San Juan River Trout Fishery

- An average catch-rate: 1.0 fish/hr
- 5% greater than 20 in.
- 75% angler satisfaction
- Fish appear vigorous, healthy, and provide a memorable experience
THE DATA – Past and Present

- **Catch rate - 20 yr. average**: 1.07 fish/hr
- **2008 catch rate**: 1.09 fish/hr
- **Percent > 20in - 10 yr. average**: 6%
- **2008 percent > 20 in**: 6%
- **K-Factors - 10 yr average**: 1.16
- **K-Factors 2008**: 1.36
- **2004-2008 92% satisfied**
2009 Angler Surveys

- Jan. 2009 thru June 28, 2009 – 301 interviews
- Fish Quality: 4.25
- Satisfaction: 4.35
SHIFTING FISHERY

Percent Rainbow vs. Brown

Year

Percent


Rainbow
Brown
Aquatic Invertebrates – Past and Present

- NMDGF initiated a study in Spring 2009 - replicate earlier studies of density and diversity of aquatic insects.
Working Group Meetings

- 23 June - NM Wildlife Fed, San Juan Quality Waters Coalition, Concerned Citizens for the San Juan, NM Trout, TU, TU Truchas Chapter, San Juan Fly Fishing Federation, Citizens Alliance for Responsible Energy, and Outdoors NM
- 29 June - San Juan River Guides Association and San Juan Foundation
CONSENSUS

- River undergoing accelerated natural change, desire to restore prior condition
- Habitat Projects - Rex Smith and Braids
- STW catch and release
  - Require Commission action
    - Open Fisheries Rule 19.31.4 NMAC
    - Adopted change at future meeting