

# PROPOSED CHANGES TO FISHERIES RULE 19.31.4 NMAC

## TIMELINE FOR CHANGES

- Current rule expires 31 March 2010
- Request Commission Meeting not later than 10 March 2010 (February preferred - allows time to get rules in RIB and print)
- Final rule posted 30 days in advance of adoption (not later than 8 February 2010)
- Public comment 30 days in advance of final posting (not later than 6 January 2010)
- Presentation



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## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

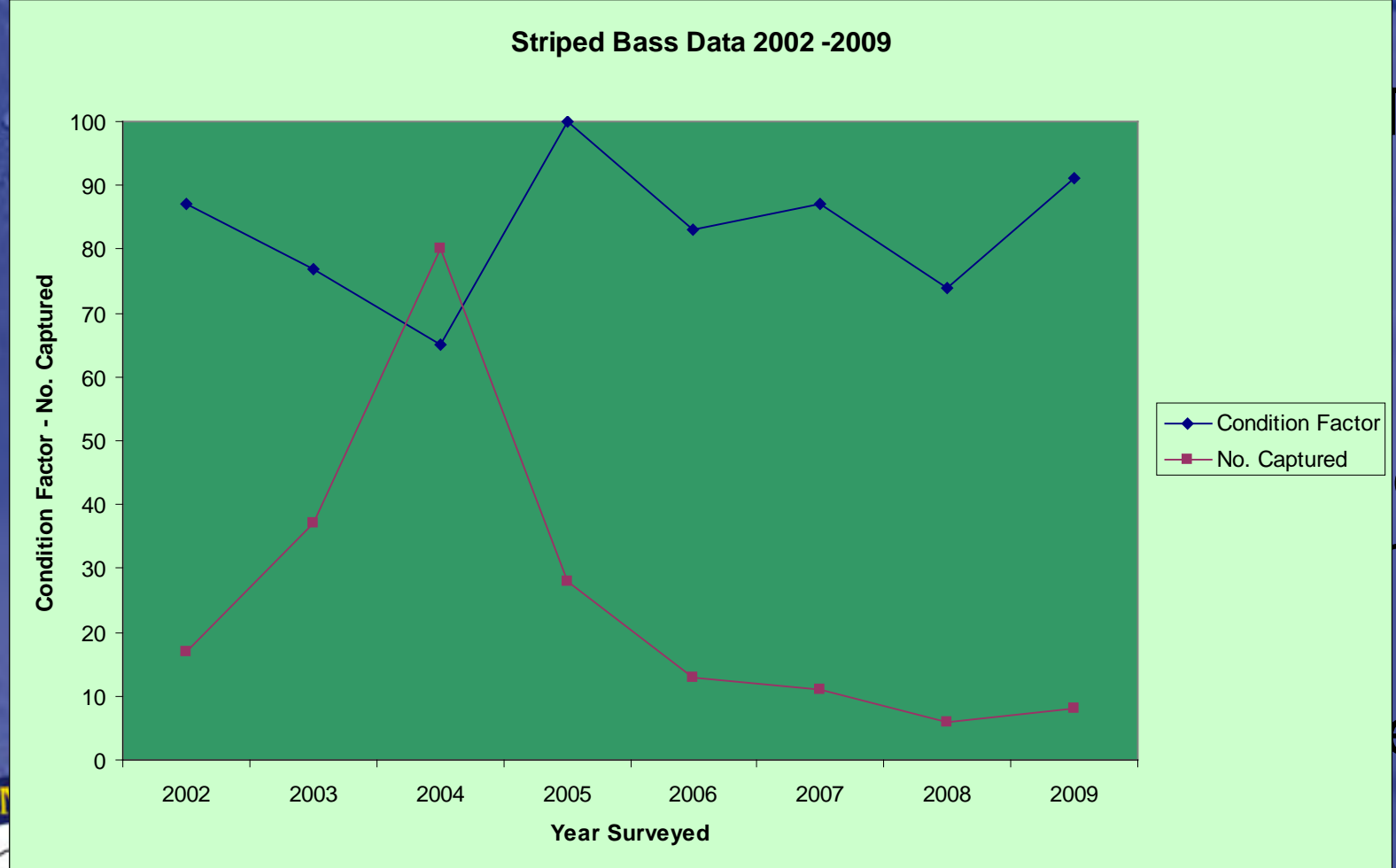
- Six public meetings (12 Attendees)
- Press release
- Email contacts (200 sent, 13 responses)
- Received Summary Comments from Fishenchantment.com (190 registered members)
- Formal Responses from TU (2), NMT, Muskies, Inc., & NMED



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Striped Bass Data 2002 -2009



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## PROPOSED SPECIAL TROUT WATER CHANGES

- Create Special Trout Waters
  - Capulin Creek
  - Cabresto Creek
  - Goose Lake
  - Vermejo River System on Vermejo Park Ranch

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Capulin – Support
- Cabresto – support with preference to limit terminal tackle
- Goose Lake – no comments
- Vermejo – Ranch Support and other support but terminal tackle



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## PROPOSED SPECIAL TROUT WATER CHANGES

- Allow unlimited take of non-native trout
  - Rio Cebolla above McKinney Pond
  - Cabresto Creek from Cabresto Canyon to headwaters
  - Vermejo River System
  - Leandro Creek on Valle Vidal
  - Black Canyon in Gila

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Support with signage and education
- Concerns regarding terminal tackle



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## Youth Fishing Changes

- Switch Red River Ponds
- Increase age restriction at Grants Riverwalk Pond

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Cities of Red River and Grants suggested and support
- No other comment



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## PROPOSED CHANGES TO MANNER AND METHOD RULE 19.31.10 NMAC

- Except certain Special Trout waters from terminal tackle restrictions
  - Vermejo River system
  - Gilita
  - Willow Creek
- Ban felt sole waders as of 31 March 2011

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Concern over not limiting terminal tackle
- Gilita and Willow currently managed without restrictions
- Felt Sole ban anglers split
- Evidence from studies – Rock Snot and Whirling Disease



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## CHANGES CONSIDERED BUT NOT INCLUDED

- Cienguilla Creek Special Trout Water
- Reduce length of Special Trout Water on Upper Pecos River





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## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Add Special Trout Water on Chama below El Vado – Catch and Release only or Two Fish With a Minimum Size
- Manage Lake Trout Differently – catch and release or size limit or a season



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## PROCESS FORWARD

- Draft New Rule Based on Commission Direction
- Public comment 30 days in advance of final posting (not later than 6 January 2010)
- Compile Public Comment and Adjust Rule
- Final rule posted 30 days in advance of adoption (not later than 8 February 2010)
- Request Commission Meeting not later than 10 March 2010 (February preferred - allows time to get rules in RIB and print) to Adopt Rule Prior to Expiration

