



New Mexico Fishing Rules & Information

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Crappie

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Free Fishing Days!

Take your family fishing! You may fish without a license on June 7, National Fishing Day and September 27, National Hunting and Fishing Day. All other fishing rules still apply.

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What's New

• Gila Trout Angling

Fishing for Gila trout is now allowed in more New Mexico streams. See pages 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, and 13 for updated Gila trout fishing regulations.

• New Combination Licenses

There are two new resident-only licenses this season. They include: Resident Small Game and Fishing for \$33.00 and a Resident Junior/Senior Small Game and Fishing for \$16.00.

• Maddox Lake, Capulin Creek, Pine Lodge Creek, and Corona Lake

Maddox Lake is no longer open to the public. Capulin Creek and Pine Lodge Creek are closed due to Rio Grande cutthroat trout restoration. Corona Pond (Silver Pond) is a Summer Catfish and Winter Trout Water.

Contact the Department of Game and Fish Main Office

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Web Address

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Area Offices

Northwest Area(505) 222-4700
3841 Midway Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Northeast Area(575) 445-2311
215 York Canyon Rd., Raton, NM 87740

Southwest Area(575) 532-2100
2715 Northrise Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88011

Southeast Area(575) 624-6135
1912 W. Second St., Roswell, NM 88201

Important Phone Numbers

To obtain publications and forms(800) 862-9310
Operation Game Thief(800) 432-GAME
General information(505) 476-8000
TDD (hearing & speech impaired)(505) 476-8143
Fisheries Management(505) 476-8055
Wildlife Management(505) 476-8038
Law Enforcement(505) 476-8066
Conservation Services(505) 476-8101
Fax (licenses/procurement/payment)(505) 476-8137
Hunter Education(505) 222-4731

License Fees and Definitions

Licenses, Stamps, and Validations

Fishing and hunting licenses may be purchased at more than 230 license vendors state wide, all Department offices, on our Web site at www.wildlife.state.nm.us or by mail using Form 3 on page 19. See page 16 for eligibility requirements for Junior, Senior and Handicapped licenses.

Licenses	Resident	Nonresident
Annual Fishing	\$25.00	\$56.00
One-day Fishing (midnight to midnight)	12.00	12.00
Five-day Fishing	24.00	24.00
Junior Annual Fishing (age 12-17)	5.00	28.00
Senior Annual Fishing (age 65-69)	8.00	NA
*70 and Over Annual Fishing	FREE	NA
Handicapped Annual Fishing	8.00	NA
General Hunting & Fishing	62.00	NA
Junior General Hunting & Fishing	23.00	NA
Senior or Handicapped General Hunting & Fishing	31.00	NA
Small Game & Fishing	33.00	NA
Junior/Senior Small Game & Fishing	16.00	NA
Duplicate License	6.00	6.00
Habitat Improvement Stamp	5.00	5.00
Habitat Management and Access Validation	4.00	4.00
Second Rod Validation	4.00	4.00

(Vendor fees are \$1 extra per document. All fishing licenses include a trout stamp. NA means not available.)

*No Habitat Improvement Stamp, Habitat Management and Access Validation or Second Rod Validation is required with this license. This free license is available to New Mexico residents ONLY.

License Year

The fishing license year is April 1 - March 31. Annual licenses expire March 31. New licenses are needed each April 1.

DO NOT Fish Without a License!

Fishing without a license is a crime. Anyone cited for fishing without a license may appear in court and could be fined. The maximum jail term is 6 months. You also have the option of paying a penalty assessment by mail rather than appearing in court.

The assessment is \$ 110 for residents and \$141 for nonresidents. This includes a fine of \$75, plus the fees for a fishing license, a \$1 vendor fee, a \$5 Habitat Improvement Stamp and a \$4 Habitat Management and Access Validation. In addition, illegally taken fish are confiscated, and the Department assesses a minimum of \$5 for each fish. Fines are \$400 for the fraudulent purchase of a resident license and \$100 for using a fishing license issued to another.

Anyone cited for violating laws and regulations will be assessed points toward revoking their hunting and fishing license privileges.

Public fishing waters may be subject to additional regulations not specifically mentioned in the current Fishing Rules and Information Booklet. It is the angler's responsibility to know and respect all such regulations, which are usually posted conspicuously at entry points.

License Requirements

ALL persons 12 years or older, while fishing in New Mexico, must have on their person a current New Mexico fishing license. Anglers 11 years of age and younger do not need a fishing license. Resident anglers 70 years of age and older need a Free Fishing License available at any Department office or license vendor. New Mexico fishing licenses are not required on Tribal Reservations and private Class "A" Lakes.

Second Rod Validation

A validation that allows anglers to use two fishing rods in all waters. A Second Rod Validation must be purchased by anglers ages 12 to 69 prior to fishing with two rods. A Second Rod Validation is free to resident anglers 70 and older. Bag and Possession Limits remain the same.

Habitat Stamp

A Habitat Improvement Stamp is required for all anglers from age 12 through 69 who fish on US Forest Service and BLM lands in New Mexico and must be purchased separately. Only one stamp need be purchased in any license year and is required for 1-day, 5-day, or annual fishing license. Habitat Improvement funds are used for such projects as restoration of lakes and trout streams.

Habitat Management and Access Validation

A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately by all anglers, hunters and trappers. Only those younger than 18, 100% Disabled Resident Veterans and resident anglers 70 and older are exempt from purchasing this validation. Only one validation need be purchased in any license year and is required for 1-day, 5-day, or annual fishing licenses.

Free Gila Trout Fishing Permit

Anyone fishing for Gila trout in the following waters must possess a Free Gila Trout Fishing Permit: Black Canyon Creek, Mogollon Creek, and Iron Creek. These free permits are available online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us, at Department offices, and from license vendors in the Gila area.

Definitions

Angling

Taking or attempting to take fish by hook and line, with the line held in the hand or attached to a pole or rod or other device that is held in the hand or closely attended.

Artificial Fly or Lure

A lure is made of wood, metal, or hard plastic. A fly is made from fur, feathers, or man-made materials resembling or simulating insects, bait fish, or other foods. Living or dead arthropods and annelids, or rubber or plastic moldings of these or other foods are not included. Soft plastic lures may be used on the Rio Grande Special Trout Water below Elephant Butte Reservoir.

Artificial Lights

Artificial lights may be used in taking all species of game fish. If you use lights, consider leaving firearms and bows at home. It is illegal to shine lights where big game or livestock may be nearby, if you also possess a sporting arm capable of killing animals. Convicted violators face loss of their license privileges!

Bag Limit

What you may catch and keep in one day.

Barbless Hook

A single hook, from which any or all barbs are removed or bent completely closed, or manufactured without barbs.

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Definitions and General Regulations

Chumming

Chumming means attracting fish with organic materials that will not injure aquatic life. Chumming is allowed only in the following waters: The Gila River downstream from its junction with its East Fork; the Rio Grande downstream from its junction with the Chama River, and all designated warm waters. It is unlawful in any Special Trout Water to disturb aquatic plants, sediment, or rocks to attract fish, or to angle in the immediate vicinity of the disturbance.

Fishing Waters

See map on page 5.

Game Fish

Game fish include: bass, catfish, bluegills, sunfish, crappie, perch, pike, salmon, tiger muskie, trout, and walleye.

Ice Fishing

Ice fishing is allowed during the open season and hours, except at Monastery, Santa Cruz and Springer lakes.

License Year

The license year is April 1 through March 31.

Native American Lands

Permission must be obtained from the Tribal government before going on any reservation to fish. A state fishing license is not required to fish on reservation waters (a state fishing license is required at Cochiti Lake). Fish or game taken on and from reservations must be accompanied by an official tribal document showing lawful possession.

Nongame Fish

Nongame fish include buffalo, carp, gar, shad, and suckers.

Possession Limit

The total number of fish you may have in your possession in your camp, your vehicle, and in your home.

Resident

A resident is anyone who has lived in New Mexico for at least 90 days immediately before buying the license and does not claim residency anywhere else for any purpose. A temporary resident who maintains a home outside of New Mexico may not buy a resident license. A student at a New Mexico educational institution for at least one full term and members of US Armed Forces permanently stationed in New Mexico or a New Mexico resident stationed outside New Mexico, may purchase resident licenses if they submit a verifying certificate from their School Dean or Commanding Officer.

Second Rod Validation

A validation that allows anglers to use two fishing rods in all waters. Bag and Possession Limits remain the same. See page 3 for fees.

Single Hook

A hook with only one point.

Spearfishing

The spearfishing season is April 1 - March 31 during legal fishing hours. The same bag limits apply as angling. The legal means of taking are spears, gigs and spears with barbs discharged under the surface of the water. Scuba divers and snorkelers may only spear fish in impoundments (reservoirs, lakes and ponds) open to fishing. No spearfishing is allowed in Special Trout Waters.

It Is Illegal:

- For persons 12 years of age or older to fish without a license on their person;
- To use someone else's license;
- For anglers 12-69 or nonresidents 70 and older to fish with more than one pole in any water without a Second Rod Validation;
- To fish with two poles in any waters without a Second Rod Validation;
- To release bait fish into fishing waters;
- To litter or pollute any waters or the banks of any waters;
- To leave a campfire burning and unattended;
- To sell, offer for sale, or purchase game fish or parts taken in New Mexico;
- To stock fish or fish eggs in any waters without a permit from the Department of Game and Fish;
- To import live fish or fish eggs into New Mexico without a permit from the Department of Game and Fish;
- To take fish or other animals that are protected by law as endangered or threatened species;
- To catch game fish by net, seine, trap, grappling, or other means not allowed in the New Mexico fishing regulations;
- To use any mechanical or electrical device capable of catching or killing game fish, except as permitted by regulation;
- To catch game fish by snagging except kokanee salmon during the Special Kokanee Snagging Season;
- To fish in any Class "A" Lake without consent from the owner.

Remember:

- All game fish taken by methods other than angling or spearfishing must be immediately returned to the water.
- Bows and arrows may NOT be used to catch game fish.
- It is the angler's responsibility to release any endangered species of fish immediately to the water.

No Trespassing on Private Lands

You must obtain permission before entering into or onto private lands, including streambeds.

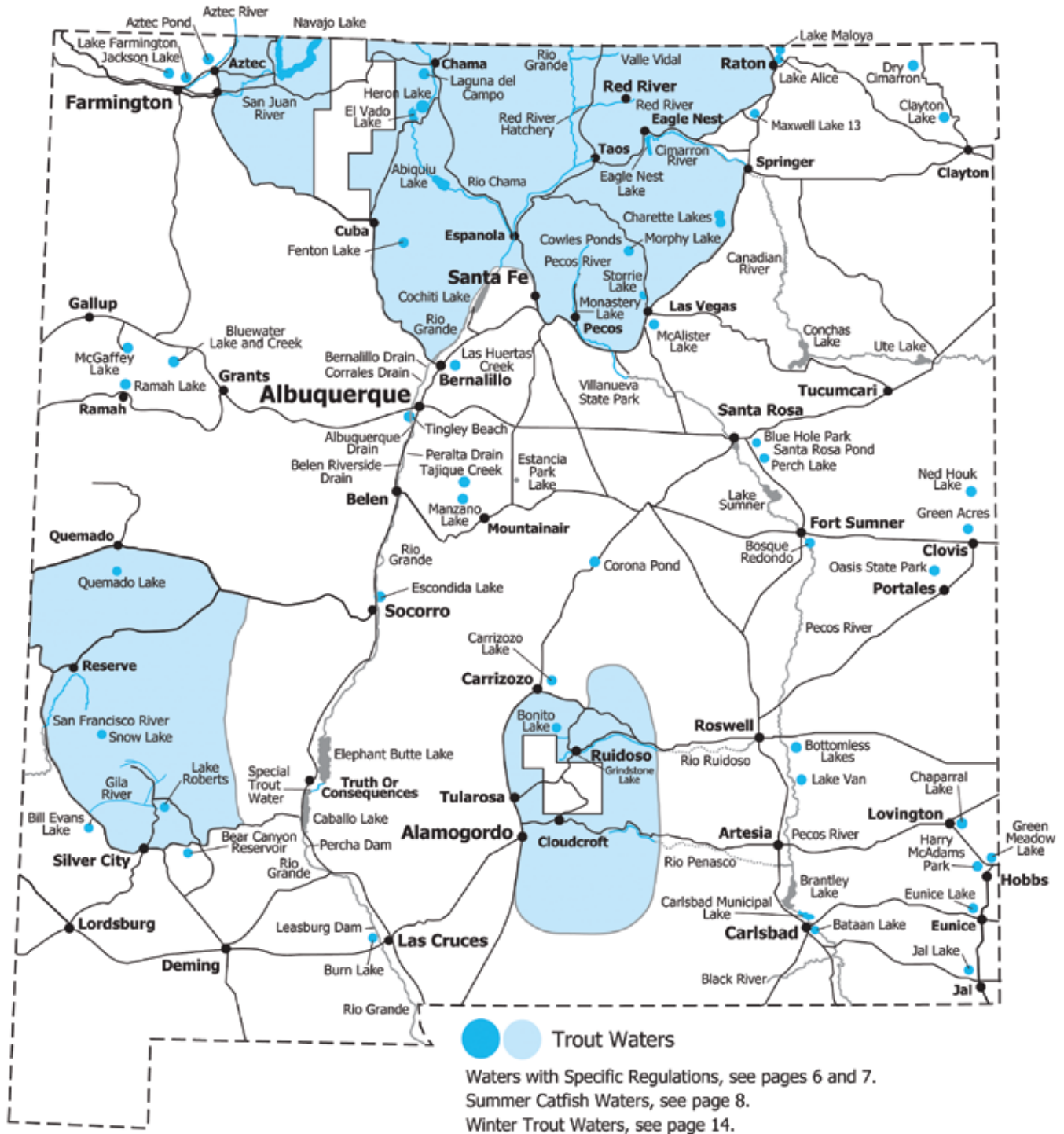
Criminal trespass consists of:

1. Unlawfully entering or remaining upon posted private property, without possessing written permission of the owner or person in control of the land.
2. Entering or remaining on private unposted lands knowing that consent to enter or remain is denied or withdrawn.

It is illegal to destroy no-trespassing signs. If convicted of trespass you will lose hunting and fishing privileges for three years, and fines are severe.

Much of New Mexico's public land is intermingled with privately owned land. The landowner's rights include control of access across private land unless access is by public road. If private land blocks access to public land, the angler must seek another access or receive landowner permission to cross.

New Mexico Fishing Waters



Waters Closed to Fishing

Gila trout waters: West Fork of the Gila and all tributaries above waterfalls between USFS Trail 151 crossing near White Creek cabin and USFS Trail 151 crossing near Lilley Canyon, **Big Dry Creek** from Golden Link Cabin upstream, **Little Creek** from the barrier upstream, **Spruce Creek**, **Main Diamond Creek** above the confluence with East Fork of Diamond Creek and the South Diamond Creek Drainage, **East Fork of Mogollon Creek** upstream Trail Canyon Creek and Woodrow Canyon Creek, **McKnight Creek**, **Sheep Corral Creek**, **White Creek** from the waterfall near White Creek Cabin upstream, **Aspen Canyon Creek**, and **Fall Canyon Creek**.

Rio Grande cutthroat trout waters: **Capulin Creek** (Los Alamos County) and **Pine Lodge Creek**.

Lakes with posted portions near dams or at outlets: Alto, Bonito, Cochiti, Stubblefield, Maxwell 13, Eagle Nest, Navajo, and Laguna Madre.

Hatcheries: The fish rearing portions of **State and Federal hatcheries** are closed to fishing.

Regulations For Specific Waters

- Abiquiu Lake: Special Kokanee Salmon Snagging Season Oct. 1-Dec. 31, page 15.
- Alto Lake: Hours are 5 a.m.-10 p.m. The posted portion near the outlet is closed to fishing.
- Animas River (San Juan Co.): No bag or possession limit for channel catfish or striped bass, page 8.
- Aspen Canyon Creek (Grant Co.): Closed to fishing.
- ☀️ ❄️ Bataan Lake: Summer Catfish and Winter Trout Waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines.
- Bernardo Waterfowl Area: Boat use is restricted to boats without motors. No trotlines. Access is as posted.
- ❄️ Bear Canyon Lake: Winter Trout Waters, page 14. No trotlines. Boat use is restricted to oars or electric motor.
- Big Dry Creek (Catron Co.): Closed to fishing from Golden Link Cabin upstream through its headwaters.
- ❄️ Bill Evans Lake: Winter Trout Water, page 14. No trotlines. Boat use is restricted to oars or electric motors.
- Black Canyon Creek (Grant Co.): Open to fishing from July 1-Oct. 31. Special Trout Water, pages 12-13. Free Gila Trout Permit required.
- ❄️ Black River: Winter Trout Water, page 14:
- Bluewater Reservoir: Catch and release only fishing for tiger muskie.
- Bonito Lake: Season is April 1-Nov. 30. Hours are 5 a.m.-10 p.m. No boats or floating devices are allowed. The posted portion near the outlet is closed to fishing.
- Bosque del Apache NWR: Special regulations apply. Get information from the refuge office.
- ☀️ ❄️ Bosque Redondo: Summer Catfish and Winter Trout Waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines.
- ❄️ Bottomless Lakes State Park: Winter Trout Water, page 14. No trotlines. No fishing with bait fish.
- Brantley Reservoir: Catch and release for all fish caught.
- ☀️ ❄️ Burn Lake: Summer Catfish and Winter Trout Waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines.
- Butler Street Reservoir: Hours are 5 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Capulin Creek (Bandelier/Dome Wilderness, Los Alamos Co.): Closed for Rio Grande cutthroat restoration.
- ❄️ Carlsbad Municipal Lake: Winter Trout Water, page 14. No trotlines.
- ☀️ ❄️ Carrizozo Lake: Summer Catfish and Winter Trout waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines.
- ☀️ ❄️ Chaparral Lake: Summer Catfish and Winter Trout Waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines.
- Charette Lakes, upper and lower: Season is noon March 1-Oct. 31. Boats may be used only during fishing seasons and are restricted to trolling speeds.
- Chama River: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13. Special Kokanee Salmon Snagging Season from El Vado Lake to west boundary of Rio Chama WMA, Oct. 1-Dec. 31, page 15.
- Cimarron River: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Clayton Lake: Season is noon March 1-Oct. 31. Boats may be used only during fishing seasons and restricted to trolling speeds.
- Cochiti Lake: Boats restricted to trolling speeds. Spillway closed to fishing.
- Conchas Lake: Smallmouth bass less than 14 inches must be released.
- ☀️ ❄️ Corona Pond (Silver Pond): Summer Catfish and Winter Trout waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines.
- ♿️ Cowles Pond (smaller of two ponds): Open only to children under 12 and handicapped anglers.
- Doctor Creek: Special Trout Water, page 13.
- Eagle Nest Lake: Hours are 5 a.m.-10 p.m. Special Kokanee Salmon Snagging Season Oct. 1-Dec. 31, page 15. Day use only, no overnight camping allowed. Posted portion near dam is closed to fishing.
- El Vado Lake: Special Kokanee Salmon Snagging Season Oct. 1-Dec. 31, page 15.
- ☀️ ❄️ Escondida Lake: Summer Catfish and Winter Trout waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines.
- ☀️ ♿️ Estancia Park Lake: Open only to children under 12, over 65 and handicapped anglers, page 16
- ☀️ ❄️ Eunice Lake: Summer Catfish and Winter Trout waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines.
- Fall Canyon Creek (Grant Co.): Closed to fishing.
- Fenton Lake: Boat use is restricted to boats with oars or electric motors. The parking area is open to vehicles 6 a.m.-9 p.m. only.
- Folsom Falls (Dry Cimarron Creek): No camping, no fires, no swimming.
- Gilita Creek Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Glenwood Hatchery Brood Pond: Open daylight hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.
- ☀️ ♿️ Grants Riverwalk Pond: Open to children under 12, 65 and over and handicapped anglers, page 16.
- ☀️ ❄️ Green Acres Lake: Summer Catfish and Winter Trout Waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines.
- ☀️ ❄️ Green Meadow Lake: Summer Catfish and Winter Trout Waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines. Boat use is restricted to oars or electric motors.
- Harris Pond (Las Vegas): Open only to children under 12.
- ❄️ ♿️ Harry McAdams Park Ponds (Hobbs): Winter Trout Water, page 14. Open to children under 12, 65 and over and handicapped anglers, page 16.
- Heron Lake: Boat use restricted to trolling speeds. Special Kokanee Salmon Snagging Season open from second Friday in November-Dec. 31, page 15.
- Hopewell Lake: Boat use is restricted to oars or electric motors.
- Iron Creek (Catron Co.): Special Trout Water, pages 12-13. Free Gila Trout Permit required.
- Jack's Creek: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Jackson Lake: Boat use is restricted to oars or electric motors.
- ☀️ ❄️ Jal Lake: Summer Catfish and Winter Trout Waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines.
- Laguna Madre (Maxwell Lakes): The posted portion within 150 feet of the outlet is closed to fishing.
- ♿️ Laguna del Campo (Burn's Canyon Lake): Season is May 1-Oct. 31. Open daylight hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. Open to persons 14 years or younger, 65 and over, handicapped anglers or up to two parents/guardians in direct supervision of a child or children 14 years or younger who is fishing. No boats or flotation devices are allowed, page 16.
- Lake Maloya (Sugarite State Park): Boat use is restricted to oars or electric motors.
- Lake Roberts: Boat use is restricted to oars or electric motors.
- ☀️ ❄️ Lake Van: Summer Catfish and Winter Trout Waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines.
- Little Creek (in Catron Co.): Closed to fishing from the barrier upstream through all tributaries.

Regulations For Specific Waters

- Maddox Lake: No longer open to the public.
- Main Diamond Creek: Closed to fishing above confluence with the East Fork of Diamond Creek and South Diamond Creek drainage.
- Maxwell Lakes 13 and 14: Season begins noon March 1-Oct. 31, boats restricted to trolling speed.
- McAllister Lake: Season is noon March 1-Oct. 31. Boats may be used only during fishing season and restricted to trolling speeds; no anchors. No campfires are allowed.
- ☼ McGaffey Lake: Boat use is restricted to those without motors. Summer catfish water. See page 8. No trotlines allowed.
- McKnight Creek (Grant Co.): Closed to fishing.
- Mogollon Creek, East Fork (Grant Co.): Upstream of Trail Canyon and Woodrow Canyon Creek-closed to fishing. Downstream of Trail Canyon-open to fishing from July 1-Oct. 31. Special Trout Water, pages 12-13. Free Gila Trout Permit Required.
- Monastery Lake: Open daylight hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. No boats or floating devices are allowed. Closed to ice fishing.
- Morphy Lake: Season is April 1-Oct. 31. Boat use is restricted to oars or electric motors.
- Nabor Creek, Nabor Lake: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- National Wildlife Refuges: Obtain regulations from refuge offices.
- Navajo Lake: Special Kokanee Salmon Snagging Season Oct. 1-Dec. 31, page 15.
- ☼ Ned Houk: Winter Trout Water, page 14. No trotlines.
- ☼☼ Oasis State Park: Summer Catfish and Winter Trout waters, pages 8 and 14. No trotlines. No boats or flotation devices are allowed.
- ☼ Pecos River: Special Trout and Winter Trout Waters, pages 12-13-14.
- Pine Lodge Creek: Closed for Rio Grande cutthroat restoration.
- Pine River: Special Kokanee Salmon Snagging Season open second Friday in November-Dec. 31, page 15.
- Quemado Lake: Catch and release only fishing for tiger muskie. Boat use is restricted to oars or electric motors.
- Ramah Lake: Boats are restricted to trolling speeds. The north shoreline is private property, closed to the public.
- Red River: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- ♿ Red River City Ponds: East Kids pond is open only to handicapped anglers or anglers 12 and under, page 16. Middle pond is open with no age restrictions. Special Trout Water, pages 12-13. Ponds are open to fishing March 1-Nov. 15.
- ♿ Red River Hatchery Pond: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13. Reserved for anglers under age 12, 65 and over and the handicapped. No boats or flotation devices are allowed. Open daylight hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. Daily bag and possession limits are 3 trout.
- Rio Cebolla: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Rio Costilla: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13. Camping is allowed only in designated areas.
- Rio de los Pinos: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Rio Grande: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Rio Guadalupe: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Rio Las Animas: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Rio Pueblo: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Rio Ruidoso: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Rio Valdez: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- River Walk Pond (Grants): Open only to children under 12, page 16.
- San Antonio River: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- San Gregorio Lake: Boat use is restricted to those without motors.
- San Juan River below Navajo Dam: No bag or possession limit for channel catfish or striped bass, page 8. Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Santa Cruz Lake: Hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed to ice fishing.
- ♿ Santa Rosa Pond at Blue Hole: Open only to anglers under age 12, 65 and over and the handicapped, page 16.
- Sargent Wildlife Area: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Sheep Corral Creek (Grant Co.): Closed to fishing.
- Seven Springs Hatchery Brood Pond: Open only to children under 12, page 16.
- Shuree Ponds: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13. Season is July 1-Dec. 31, during daylight hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. One pond is reserved for anglers under 12, page 16. Boat use is restricted to those without motors.
- Snow Lake: Boat use is restricted to oars or electric motors.
- South Diamond Creek and tributaries (Catron and Sierra Co.): Closed to fishing.
- Spring River Park (Roswell): Open only to children under 12.
- Springer Lake: Boats are restricted to trolling speeds only when water storage is less than 1,000 acre feet. Closed to ice fishing.
- Stubblefield Lake: The posted portion within 150 feet of outlet is closed to fishing.
- Spruce Creek (Catron Co.): Closed to fishing.
- ☼☼ Sumner Lake Stilling Basin: Winter Trout Water, page 14.
- ☼☼ Tingley Beach: Hours are sunrise to sunset. Winter Trout Water, page 14. Special Trout Water, pages 12-13. Summer Catfish Water, page 8. No trotlines. No boats or flotation devices. Children's pond open to children 12 and younger, page 16.
- Trail Canyon Creek (Grant Co.): Closed to fishing.
- Tucumcari Wildlife Area: Boat use is restricted to oars or electric motors.
- Ute Lake: Smallmouth bass less than 14 inches must be released.
- Valle Vidal: Special Trout Water, pages 12-13. Season is July 1-Dec. 31, during daylight hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.
- Valles Caldera National Preserve: Open by reservation only. Visit www.vallescaldera.gov for more information.
- Valley Improvement Association Ponds (Belen): Open only to children under 12, page 16.
- White Creek (Catron Co.): Closed to fishing from waterfall near White Creek Cabin upstream to headwaters.
- Woodrow Canyon Creek: Closed to fishing.
- Willow Creek (Rio Arriba Co.): Special Kokanee Salmon Snagging Season open from second Friday in November-Dec. 31, page 15.
- Willow Creek (Catron Co.): Special Trout Water, pages 12-13.
- Young Pond: Open only to children under 12, page 16.

- ☼ Summer Catfish Water
- ☼☼ Winter Trout Water
- ♿ Handicapped Water

Warm Water Regulations

General Information

Warm waters are all streams, lakes, and ponds except those designated as trout waters (refer to map on page 5). ALL persons 12 years or older, while fishing in New Mexico, must have on their person a current New Mexico fishing license. Resident anglers 70 and older must have a Free Fishing License obtainable at any Department office or license vendor. All anglers must have a Habitat Management and Access Validation. Only those younger than 18, 100% Disabled Resident Veterans and resident anglers 70 and older are exempt from purchasing this validation. A Second Rod Validation is free to residents 70 and older.

Warm Water Bag and Possession Limits

Black bass _____ **5 per day**

Largemouth and spotted bass- 14-inch minimum size limit. Smallmouth- 12-inch minimum size limit. Conchas and Ute reservoirs have 14-inch minimum smallmouth size limit.

Catfish (all species except bullheads) _____ **15 per day**

In the Animas and San Juan Rivers in San Juan County, there is no bag or possession limit.

Special Summer Catfish Waters _____ **2 per day**

Special catfish limit applies to Bataan, Bosque Redondo, Burn, Carrizozo, Chaparral, Corona, Escondida, Estancia Park Lake, Eunice, Grants Riverwalk Pond, Green Acres, Green Meadow, Jal, Lake Van, and McGaffey lakes, Oasis State Park, Tingley Beach.

Crappie _____ **20 per day**

Striped bass _____ **3 per day**

In the Animas and San Juan Rivers in San Juan County, there is no bag or possession limit.

Northern pike _____ **10 per day**

Tiger muskie _____ **0 per day**

Walleye _____ **5 per day**

Walleye- 14-inch minimum size limit

White bass _____ **25 per day**

White bass/striped bass hybrids _____ **25 per day**

Yellow perch _____ **30 per day**

All other warm-water game fish _____ **20 per day**

(bluegill, sunfish, bullheads)

Brantley Reservoir _____ **0 per day**

Catch-and-Release fishing ONLY, for all species

Possession Limits: Twice the daily bag limit

Bait and Baitfish

It is illegal to use any live protected fish, gar, goldfish, common carp, river carpsucker, smallmouth buffalo, bullfrogs or bullfrog tadpoles as bait in any waters containing protected fish. Fish of the genus *Lepomis* (bluegills and sunfish), common carp, river carpsucker, smallmouth buffalo, bullfrogs or bullfrog tadpoles may only be used as cut bait.

Exception: Fish of the genus *Lepomis* (bluegills and sunfish) taken by legal means of angling may be used as live bait in the water from which they were taken. This only applies to the following: Abiquiu Reservoir, Cochiti Lake, Elephant Butte Reservoir, Caballo Reservoir, Stubblefield Lake, Maxwell Lake 13, Clayton Lake, Conchas Lake, Ute Lake, Santa Rosa Lake, Lake Sumner, Brantley Reservoir, and Navajo Reservoir.

The roe, viscera and eyes of legally taken gamefish may be used in any waters where bait use is legal. Baitfish may be taken by angling, nets, traps and seines.

It is illegal to release baitfish into fishing waters that contain game fish. **Goldfish may not be used as live bait or cut bait in any waters.**

It is illegal to use bait fish in any trout waters except fathead minnows and red shiners may be used in the following: Abiquiu Reservoir, Clayton Lake, Jackson Lake, Maxwell Lake 13, Navajo Lake, Caballo Lake, Rio Grande downstream of the Taos Junction Bridge, Power Dam Lake, and the Animas River.

It is illegal to use any baitfish in Bottomless Lakes State Park.

Bait fish may be used with the following restrictions: Only fathead minnows may be used as bait in the Gila and San Francisco river drainages; only fathead minnows and red shiners may be used in the Pecos and San Juan river drainages; only fathead minnows, red shiners, and shad may be used in the Canadian river drainage and Rio Grande. In Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs, golden shiners also may be used.

Taking Minnows

Minnows, which are all nongame fish, may be taken for personal use only as bait by licensed anglers and children under age 12. Restrictions for each drainage noted above still apply. Angling, dip nets, cast nets, traps, and seines are permitted for taking minnows. Seines can be no longer than 20 feet and mesh size can be no larger than 3/8 inches square. All protected species of fish, including endangered and threatened species, taken in seines, nets and traps, must be immediately returned to the water.

Warm Water and Boating Regulations

Trotlines Or Set Lines

A trotline (throw line or set line) is a line without a rod or reel attached. It need not be held in the hand or closely attended. Trotlines are limited to 25 hooks. Joining or tying together lines of two or more people is illegal.

An identification tag that is visible above the waterline must be attached to the trotline. The tag must include: name, address, fishing license number, and date when the line was set. Unlicensed anglers under 12 years old must include their age on the tag. Only one person's name is permitted on each trotline. You may not fish with more than one trotline. You may not operate another's trotline. Every person using a trotline must personally visit it every 24 hours. Trotlines may be used in taking fish in most warm waters.

Basic Boating Regulations

For boat registration/title contact your local Motor Vehicle Division office or call 1-888-MVD-INFO or go to the web at: www.state.nm.us/tax/mvd/.

1. Any motorized (including sail) vessel, 10 feet or longer, must have a title. All motorized vessels of any length must be registered. Boat title and registration may be obtained through the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division.
2. A boat's registration number must be printed on each side of the vessel. The registration certificate must be on board when the vessel is in operation. All vessels are subject to inspection.
3. All vessels must carry proper safety equipment while in operation, including personal flotation devices for each person on board, a paddle, a bailing bucket, rope, signaling device, fire extinguisher, and lights (if operated at night).

For boating info call State Parks at 1-888-667-2757 or visit: www.emnrd.state.nm.us/nmparks/.

Special Boating Restricted Waters Waters Restricted To Boats Without Motors

Bernardo Waterfowl Area San Gregorio Lake
La Joya Waterfowl Area Shuree Ponds
McGaffey Lake

Waters Restricted To Boats With Oars Or Electric Motors

Bear Canyon Lake Lake Maloya
Bill Evans Lake Lake Roberts
Fenton Lake Morphy Lake
Green Meadow Lake Quemado Lake
Hopewell Lake Snow Lake
Jackson Lake Tucumcari Wildlife Area

Trotlines may not be used in the following waters:

Bataan, Bear Canyon, Bernardo Waterfowl Area, Bill Evans, Bottomless Lakes, Burn, Carlsbad Municipal, Carrizozo, Chaparral, Corona, Escondida, Estancia Park Lake, Eunice, Grants Riverwalk Park, Green Acres, Green Meadow, Jal, Lake Van, La Joya Waterfowl Area, McGaffey, Ned Houk, Oasis State Park, and Tingley Beach.

Trotlines may not be used in any trout waters except:

Abiquiu Lake, the Chama River down stream from the northern boundary of the Monastery of Christ in the Desert, the Gila River down stream from its junction with the East Fork, Navajo Lake and the Rio Grande downstream from its junction with the Chama River.

Waters Where No Boats Or Flotation Devices Are Allowed

Bonito Lake Power Dam Lake
Burns Canyon Lake Red River Hatchery Pond
Monastery Lake Tingley Beach
Oasis State Park

Waters Restricted To Boats During Fishing Season and at Trolling Speeds Only

Charette Lakes, Upper & Lower
Clayton Lake
Cochiti Lake
Heron Lake
Maxwell 13 & 14
McAllister Lake (No anchor use allowed)
Ramah Lake
Springer Lake, when less than 1,000 acre feet

Department of Game and Fish Personnel

Department of Game and Fish personnel and others authorized by the Director may use motor boats while on official duties on all lakes where this use is otherwise prohibited.

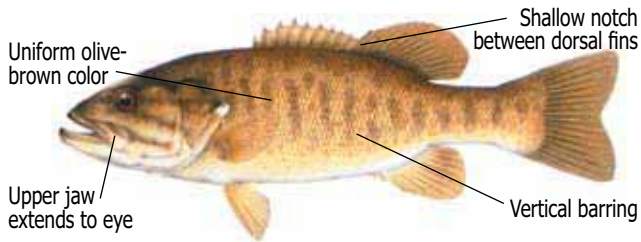
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A red flag displayed above a stopped boat indicates a water skier is down in that area-USE CAUTION.

Warm-Water Gamefish

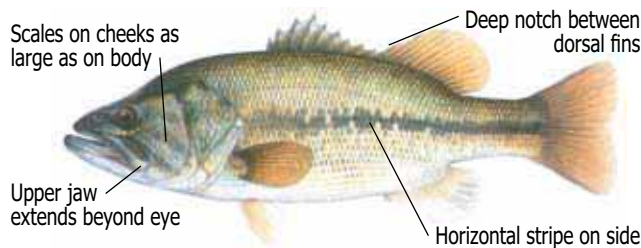
Smallmouth Bass

NM Record: 3-31-06 Ute Lake
Weight: 7 lb., 3 oz. **Length:** 24" **Girth:** 16-1/2"



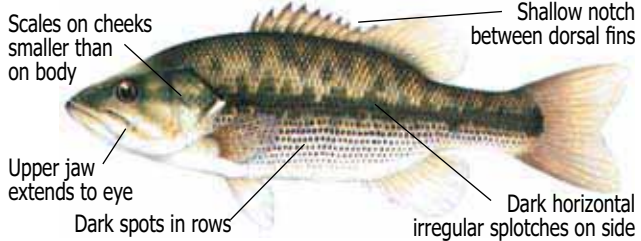
Largemouth Bass

NM Record: 3-24-95 Bill Evans Lake
Weight: 15 lb., 13 oz. **Length:** 26-1/2" **Girth:** 24-3/4"



Spotted Bass

NM Record: 3-26-88 Cochiti Lake
Weight: 4 lb., 8 oz. **Length:** 18" **Girth:** 16"



Channel Catfish (Illustrated Below)

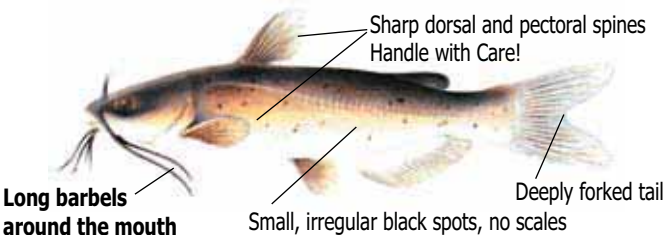
NM Record: 4-12-99 Stubblefield Lake
Weight: 36 lb., 8 oz. **Length:** 38" **Girth:** 26"

Blue Catfish

NM Record: 6-20-05 Elephant Butte
Weight: 52 lb., 1/4 oz. **Length:** 43-1/2" **Girth:** 30-1/4"

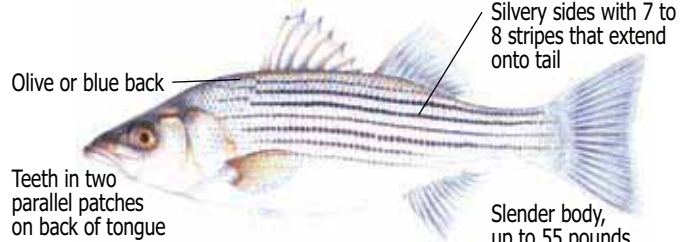
Flathead Catfish

NM Record: 6-7-79 Ash Canyon/Elephant Butte
Weight: 78 lb., 0 oz. **Length:** 47-1/2" **Girth:** 31-1/2"



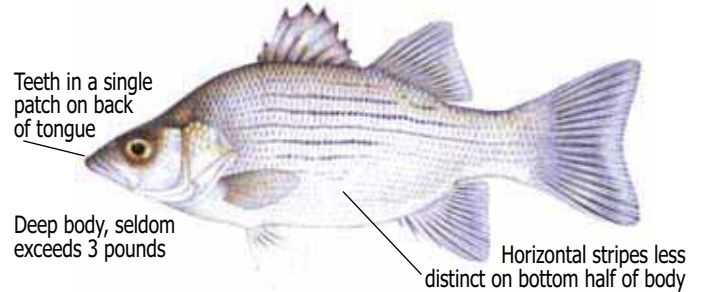
Striped Bass

NM Record: 4-1-92 Elephant Butte
Weight: 54 lb., 8 oz. **Length:** 45" **Girth:** 34"



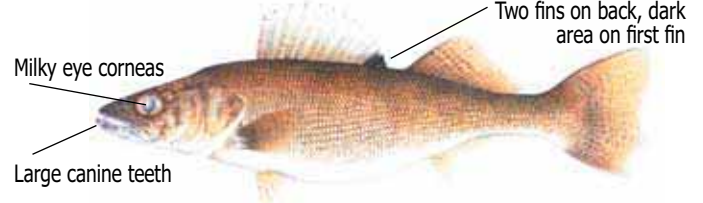
White Bass

NM Record: 6-8-83 Bill Evans Lake
Weight: 4 lb., 13 oz. **Length:** 19-1/2" **Girth:** 18-1/4"



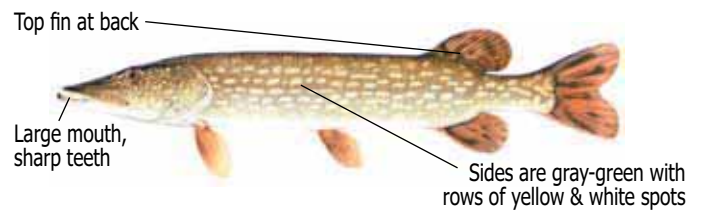
Walleye

NM Record: 9-19-89 Clayton Lake
Weight: 16 lb., 9 oz. **Length:** 32" **Girth:** 21"



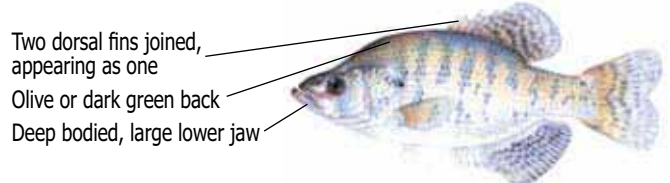
Northern Pike

NM Record: 11-21-74 Miami Lake & 3-7-78 Springer Lake
Weight: 36 lb., 0 oz. **Length:** 53" **Girth:** 29"



Crappie

NM Record: 3-2-83 Black River
Weight: 4 lb., 9 oz. **Length:** 16" **Girth:** 13-1/2"

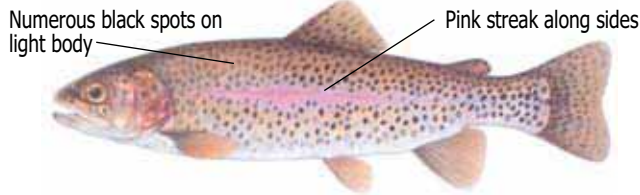


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Cold-Water Gamefish

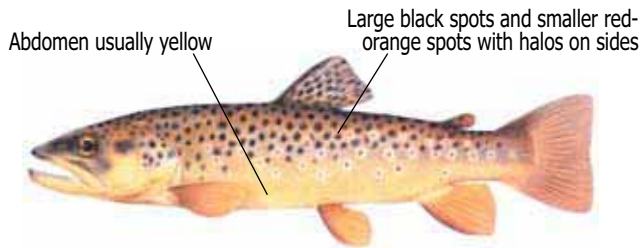
Rainbow Trout

NM Record: 3-13-99 Santa Cruz Lake
Weight: 31 lb., 12.5 oz. **Length:** 33-1/2" **Girth:** 24-1/4"



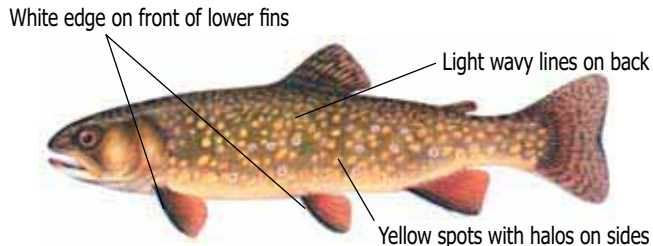
Brown Trout

NM Record: 7-9-46 Chama River
Weight: 20 lb., 4 oz. **Length:** 34-1/2" **Girth:** 21"



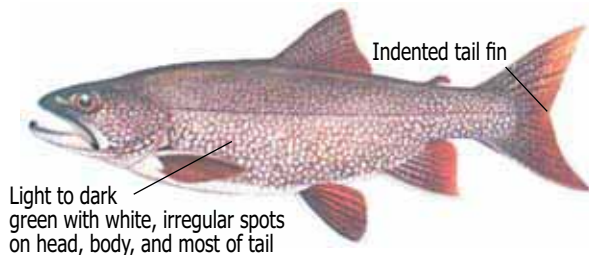
Brook Trout

NM Record: 9-23-96 Hidden Lake/Simms
Weight: 5 lb., 0 oz. **Length:** 21" **Girth:** 14-1/2"



Lake Trout

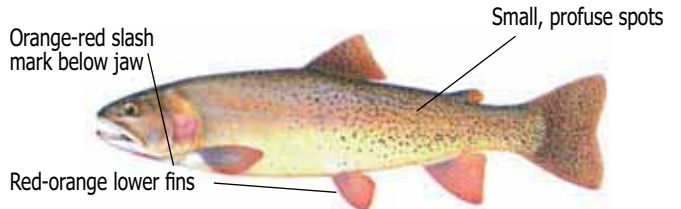
NM Record: 2-24-99 Heron Lake
Weight: 31 lb., 6 oz. **Length:** 41-1/2" **Girth:** 26"



Cutthroat Trout

NM Record: 6-27-81 Latir Lakes
Weight: 10 lb., 2 oz. **Length:** 24-5/8" **Girth:** 18-1/2"

Snake River Cutthroat Trout

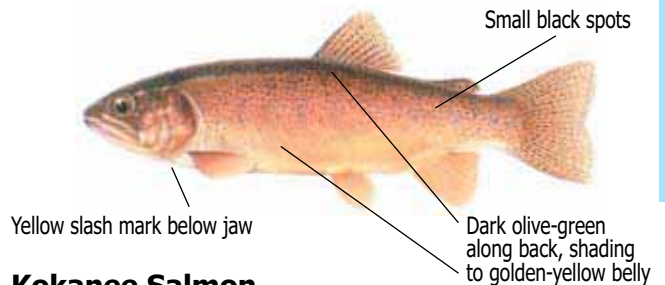


Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout (Native) State Fish



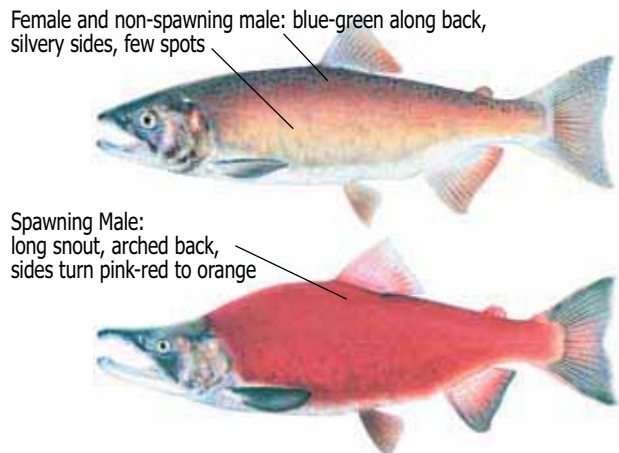
Gila Trout (Native)

NM Record: 11/23/07 Gila River
Weight: 4 lb., 8 oz. **Length:** 20" **Girth:** 13-3/4"



Kokanee Salmon

NM Record: 10-13-00 Navajo Lake
Weight: 4 lb., 0 oz. **Length:** 24" **Girth:** 13-1/2"



Life size reproductions of all New Mexico's record game fish are on display at the Santa Fe office, 1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, New Mexico. For more information on record fish, contact the Public Information and Outreach Division at (505) 476-8000.

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Special Trout Water Regulations

General Information

Special Trout Waters (STW) have reduced bag limits or are catch-and-release only. These regulations give anglers a chance for high-quality fishing. Most Special Trout Waters require artificial flies and lures that have single, barbless hooks. See page 3-4 for definitions. Disturbing rocks, plants, or sediment in STW to attract fish is illegal.

License Information

ALL persons 12 years or older, while fishing in New Mexico, must have on their person a current New Mexico fishing license. You may use two poles in Special Trout Waters if you purchase a Second Rod Validation, see page 3. Resident anglers 70 and older must have on their person while fishing, a Free Fishing License available at any Department office or license vendor. All anglers must have a Habitat Management and Access Validation. Only those younger than 18, 100% Disabled Resident Veterans and resident anglers 70 and older are exempt from purchasing this validation. A Second Rod Validation is free to residents 70 and older.

General Bag and Possession Limit Restrictions

Anglers must stop fishing in STW when they have taken their daily bag limit. Anglers may continue fishing in Regular Trout Waters, but **MUST** count those STW fish toward their daily bag limit. Possession limits are same as daily bag limit in all Special Trout Waters.

Free Gila Trout Fishing Permit

Anyone fishing for Gila trout in the following waters must possess a Free Gila Trout Fishing Permit: Black Canyon Creek, Mogollon Creek, and Iron Creek. These free permits are available online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/, at all Department offices, and at license vendors in the Gila area.

Catch & Release Tips

Many of our game fish have restricted bag limits and/or restricted size limits which require releasing live fish back into the water. Follow these tips to ensure a healthy release:

1. Land the fish quickly; don't play it to exhaustion.
2. Use a landing net whenever possible.
3. Keep the fish in the water.
4. Do not squeeze or grab any part of the fish. Wet your hands first if you must handle the fish.
5. Gently remove the hook (barbless hooks are easier).
6. If the hook is deeply swallowed, cut the leader. A fish's body fluids will dissolve the hook in a matter of days.
7. Let a tired fish recover. Hold it by the tail in the water with one hand. Gently support it from below and just behind the head until it swims away.
8. Never toss a fish back into the water.

Whirling Disease Continues to Pose a Serious Threat to New Mexico's Trout Population

What's Whirling Disease?

This disease of trout is caused by a tiny parasite, *Myxobolus cerebralis*. It starts as an extremely durable spore that can remain dormant in sediment at the bottom of lakes and streams for up to 30 years. The parasite consumes the cartilage of young fish. Damage continues until the spinal column deforms into a curve, the fish's brain becomes inflamed and eventually the fish dies.

Once disease-positive fish are released into a body of water, there is virtually nothing that can be done to entirely eliminate the disease. Whirling disease is already established in several streams in New Mexico including the Pecos, San Juan and Red River. The impact of the disease on the future of our fisheries is difficult to predict. Because the spores of *Myxobolus cerebralis* remain viable for so long, there is little that can be done to eradicate the parasite once it is established in a watershed.

While we remain optimistic about our ability to produce whirling disease-free trout from hatcheries, our primary concern is preventing the spread of the disease to our native trout. Please visit our Web site to learn more about whirling disease in New Mexico: www.wildlife.state.nm.us/.

What Can Anglers Do?

The most important thing anglers can do to prevent contaminating additional trout waters is to take the following steps:

- Wash off all mud and weeds from your boat, trailer, waders and wading boots.
- Drain all the water from your boat, coolers and livewells before you leave your fishing site.
- Never use trout or trout parts as bait.
- Always dispose of fish heads and entrails in a solid waste facility and not in our streams, lakes or even your sink drain.
- Do not transfer fish from one stream or lake to another body of water. It's against the law and can spread whirling disease.
- If you plan to stock your own private water with fish, you **MUST** obtain a permit from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Call (505) 476-8055 for more information.

Get More Information

Great sources of current whirling disease information can be found on the internet. Please visit these Web sites:

- **The Whirling Disease Foundation**
www.whirling-disease.org
- **Montana Whirling Disease Task Force**
www.whirlingdisease.org
- **Trout Unlimited**
www.tu.org

Special Trout Water Regulations

Special Trout Waters-Artificial Fly or Lure, Single Barbless Hook

<p>Catch-and-Release Only.</p> <p>ALL trout must be immediately returned to the water</p>	<p>Black Canyon Creek from barrier at Black Canyon Campground upstream. Open from July 1-Oct. 31.</p> <p>Doctor Creek from .25 mile above its confluence with Holy Ghost Creek upstream to its headwaters.</p> <p>Jack's Creek from the waterfalls located .25 mile downstream of NM 63 crossing upstream to its headwaters.</p> <p>Mogollon Creek from barrier at waterfalls near Forest Service Trail 153 to confluence of Trail Canyon creek. Open from July 1-Oct. 31.</p> <p>Nabor Creek and Nabor Lake on the Sargent Wildlife Area.</p> <p>Pecos River in the Pecos Wilderness above Pecos Falls.</p> <p>Rio Cebolla from the Seven Springs Day Use Area upstream to its headwaters.</p> <p>Rio Costilla from Valle Vidal boundary 2.4 miles downstream to Latir Creek.</p> <p>Rio Guadalupe from Porter Landing Bridge 1.3 miles downstream to Llano Loco Spring.</p> <p>Rio Las Animas within Gila National Forest, Black Range District.</p> <p>Rio Valdez in the Pecos Wilderness from .25 mile below Smith Cabin upstream to its headwaters.</p> <p>San Antonio River from Valles Caldera Preserve boundary downstream 2.0 miles.</p> <p>San Juan River from Navajo Dam downstream .25 mile as posted.</p> <p>Tingley Beach southernmost pond.</p> <p>Valle Vidal all streams.</p>
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1 trout only, at least 20" long

San Juan River for 3.5 miles downstream from catch-and-release section to riverside boundary sign east of Crasher Hole Boat Ramp.

1 trout only, at least 16" long

Cimarron River from east end of Tolby Campground downstream 1.4 miles to first US 64 bridge.

2 trout only, at least 15" long

Shuree Ponds on Valle Vidal.

2 trout only, at least 12" long

Pecos River the box canyon .5 mile above the confluence of the Mora and Pecos upstream 1.5 miles to .25 mile above Cowles bridge.

Red River from the confluence of Goose Creek for 1.0 mile upstream as posted.

2 trout only, any length

Chama River a posted portion of 2.9 miles within the Rio Chama Wildlife and Fishing Area.

Iron Creek from barrier 4 miles upstream of Turkey Feather Trail to its headwaters.

Rio De Los Pinos from US Forest Service Roads 284 & 87A, 2.5 miles upstream to the private land.

Rio Pueblo between the bridge at Mile Marker 55 on NM 518 upstream 1.0 mile to the Cañon Tio Maes trail head as posted.

Sargent Wildlife Management Area all waters within the WMA (except: Nabor Creek and Nabor Lake), including the Rio Chama, Rio Chamita, and Sexton Creek.

Special Trout Waters-Any Legal Tackle or Bait

<p>3 trout only, any length</p>	<p>Laguna del Campo (Burns Canyon Lake) Anglers 14 years of age or younger and 65 and older.</p> <p>Chama River from Abiquiu Dam downstream 7.0 miles to the US 84 bridge at Abiquiu.</p> <p>Red River from .5 mile below walking bridge at Red River State Hatchery downstream to confluence with Rio Grande.</p> <p>Red River Hatchery Pond Anglers must be 12 years of age or younger, 65 and older, or handicapped.</p> <p>Red River City Ponds open March 1- Nov. 15.</p> <p>Rio Grande from Colorado line downstream to the Taos Junction bridge.</p> <p>Rio Grande from Elephant Butte Dam downstream to and including Caballo Lake.</p> <p>Rio Ruidoso from the Mescalero Reservation border downstream to Friedenbloom Drive.</p>
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2 Gila trout any length, unlimited brown trout

Gilita Creek and Willow Creek upstream from confluence of Snow Creek to headwaters.

Regular Trout, Winter Trout and Kokanee

General Information

Catchable-sized, hatchery-reared trout are stocked in heavily fished waters. Smaller trout and salmon are stocked in waters that can support their growth. Some waters support fishing for native Rio Grande cutthroat. Other waters support naturally reproducing populations of non-native brown trout. Still other waters are too warm in summer, but in winter can be stocked with hatchery-raised rainbow trout.

License Information

ALL persons 12 years or older, while fishing in New Mexico, must have on their person a current New Mexico fishing license. Resident anglers 70 and older must have a Free Fishing License available at any Department office or license vendor. All anglers must have a Habitat Management and Access Validation. Only those younger than 18, 100% Disabled Resident Veterans and resident anglers 70 and older are exempt from purchasing this validation. A Second Rod Validation is free to residents 70 and older.

Trotlines

Trotlines are not permitted in trout waters, except Abiquiu Lake, Caballo Lake, Chama River below the northern boundary of the Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Gila River downstream from its junction with its East Fork, Navajo Lake, and the Rio Grande downstream from its junction with the Chama River.

Baitfish

It is illegal to use bait fish in any trout waters except in the following: Abiquiu Reservoir, Clayton Lake, Jackson Lake, Maxwell Lake 13, Navajo Lake, Caballo Lake, Rio Grande downstream of the Taos Junction Bridge, Power Dam Lake, and the Animas River. See page 8.

Goldfish may NOT be used as bait in ANY waters.

It is illegal to release ANY baitfish into fishing waters that contain game fish.

Winter Trout Waters

14 Winter Trout Waters

Winter trout waters are stocked with hatchery-reared rainbow trout between Nov. 1 and March 31, when water temperatures are cool.

Bag and Possession Limits

See above.

Streams

Black River

From 1 mile upstream to 1 mile downstream of Higby Hole.

Pecos River

From SE boundary of Villanueva State Park downstream to Santa Rosa Lake.

Regular Trout, Winter Trout and Kokanee Bag Limits

You MUST STOP FISHING when you keep your bag limit. No catch-and-release fishing is allowed after obtaining your bag limit.

**Brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, or kokanee salmon - 5 per day
10 in possession**

A 5 fish bag limit shall be any combination of trout and salmon, except only 2 lake trout and/or 2 cutthroat trout may be included in the limit.

It is unlawful to possess kokanee salmon at Heron Lake, Willow Creek, and Pine River during the closed season from Oct. 1 - Nov. 9.

**Lake trout — 2 per day
4 in possession**

**Cutthroat trout — 2 per day
2 in possession**

Any trout with red slash marks below the jaw is considered a cutthroat.

Gila trout — Catch-and-Release
Black Canyon Creek
Mogollon Creek
— **2 per day, 2 in possession**
Iron Creek
Gilita Creek
Willow Creek
— **5 per day, 10 in possession**
Anywhere else unless closed to fishing

Lakes

Bataan
Bear Canyon
Bill Evans
Bosque Redondo
Bottomless Lakes State Park
Burn
Carlsbad Municipal
Carrizozo
Chaparral
Corona
Escondida
Eunice
Green Acres
Green Meadow
Harry McAdams Ponds
Jal
Lake Van
Ned Houk
Oasis State Park
Summer Lake Stilling Basin
Tingley Beach

Drains

Albuquerque
Atrisco
Belen Riverside
Bernalillo
Corrales
Peralta

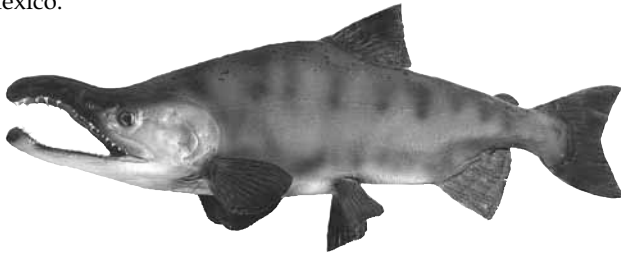
Special Kokanee Snagging Season

General Information

Kokanee are land-locked sockeye salmon. Although not native to the Southwest, kokanee do quite well in a few of our deep, cold, plankton-producing lakes. In late fall, four-year-old kokanee form giant schools, spawn and then die.

Snagging is one technique for harvesting these soon-to-die salmon. Snagging is the intentional taking of fish with hooks where the fish is caught in a part of the body other than the mouth. Only kokanee salmon can be legally caught by snagging during kokanee snagging season. If other species are caught by snagging, they must be immediately returned to the water.

Each autumn, the Department of Game and Fish mounts a massive operation to obtain millions of kokanee eggs and milt. The fertilized eggs soon hatch and fry are stocked in Heron, Navajo, Abiquiu, El Vado, and Eagle Nest Lakes. This collection operation is the reason the snagging season at Heron Lake, Willow Creek, and Pine River is closed from Oct. 1 - Nov. 13. Without this egg and milt collecting operation, a kokanee salmon fishery would not exist in New Mexico.



Special Kokanee Salmon Snagging Season Dates

Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

Abiquiu Lake, Chama River from El Vado Lake to west boundary of Rio Chama Wildlife and Fishing Area, El Vado Lake, Navajo Lake, and Eagle Nest Lake.

Oct. 1 - Nov. 13

Snagging Season is closed at Heron Lake, Willow Creek, and Pine River.

Nov. 14 - Dec. 31

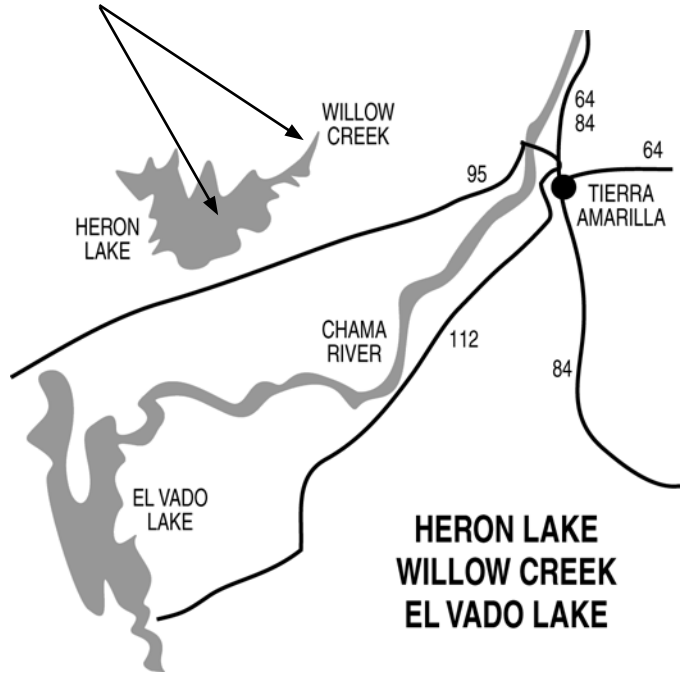
Snagging Season is open at Heron Lake, Willow Creek, and Pine River.

Special Kokanee Salmon Snagging Season Bag Limit

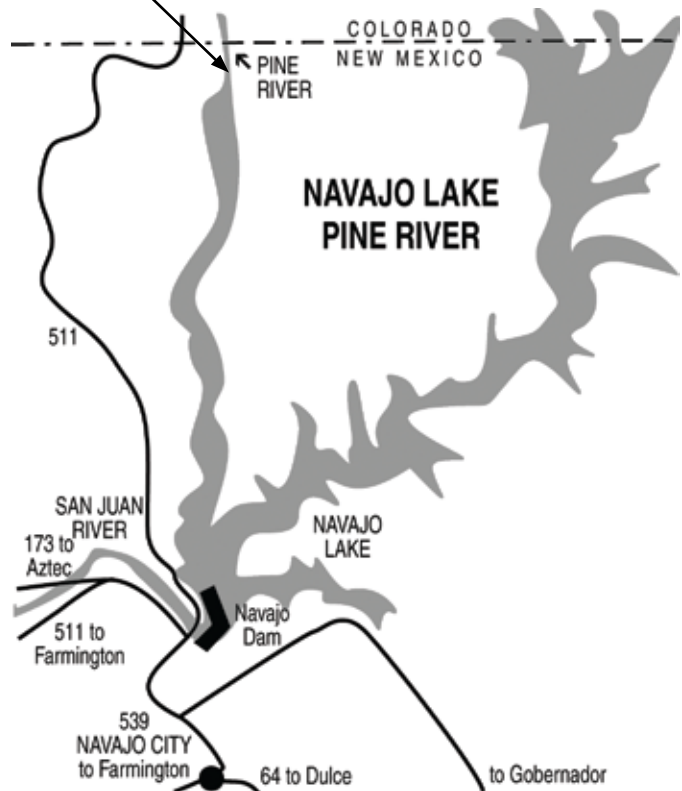
Kokanee salmon ————— 12 per day
24 in possession

Waters Closed from Oct. 1 - Nov. 13

Closed from Oct. 1 - Nov. 9



Closed from Oct. 1 - Nov. 13



Junior, Senior and Handicapped Waters

Definitions

Junior Fishing License

To hold a Junior Fishing License, resident and nonresident anglers must be between 12 and 18.

Senior Fishing License

To hold a Senior Fishing License, anglers must be age 65 through 69 AND be a resident of New Mexico.

Free Senior Fishing License

Resident anglers 70 and older must have on their person while fishing, a Free Fishing License available at any Department office or license vendor. These anglers do not have to purchase a Habitat Stamp, Habitat Management and Access Validation, or a Second Rod Validation. Free Senior Fishing Licenses are NOT available to nonresidents.

Handicapped Fishing License

To hold a Handicapped Fishing License, anglers must be a resident of New Mexico and show proof of a severe disability because of one or more physical disabilities resulting from amputation, arthritis, blindness, burn injury, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, muscular skeletal disorders, neurological disorders, paraplegia, quadriplegia and other spinal cord conditions, sickle cell anemia, and end-stage renal disease, or you must have a combination of permanent disabilities which cause comparable substantial functional limitations.

No special application form is necessary to hold a handicapped fishing license but proof of disability is required.

Bag and Possession Limits

Statewide bag and possession limits are in effect for these waters.

Youth-Only Waters

Anglers must be 11 years of age or younger to fish in most Youth-Only Waters. These anglers do not need a fishing license.

Harris Pond in Las Vegas

Shuree Kid's Pond in the Valle Vidal

Seven Springs Hatchery Brood Pond in the Jemez Mountains

Spring River Park in Roswell

Valley Improvement Association Ponds in Belen

Young Pond in Las Cruces

Tingley Beach Kid's Pond in Albuquerque (12 and younger)

Youth, Senior and Handicapped-Only Waters

Estancia Park Lake in Estancia

Harry McAdams Park Ponds in Hobbs

Red River Hatchery Pond in Red River

Santa Rosa Pond at Blue Hole Park in Santa Rosa

Grants Riverwalk Pond in Grants

Youth and Handicapped-Only Waters

Cowles Pond north of Pecos (smaller of two ponds)

Red River City East Kid's Pond in Red River (12 and younger)

Anglers Under Age 14, Senior and Handicapped-Only Waters

Laguna del Campo (Burns Canyon Lake) near Los Ojos Hatchery. Up to two parents/guardians may also fish if they are in direct supervision of a child or children younger than 14.

Attention: Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Users

New Mexico has requirements for off-highway vehicles (OHV) that became law Jan. 1, 2006. The law is designed to protect the safety of all citizens and ensure responsible OHV use. OHVs include ATVs, snowmobiles, and dirt bikes. It is the owner's responsibility to know the laws.

For resident information contact: <https://MVD.state.nm.us/>. Nonresidents should contact any Tourism Department office, 505-827-4751, or Department of Game and Fish office.

All OHVs used on public lands must be registered and owners must pay user fees used to promote safety and a system of dedicated OHV trails throughout the state. Nonresidents must purchase either a two-year or a 90 day permit (available at Tourism Department and Department of Game and Fish offices) unless the OHV is registered and the user paid a user fee in another state.

All riders younger than 18 must wear a helmet and protective eye wear, must have adult supervision (unless they have taken an approved safety course) carry their OHV safety permit, and have a valid license. No rider younger than 18 may carry a passenger even on an OHV specifically designed for two persons. Riders under the age of 10 must have parental supervision and ride an OHV that is age and size appropriate.

Furthermore, the New Mexico Statutes state: "It is unlawful to operate an off-highway motor vehicle on private lands or roads except with the express permission of the landowner or leaseholder of the lands.

Vehicles must have U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestors and a headlight and taillight if driven at night. No rider may ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol. There is a 10 M.P.H. speed limit within 200 feet of a business, person, horseback rider or occupied dwelling. OHVs may not be operated on any paved street or highway, except to cross a road after coming to a complete stop.

Department of Game and Fish officers have the authority to request OHV driver identification, registration and check for compliance.

Habitat Stamp and Sportfish Restoration



Habitat Stamp Program

Each time a Habitat Improvement Stamp is purchased, sportsmen and women reinforce their support and commitment to New Mexico's wildlife. The stamp is required of all anglers age 12 through 69, fishing on Bureau of

Land Management and US Forest Service lands.

In fiscal year 2006, the Habitat Stamp Program spent \$2.9 million to complete 117 projects. Agency partners and sportsmen's groups contributed \$1.5 million.

The Habitat Stamp Program funded 51,078 acres of vegetative treatments, 66 acres of riparian enhancements, 15 in-stream fish structures, 13 miles of stream erosion control features, 33 wildlife-watering sites, 25 turkeys transplanted, 13 population or habitat surveys, 2,025 hours of extra law enforcement effort, 10 gates built, 9 miles of roads removed, 9 miles of fence modifications, and the maintenance of 604 existing structures.



Sportfish Restoration Program

Anglers financially assist many fisheries programs in New Mexico every time they purchase a fishing rod, reel, tackle box, lure, bait, fishing line, electronic fish finder, boat gasoline, or other sport fishing product.

Anglers' assistance comes from a 10% federal excise tax on fishing equipment that produces money for state fisheries programs. New Mexico's share is more than \$3 million annually.

Boaters also benefit from the purchase of equipment. States must spend 15 percent of the monies to develop and maintain boat facilities.

Hatchery renovation, boat ramps, public fishing easements, walleye stocking, lake rehabilitation, kids' fishing clinics, research projects, bass and trout stocking, and more have come from these dollars. You pay! You benefit!



Donation Certificate

Fish may be legally donated to another person with a Donation Certificate that states the name and address of the donor, the name and address of the recipient, the kind and number of

fish donated, license number of the donor, date, and county where the fish were caught, and the date, and place of donation. Donated fish, given the same day they were caught, apply to the donor's daily bag limit.

I _____
 Address _____
 City and State _____
 Hereby convey to:
 Recipient's Name _____
 Address _____
 City and State _____
 The following game fish or parts: _____
 Taken by me under NM Fishing License #: _____
 On _____ In _____
 Date County
 Date of Transaction: _____
 Place of Transaction: _____
 Donor's Signature: _____
 I affirm that the above information is true and correct. I understand it is unlawful to pre-date or otherwise falsify a certificate or donation.

Title VI Funding

Certain programs of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish receive federal funds from the US Department of the Interior. These programs are therefore subject to requirements of the New Mexico Human Rights Act and Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibit discrimination because of ancestry, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or physical or mental handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, please send a detailed description of the incident by certified mail to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. If you desire further information on Title VI, write: Department of Game and Fish, ADA Coordinator, PO Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 or Office of Equal Opportunity, US Dept. of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20240. The Department of Game and Fish will schedule public meetings and operate facilities that are accessible to physically impaired persons. Reasonable accommodations will be made for other impairments, including hearing and sight. If special aids are required, call (505) 476-8027 or write to PO Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 at least three working days prior to the meeting date. To initiate a complaint, write to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

Title VI Funding

Ciertos programas del New Mexico Department of Game and Fish reciben fondos federales del US Department of the Interior. Estos programas son subyugados a requisitos de la ley de New Mexico Human Rights Act and Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, que prohíben la discriminación por razones de ascendencia, sexo, raza, color, religión, origen nacional, edad o impedimento físico o mental. Si usted cree que ha sufrido discriminación en cualquier programa, actividad o comodidades, por favor envíe por correo certificado una descripción detallada al Department of Game and Fish. Si desea más información sobre Título VI, por favor escriba a: Department of Game and Fish, ADA Coordinator, PO Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 or Office of Equal Opportunity, US Dept. of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20240. Al programar sus reuniones públicas, el Department of Game and Fish operará en facilidades que proveen acceso para personas con incapacidades físicas. Las personas con otras incapacidades, inclusive del oído y de la vista, recibirán acceso razonable a las reuniones. Si usted necesita algún auxiliar o ayuda especial, por favor llame al número (505) 476-8027 o escriba a Post Office Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504, por lo menos tres (3) días antes de la reunión. Para iniciar una queja, escriba a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

Operation Game Thief, Form 3

Turn In a Poacher, Earn a Reward!

Rewards for the arrest or charges against game violators are:

- \$750 for cases involving elk or bighorn sheep,
- \$500 for deer or oryx,
- \$350 for antelope,
- \$250 for turkey, bear, cougar, javelina, ibex, Barbary sheep, endangered species, small game, fish, raptors and furbearers.

Call: **800-432-4263** to report poachers and remain anonymous.



Operation Game Thief

Operation Game Thief (OGT) continues to be a successful deterrent to wildlife law violators. Operation Game Thief was established in 1977 as a way to report game and fish violations. It allows the reporter to remain anonymous. The reward fund does not use tax or license fees. It comes from clubs, organizations, businesses and from thousands of men and women who have contributed anywhere from a few dollars to hundreds of dollars each.

Operation Game Thief needs your support. Please send a check payable to Operation Game Thief and mail it to the Department of Game and Fish, PO Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Your donation is tax-deductible. All the money is used to pay rewards in wildlife cases and promote the program.

During Fiscal Year 2006, the Department received \$25,072 in donations to Operation Game Thief. Conservation Officers investigated a total of 200 new cases that were generated as a result of calls to the OGT telephone number. The result from these tips led to 63 criminal charges. More than 29 convictions and \$12,550 in fines were levied because concerned citizens like yourself took the time to call in a tip for Conservation Officers to investigate.

The State Game Commission revoked all hunting, fishing and trapping privileges of 491 people who failed to pay penalty assessment, 73 for big game violations, and 202 people who failed to comply with the Parental Responsibility Act. In total, the Commission revoked 766 people of their hunting, fishing and trapping privileges. A total of \$36,975 in penalty assessments was collected.

Parental Responsibility Act

The New Mexico Parental Responsibility Act requires the State Game Commission to revoke the recreational and professional licenses of anyone who does not comply with a court-ordered child support obligation.

The purpose of the act is to eliminate child support arrearages. This will help reduce the number of children living at or near the poverty level and decrease the financial obligation that falls to the state when parents do not provide for their children.

There are currently 3,109 individuals who have their hunting and fishing privileges suspended because of the Parental Responsibility Act. For more information about this law, please contact the Law Enforcement Division at (505) 476-8065.

Instructions for Form 3

Over-the-Counter Licenses by Mail

All persons 12 years or older, while fishing in New Mexico, must have on their person a current New Mexico fishing license. Anyone who hunts protected game must have a license, regardless of age. All nonresidents must be licensed, even for hunting unprotected nongame species.

Do not use this form to apply for draw licenses or permits. Do not use this form to purchase a Deer OTC license until you know whether you were successful in the deer draw. Use Form 3 ONLY for the licenses listed. Over-the-Counter licenses, except ibex and nonresident furbearer, also are available from all license vendors in New Mexico.

- Print all answers legibly.
- Photocopies of Form 3 are acceptable but it must have an original signature.
- Check all applicable licenses.
- Submit fees listed on Form 3.
- Do not fax Form 3.
- Include a \$1 vendor fee with the total amount for all licenses.
- Mail orders for licenses should be received in our office at least 14 days before the license is needed.
- Pay only by credit card, check or money order made payable to Department of Game and Fish. Do not mail cash. Persons using any license purchased with a worthless check or credit card can be prosecuted for using a license unlawfully procured and are subject to a one-year revocation of all hunting and fishing privileges.
- You must sign Form 3.

Return Form 3 with your payment to any Department office or mail it to:

Special Hunts Office
Department of Game and Fish
PO Box 25125
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Form 3 Licenses by Mail

FORM 3

Application to purchase hunting or fishing license by mail

- See "Instructions for Form 3" on page 58.
- Please print legibly.
- Photocopies of this form are acceptable.
- Applicants must sign this form. **DO NOT** fax this form.
- Do not use this form to apply for draw licenses.

Day-time Phone Number: _____ Last 4 Digits of SSN: _____

First Name: _____ MI: _____

Last Name: _____

Hunter's Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): _____ Date Residency Established (MM/DD/YY): _____

Sex: Male Female Height: _____ Weight: _____ Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: _____

Hunter Education No.: _____ State: _____ Required for firearms hunting licenses issued to persons under 18 years of age.

State of Driver's License: _____ Driver's License Number: _____

Hunting Licenses, Permits, and Stamps

Resident Nonresident
Do not purchase any deer OTC license until you know your results in the draw or have access to private land to hunt.

<input type="checkbox"/> Deer - Standard hunt (S)	\$39.00	\$270.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Deer - Quality hunt (Q)	39.00	355.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Junior/Senior Deer License	24.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident General Hunting (Deer, squirrel, game birds)	43.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident General Hunting and Fishing	62.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Junior General Hunting (Residents 12-17 years old)	18.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Junior General Hunting and Fishing (Residents 12-17 years old)	23.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Senior (Residents 65 and older) or Handicapped General Hunting	27.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Senior (Residents 65 and older) or Handicapped General Hunting and Fishing	31.00	Not Issued

Private Land-Only Deer Permits 1.00 1.00

You MAY NOT use this form to purchase a Private Land Permit for hunting in Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4, or 5A. Private Land-Only Permits are issued for a specific unit, sporting arm type and hunt period as defined by a hunt code. You must provide the hunt code in the boxes below.

Deer Hunt Code: _____

If you have already purchased a hunting license (Deer, General Hunting, or General Hunting and Fishing), provide that license number here: # _____
 If not, you must purchase one now.

Fishing	Resident	Nonresident
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Fishing	\$25.00	56.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Fishing (12-17 years old)	5.00	28.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Senior Fishing (For residents 65-69)	8.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Handicapped Fishing	8.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Free Fishing (For residents 70 years and older)	Free	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-Day Fishing *(Specify dates at right)	12.00	12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 5-Day Fishing *(Specify dates at right)	24.00	24.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Second Rod Validation	4.00	4.00

*For any Temporary License, please specify dates:
 Starting 12:01 am. _____ (MM/DD/YY)
 Ending 11:59 pm. _____ (MM/DD/YY)

Total Amount Enclosed (DO NOT MAIL CASH) \$ _____

Add \$1.00 vendor fee.
 Make checks payable to:
 Dept. of Game and Fish

Credit Card Number _____ Keep This Information Confidential (Master Card or Visa Card Only)

Please check one: Mastercard Visa Expiration date: _____ (MM/YY) Security Code: _____

I attest that this information is true and correct. I understand the rules of eligibility and that I am eligible for this license as per chapter 17 N.M.S.A. 1978 and associated rules.

 Signature of License Applicant

<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Small Game and Fishing	33.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Junior/Senior Small Game and Fishing (Residents 12-17 and 65 years and older)	16.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Game (Squirrel and game birds but not turkey)	20.00	90.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Small Game (4-day) *(Specify dates in box to the left)	NA	33.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Turkey	28.00	110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Turkey-Second Tag	10.00	10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Turkey	28.00	110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Bear	47.00	260.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Cougar	43.00	290.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Trapper (Not available to nonresidents who live in a state that does not permit a New Mexico resident to purchase a nonresident trapper's license. Available only by mail or in person at Department offices.)	20.00	345.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Junior Trapper (Residents ages 12-17)	9.00	Not Issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonresident Nongame Animals (Not required of any nonresident holding a NM nonresident hunting license.)	NA	65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Barbary Sheep	103.00	360.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ibex (IBX-1-528 (off Florida Mountain hunt area). Valid all year and only in Units 20, 21, 23-25 (except Florida Mountain hunt area), 26 and 27. Available only by mail using this form or in person at any Department office.)	111.00	1,618.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Harvest Information Program Number (HIP) (Required of all migratory bird hunters)	1.00	1.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Stamp (Required if hunting, trapping or fishing on any U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management properties. Required only once per season.)	5.00	5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Management and Access Validation (For hunting, trapping or fishing on any lands. Required only once per season.)	4.00	4.00

All fees above include Depredation Damage Stamp fee where applicable

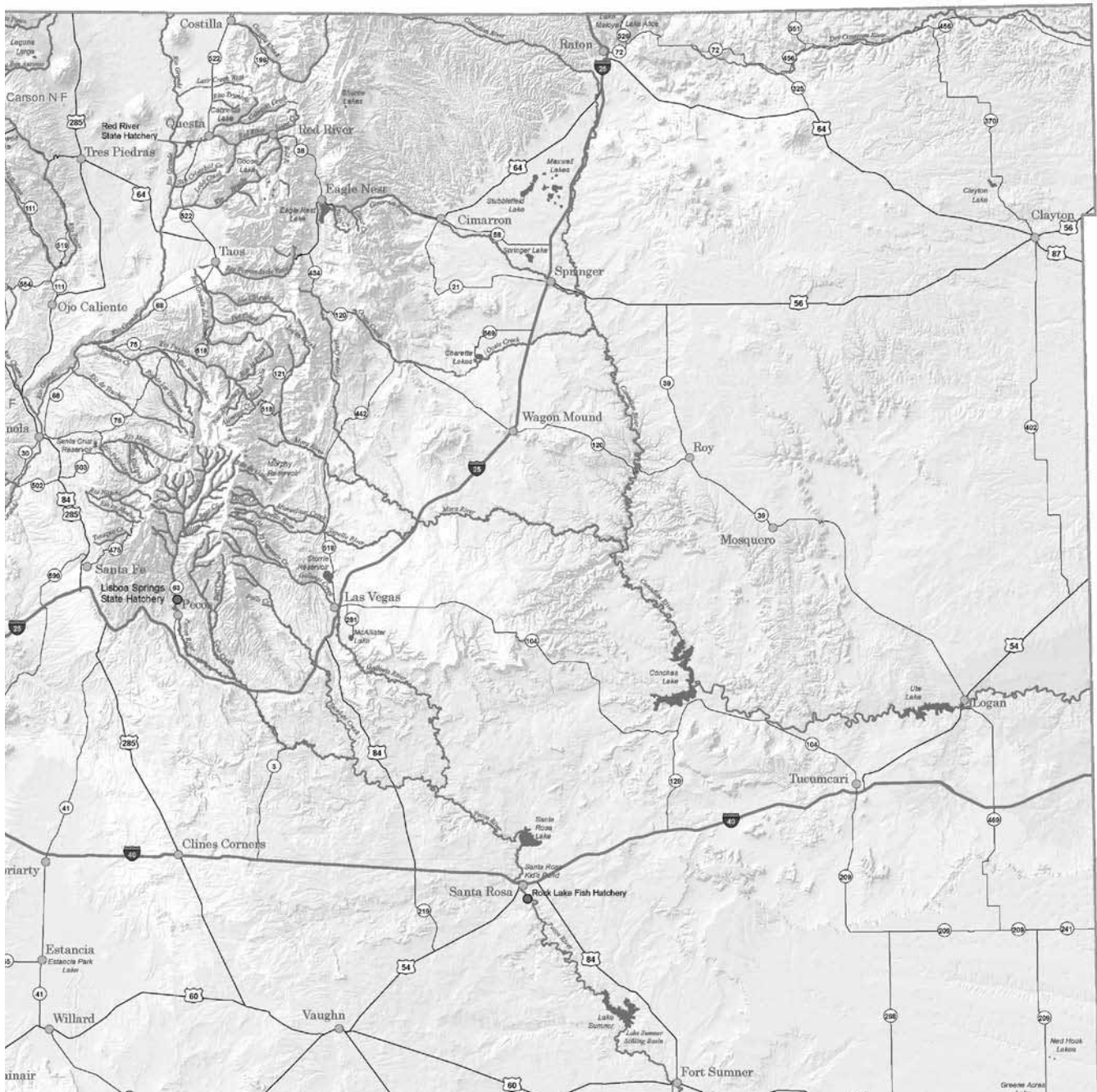
Northwest Fishing Map



Northwest fishing waters include:

San Juan River, Navajo Lake, Aztec Pond, Jackson Lake, Butler Street Reservoir, Lake Farmington, Nabor Lake, Nabor Creek, Rio Chama, Rio Chama, Heron Lake, El Vado Lake, Rio de los Pinos, Rio San Antonio, Rio Vallecitos, Rio Tusas, Rio Nutrias, Nutrias Lakes, Canjilon Lakes, Abiquiu Reservoir, Rio Puerco, Rio de las Vacas, Rio Cebolla, Fenton Lake, San Antonio Creek, Jemez River, Polvadera Creek, Rito de los Frijoles, Peralta Creek, Rio Grande, Cochiti Lake, Bluewater Lake, McGaffey Lake, Ramah Lake, and Grants Riverwalk Pond.

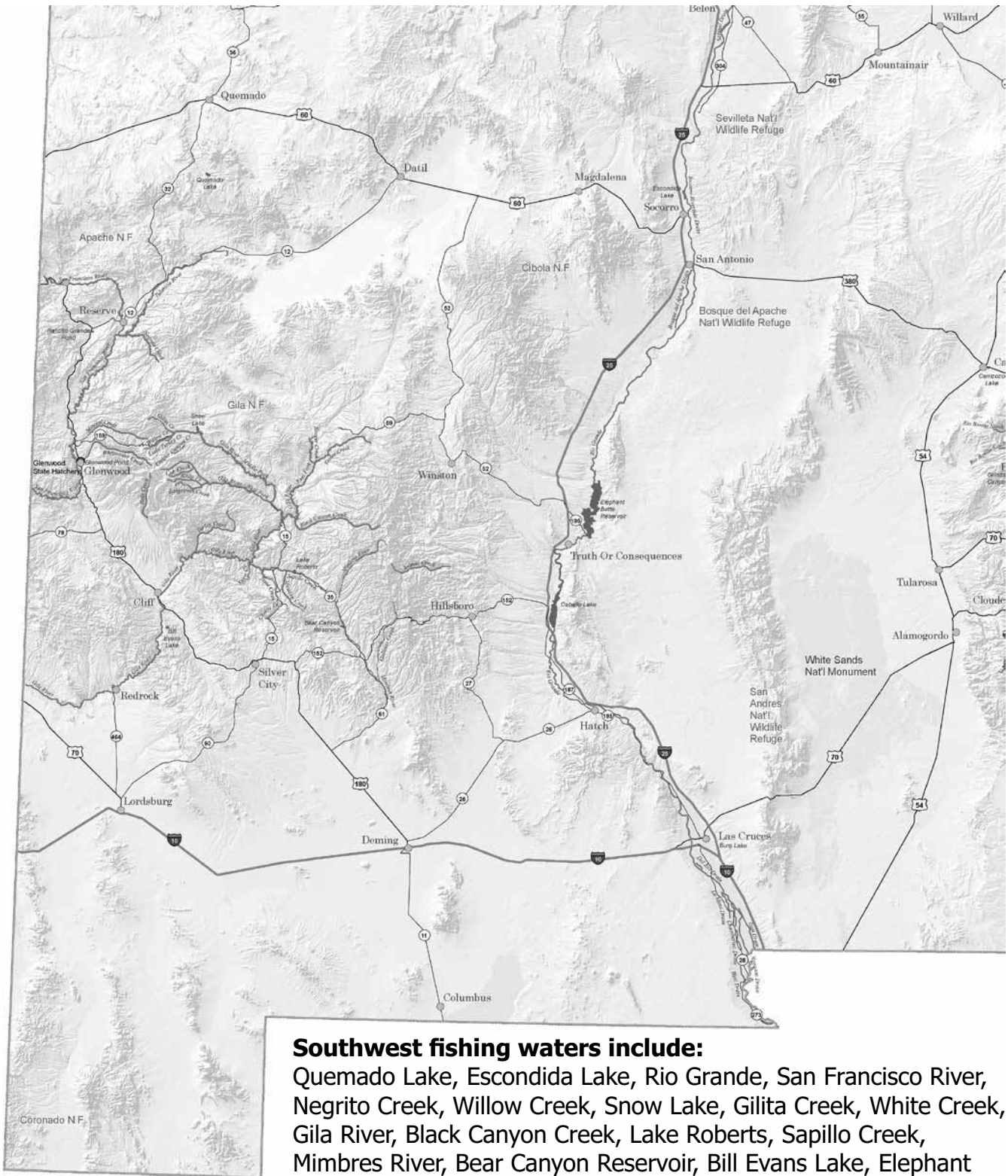
Northeast Fishing Map



Northeast fishing waters include:

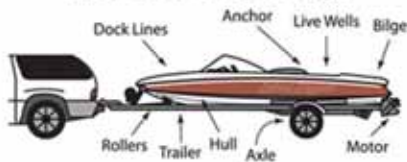
Rio Grande, Costilla Creek, Canadian River, Lake Maloya, Lake Alice, Clayton Lake, Maxwell Lakes, Stubblefield Lake, Springer Lake, Cimarron River, Latir Creek, Cabresto Creek, Cabresto Lake, Red River, Rio Hondo, Eagle Nest Lake, Rio Fernando de Taos, Pot Creek, Rio Grande de Ranchos, Rio Pueblo, Rio Santa Barbara, Rio de las Trampas, Rio de Truches, Mora River, Charette Lakes, Ute Lake, Conchas Lake, McAllister Lake, Sapello River, Gallina Creek, Pecos River, Cow Creek, Santa Rosa Lake, Lake Sumner, and Estancia Park Lake.

Southwest Fishing Map



Before Launching...
Before Leaving...

Inspect Everything!



Follow these simple steps:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or other animals before transporting equipment.
- Eliminate all water from your boat and equipment before transporting them anywhere.
- Clean and dry everything that came in contact with water (including boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, waders, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish or other animals into a body of water unless they came from that same body of water.

Why Control zebra/quagga mussels?

- Ruin boat engines and jam steering equipment.
- Reduce game fish populations.
- Make lakes/streams unusable by boaters and swimmers.
- Reduce native aquatic species.
- Degrade aquatic communities and ecosystems.
- Reduce property values.
- Affect human health.
- Affect local economies of water-dependent communities.
- Dramatically increase the operating costs of reservoir operations, water delivery systems, and municipal / industrial water-related processes.

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Protect All of New Mexico's Fisheries

Please do not introduce aquatic nuisance species to our waters!

Stop the spread of freshwater zebra/quagga mussels!

Zebra and quagga mussels are the only freshwater bivalves in North America that encrust hard surfaces.

They are invasive species from the Black and Caspian Sea drainages in Eurasia.

They may be microscopic or up to two inches long.

They commonly have alternating light and dark stripes, hence the common name "zebra" mussels.

They usually attach in clusters and have razor-sharp shells that can cut your hands and feet.

Please report any sightings by calling our National Hotline: **1-800-STOP-ANS**
(1-800-877-786-7267)

In Western states you may also report zebra/quagga mussel sightings to Bonneville Power Administrator's Crime Witness Hotline: **1-800-437-2744**.

To learn more about aquatic nuisance species go to <http://100thmeridian.org>
Visit www.100thmeridian.org and www.ProtectYourWaters.net to find more information about zebra mussels and other aquatic nuisance species.



CAUTION

The Federal Lacey Act lists Zebra Mussels as injurious wildlife and prohibits their importation and transportation across state lines.



Zebra mussels on a crayfish



New Zealand Mudsnaill ALERT



New Zealand mudsnails (NZMS) are native to New Zealand. They have spread to North America. They were discovered in the late 1980s in the Snake River, Idaho and Madison River, Montana. This small invasive quickly spread to waters in Yellowstone National Park and is now found in many waters across the West. People spread NZMS attached to waders and fishing gear or by moving fish or bait.

Why Control New Zealand Mudsnaills?

At high densities, NZMS alter aquatic habitats and foodwebs by eating algae and competing with native bottom dwelling organisms. These ecosystem impacts can reduce trout and other recreational fisheries...FOREVER. Help stop the spread!

To learn more about NZMS go to <http://mudsnail.fws.gov>



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!



2008 NEW MEXICO OUTDOOR EXPO

Make plans to attend the 2008 New Mexico Outdoor Expo on May 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Held at the Albuquerque Shooting Range, this year's event will again feature experts demonstrating and teaching adults and kids how to improve their fishing and shooting skills. Don't miss this adventure driven FREE event. Visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us for more information.

DO YOU NEED A GAIN PERMIT?

Are you planning to view wildlife, hike a trail, bike or scout for a hunt on a Wildlife Management Area this year? If the answer is yes, you may need a GAIN permit. To learn more, stop by a Department of Game and Fish area office, visit online, www.wildlife.state.nm.us or call (505) 476-8000.

