance of this unique sportfish across the state.

## Changing fishing regulation on selected streams to protect Colorado River cutthroat trout and Rio Grand cutthroat trout

Staff identified several streams in the Southwest Region that are inhabited by Colorado River cutthroat trout and Rio Grande cutthroat trout populations, but were not protected by special

fishing regulations. As a result, regulations that allow fishing by artificial flies and lures only and specify that all cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch were adopted on the following waters:

- Anthracite Creek, North Fork (Gunnison County);
- Basin Creek (Gunnison County);
- Beaver Dams Creek (Ouray County);
- Chair Creek (Gunnison County);
- Clear Fork of Muddy Creek (Gunnison County);
- Cliff Creek (Gunnison County);
- Cunningham Creek (Delta County);
- Deep Creek (Gunnison County);
- Disappointment Creek (Dolores County);
- Disappointment Creek, South Fork (Dolores County);
- Escalante Creek, North Fork (Mesa County);
- Kaufman Creek (Gunnison County);
- Main Hubbard Creek (Delta County);
- Middle Hubbard Creek (Delta County);
- South Fork Minnesota Creek (Gunnison County);
- South Fork Wolf Creek (Mineral County);
- Points Creek (Mesa County);
- Priest Gulch (Montezuma County);
- Pryor Creek (Ouray County);
- Roaring Fork (Mineral County);
- Robinson Creek (Gunnison County);
- Rock Creek (Gunnison County);
- Second Creek (Gunnison County);
- Schaeffer Creek (Gunnison County);
- Slate Creek (Dolores County);
- Terror Creek, West Fork (Delta County);
- Twin Creek, North (Gunnison County);
- Twin Creek, South (Gunnison County); and
- Wildcat Creek (Montezuma County).

# Restricting bass fishing and reducing the bag limits and minimum size limit for crappie and redear sunfish at Berthoud Reservoir (Larimer County)

From 2017-2019, redear sunfish, black crappie, largemouth bass, and rainbow trout were stocked in Berthoud Reservoir, resulting in an exceptional fishery. To allow crappie and redear to naturally reproduce at least one season prior to being potentially harvested, a 10-inch minimum harvest restriction was installed for both crappie and redear sunfish. Additionally, the bag limit was reduced to 10 crappie and redear sunfish taken together, as the potential harvest of both 20 crappie in addition to 20 redear sunfish (40 fish total) under general statewide regulations has the potential to severely limit long-term angling success. Finally, to ensure growth rates of panfish remains optimal, a catch and release regulation was installed for largemouth and smallmouth bass to create a quality bass fishing experience and maximize predation on small crappie and readear sunfish.

# Implementing a minimum size limit for black and white crappie at Boedecker Reservoir (Larimer County)

Boedecker Reservoir has had exceptional natural recruitment of crappie. To maintain the quality angling and bolster natural reproduction, a 10-inch minimum size limit for black and white crappie was implemented. This will help to ensure the crappie can naturally reproduce at least one season prior to being potentially harvested.

# Changing fishing closure dates on the Colorado River below Shadow Mountain Reservoir

The purpose of the regulation is to close the area to public fishing during CPW's annual kokanee salmon spawn collection operations. However, given the current timing and scope of the spawn operation, the date range was excessively wide and did not accurately reflect the period during which spawn collection occurs, and unnecessarily restricted public opportunity. As a result, the date range of the closure was shortened to October 15 through November 30.

# Implementing special fishing regulations for walleye at Horseshoe Reservoir (Larimer County)

Horseshoe Reservoir is just west of Boyd Lake. Given the limited public angling access, CPW generally limits stocked fish to walleye fry resulting in a marginal walleye fishery and general statewide regulations have historically applied. However, the lack of a special fishing regulation at Horseshoe Reservoir has resulted in confusion among anglers and a difficult situation for law enforcement personnel due to its proximity to Boyd Lake where there are restrictive walleye fishing regulations. Special fishing regulations have been implemented at Horseshoe Reservoir that mimic the existing Boyd Lake walleye regulations to help ease these law enforcement issues.

# Eliminating the special regulation for largemouth and smallmouth bass at Lagerman Reservoir (Boulder County)

Lagerman Reservoir no longer supports quality production and growth for largemouth and smallmouth bass and CPW does not stock these species in this water. As a result, the restrictions on the minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass harvest have been removed.

# Implementing special fishing regulaitons for walleye at Lake Loveland (Larimer County)

Lake Loveland is also in close proximity to Boyd Lake and Horseshoe Reservoir. The south and west shores offer public shore fishing. North Lake Park also offers additional public fishing opportunities. All publicly accessible areas are managed by the City of Loveland's Parks and Recreation Department while Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) manages the fishery in this reservoir. Walleye are the dominant sport fish in this reservoir and become quite accessible to shore anglers as these fish attempt to spawn along rip-rap dams. To provide a better angling experience, for the control of white sucker and common carp, and for consistency among nearby reservoirs, special fishing regulations have been implemented that mimic the existing Boyd Lake walleye regulations.

# Revising the bag and possession limit and minimum size requirements for tiger trout at Meadow Creek Reservoir (Grand County)

CPW has stocked tiger trout (a sterile hybrid) on three occasions (2014, '16, and '18) in Meadow Creek Reservoir in Grand County in an effort to establish a predator that will thin the stunted brook trout population in the lake. However, few tiger trout have grown to 14 inches in length and only minimal predation of brook trout has been observed. Staff believe that production of larger, predatory fish may currently be limited by angler harvest. For that reason, harvest restrictions have been placed on tiger trout to allow them to grow to predatory size.

# Reducing the bag and possession limit for trout at Meadow Creek Reservoir (Jackson County)

CPW began stocking the Meadow Creek Reservoir in Jackson County annually in 2010 with subcatchable rainbow trout at a very low rate, primarily to keep trout densities low enough to maintain a trophy fishery. Sampling results from 2019 showed high numbers of suckers, but the overall number of trout decreased drastically and no trout over twenty inches were sampled, suggesting a loss or substantial decrease of the trophy component to the fishery. Angler pressure has increased over the last decade and associated harvest increase has likely led to decreased overall trout abundance and trophy trout present in the reservoir. As a result, the bag limit has been reduced to two trout and the possession limit has been reduced to two trout.

# Prohibiting angling at Webster Pond (Boulder County)

Prior to the September 2013 flood, Webster Pond provided angling for bass and sunfish. Flooding resulted in substantial sediment deposition in the pond and a breach in the pond's shoreline lowered the historic water level by approximately 10 feet. As a result, species management changed from warm water sportfish to native minnow species. The pond will be reclaimed during 2020 and restocked with the state endangered northern redbelly dace. To protect this pond as a native species refugia, angling has been prohibited in Webster Pond.

# Adding East Fork Roaring Creek (Larimer County) to the current Roaring Creek regulation for cutthroat trout

Roaring creek has a naturally reproducing population of greenback cutthroat trout, which is protected under the Endangered Species Act as a federally threatened species. This designation allows catch and realease only fishing of this species. To clarify that East Fork Roaring Creek is included under this regulation, the wording has been changed to say "Roaring Creek and tributaries."

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing <u>dnr\_cpw\_planning@state.co.us</u>. The statements of basis and purpose are not available at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2021 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

> APPROVED: Marvin McDaniel Chair

ATTEST: Marie Haskett Secretary