2023 Colorado Fishing

SEASON: MARCH 1, 2023 – MARCH 31, 2024
Matthew Robinson and his first ever pike. 38” and 13 lbs!
© Matthew Robinson

Greg Burney caught this 38” and 22 lb. pike at Spinney Mountain Reservoir.
© Greg Burney

Zach L. and his tremendous trout from the Blue River.
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Nash L. with a beast of a carp!
© Nash L.

Walleye caught by Ryan Bame.
© Ryan Bame

A group of youngsters learn to fish at a CPW fishing clinic.
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Matt Smiley poses with the state record brook trout he caught Oct. 8, 2022. The fish measured 26.25" with a girth of 16".

© Matt Smiley

Landon Jackson caught this 6 lb. 24" cutbow his first time ice fishing at Antero Reservoir.

© Jackson family

Zach Langer with his catch from the Blue River.

© Zach Langer

Tiger muskie caught by Jory Keever.

© Jory Keever

Mike Randash and his white crappie pulled in from Cherry Creek Reservoir.

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A youngster learns to fish at a CPW fishing clinic.

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FRIED TROUT AND ‘BANG BANG SAUCE’

FISHING FUNDS CONSERVATION

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WHAT’S NEW: 2023

- **Bag and Possession Limit Modified at Rifle Gap Reservoir:** Bag, possession and minimum size for walleye is 3, 15 inches long and only 1 walleye longer than 18 inches may be taken per day. See page 32.

- **Vallecito Creek Regulations Updated:** Fishing is allowed on Vallecito Creek from the southern boundary of the Weminuche Wilderness downstream to the standing water line of Vallecito Reservoir. The regulation prohibiting fishing from La Plata CR 501 Bridge downstream to Vallecito Reservoir to protect kokanee salmon has been removed. See page 38.

- **Gold Medal Water Additions:** The Taylor River from Taylor Park Reservoir to Almont (see pages 3 and 37). The Gunnison River from Almont to U.S. 50 (twins bridges) (see pages 3 and 24).

- **New Records by Weight and Length:** Look for the **NEW** tag on pages 6 and 7 for the newest records by weight and length, and see [cpw.info/fishing-records](http://cpw.info/fishing-records) for how to properly weigh and measure your fish.

- **Know Before You Go:** There are actions you can take and available resources to consult **BEFORE** you head out on your next adventure that will help make your fishing experience the best it can be. CPW encourages you to disinfect your fishing gear (page 4), know the statewide and special regulations for the water you plan to visit (starting on page 8), and be aware of the local fishing conditions such as water level/stream flow and water temperature (page 5). You may also contact the local CPW Area Office for more information: [cpw.info/contact-us](http://cpw.info/contact-us)

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### LICENSE INFORMATION

**Season Dates:** Colorado waters are open to taking fish, amphibians and crustaceans day and night, year round, except if otherwise stated in the regulation section of this brochure. See pages: 11–29.

**Free Fishing Days:** Residents and nonresidents can fish without a license or Habitat Stamp from June 3–4, 2023. All other rules and regulations apply.

### LICENSE FEES, HABITAT STAMPS & ANS STAMP

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*Customers buying a one-day or additional day license are exempt from the Habitat Stamp fee with the first two of these licenses. The Habitat Stamp fee will be assessed when a third license of this type is purchased.

All license fees include a **25-cent** search-and-rescue fee and a **$1.50** fee for the Wildlife Education Fund.

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**Commercial License:** $60. An annual license is required to take or possess bait fish, amphibians, or crustaceans for commercial purposes. Licensees must provide live-fish buyers with a receipt stating the seller’s name, date of sale, species and number sold. For application, restrictions, and annual reporting requirements, visit: [cpw.info/purchase-special-license](http://cpw.info/purchase-special-license)

**Child Support Delinquency:** State and federal law require a Social Security number to buy a license. It is not displayed on the license but is provided, if requested, to Child Support Enforcement authorities. Hunting and fishing licenses are not issued to those suspended for noncompliance with child support. Any current licenses become invalid if held by an individual who is deemed noncompliant by Child Support Enforcement.

**Armed Forces Exemption:** Colorado residents on active duty with U.S. armed forces out of state can fish free without a license while here on temporary leave, maximum of 30 days a year. You must carry official leave papers while fishing.

**Health Advisories**

**Eating your Catch?**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife encourages Colorado residents to go fishing and enjoy eating the fish they catch. Keep in mind that not all fish should be eaten in unlimited amounts. Fish are an important part of a healthy diet: They are a lean, low-calorie source of protein and nutrients. However, some fish meat may contain chemicals that could pose health risks. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, in cooperation with CPW, tests fish throughout the state for the presence of certain contaminants (such as mercury, arsenic and selenium) that may be present in some fish.

**Current Advisories are Online:** [colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-fish-consumption](http://colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-fish-consumption)
RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

- The physical residence address you give to buy or apply for a license must be the same as the address given for Colorado state income tax purposes. Visit cpw.info/proof-of-residency.
- You terminate your Colorado residency if you apply for, buy or accept a resident hunting, fishing or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country, register to vote outside Colorado or accept a driver's license that shows an address other than in Colorado.

RESIDENCY TYPES

1. STANDARD COLORADO RESIDENT
   a. Requirements: You must live in Colorado for at least 6 consecutive months immediately prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product, have your primary residence in Colorado and have not applied for or purchased a resident license or pass outside of Colorado in the last 6 months.
   b. Proof: Current and valid Colorado driver's license/ID with a Colorado address issued 6 or more months prior. If the Colorado driver's license/ID is not 6 months old, you must provide at least two forms of additional residency proof, as outlined in “Additional Residency Proofs” below.

2. STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL TIME IN COLORADO
   a. Requirements: You must be attending school full time at an accredited Colorado school starting at least 6 months prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product.
   b. Proof: Student ID, name of institution, date you became a full-time student, school transcript showing full-time status.

3. STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL TIME OUTSIDE OF COLORADO
   a. Requirements: You must meet Colorado residency requirements and be attending an accredited school outside of Colorado, paying nonresident tuition.
   b. Proof: Student ID, name of institution, date you became a full-time student, proof of out-of-state tuition payment.

4. MILITARY: STATIONED IN COLORADO
   a. Requirements: You must be active-duty military stationed in Colorado. Military member’s spouse and/or dependents share the same residency status. Residency begins the date the orders begin.
   b. Proof: Military ID and orders.

5. MILITARY: COLORADO HOME OF RECORD
   a. Requirements: You must be active-duty military stationed outside of Colorado, but with Colorado as your home of record, paying income tax as a Colorado resident. Military member’s spouse and/or dependents share the same residency status.
   b. Proof: Military ID and orders.

6. YOUTH
   Children under the age of 18 have the same residency status as their parent, legal guardian or person with whom they live the majority of the time per court order.

OTHER RESIDENCY INFORMATION

1. ADDITIONAL RESIDENCY PROOFS
   If you otherwise meet residency requirements but your Colorado driver’s license or ID was issued or renewed less than 6 months ago, or you have a CPW-approved religious exemption to photo identification on your record, you must provide at least two additional proofs of residency showing 6 consecutive months of Colorado residency immediately prior to buying or applying for a license. Those proofs include: income sources (pay stubs), utility bills, state income tax documents (as a full-time resident), lease agreements/rent receipts, motor vehicle registration, voter registration.

2. MULTIPLE HOMES
   If you have a home in Colorado and another location, call 303-297-1192 to make sure you comply with Colorado residency requirements before obtaining a CPW license or state park pass.

HABITAT STAMPS

Habitat Stamps are $11.50 and only one is required per person, per year for anyone ages 18–64. Stamps are valid March 1–March 31 (13 months).
- You must purchase a stamp before buying or applying for a hunting or fishing license.
- A lifetime stamp is available for $345.36.
- Anyone who is approved in the Columbine, First Responder, Veteran and/or Big Game Mobility Impaired programs is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See cpw.info/accessibility
- Learn more online: cpw.info/habitat-stamp

ANGLERS WITH DISABILITIES

CPW offers several programs for hunters and anglers with disabilities. Go to cpw.info/accessibility for more information on each program and how to apply.

These programs require advance legal paperwork submissions: Please apply at least 30 days prior to when you wish to use the permit or license. Due to volume, applications cannot be expedited.

RESIDENT COLUMBINE FISHING LIFETIME PROGRAM
Colorado residents who are totally and permanently disabled can apply for a free lifetime fishing license.

RESIDENT FIRST RESPONDER LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE
Colorado resident first responders who have proof of a permanent occupational disability can qualify for the First Responder program to obtain a free lifetime fishing or combo small game/fishing license.

RESIDENT DISABLED VETERAN LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE
Military veterans who have a service-connected disability (with an overall combined rating of 60% or more by the Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs) and are residents of Colorado can obtain a free lifetime fishing or combo small game/fishing license.

HELP IMPROVE YOUR FISHERIES

SOME FISH SPECIES ARE GOOD WHERE THEY BELONG, BUT IN THE WRONG BODY OF WATER THEY CAN RUIN A FISHERY.
- CPW biologists are no longer stocking fish in some waters because illegally introduced fish can compete with and/or eat fish that would normally be stocked. Fish are stocked by CPW in other waters to ensure better use of your license dollars. CPW hatcheries are also raising larger-sized fish to stock so that illegally introduced fish have a smaller chance of eating stocked fish. This situation results in increased expenses to CPW, and fewer fish available to anglers.
- In the wrong place, some fish species can change the entire ecosystem, reducing the quality of fishing overall and interfering with CPW fishery management.
- Unlimited bag and possession limits are often established to aid in the management of species that were illegally stocked and/or not compatible with CPW fishery management.
- For waters with no bag and possession limits for certain species, anglers are encouraged to catch and keep these fish.

HERE ARE SOME WATERS WHERE YOU CAN KEEP ALL YOU CATCH OF CERTAIN SPECIES:
- Crawford Reservoir: northern pike
- Elkhead Reservoir: northern pike; smallmouth bass
- Green Mountain Reservoir: northern pike
- Harvey Gap Reservoir: northern pike; smallmouth bass
- Juniata Reservoir: smallmouth bass
- Kenney Reservoir: northern pike
- Ridgway Reservoir: smallmouth bass
- Rifle Gap Reservoir: northern pike; smallmouth bass
- Stagecoach Reservoir: northern pike; smallmouth bass; walleye
- Wolford Mountain Reservoir: northern pike
- Many other rivers and lakes on the West Slope have no bag and possession limits for certain species. See pages 11–39 of this brochure.
GENERAL INFORMATION

WILD TROUT PROGRAM

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

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

To assure the continuation and availability of wild self-sustaining trout populations, the Parks and Wildlife Commission has established specific management guidelines for those aquatic habitats which support all life stages of trout. These waters are to be managed to the extent possible to maintain these wild trout populations.

GOLD MEDAL WATERS

Gold Medal Waters are the highest quality cold-water habitats and have the capability to produce many quality-sized (14 inches or longer) trout.

CPW has established criteria and management guidelines to support the public interest in angling, observing and protecting these significant cold-water fishery resources.

Gold Medal Waters are defined as any river or lake which is producing a standing stock of at least 60 pounds per acre and at least 12 trout that are 14 inches or longer per acre on a sustained basis. River segments designated as Gold Medal Waters must be a minimum of 2 miles in length, and lakes must be a minimum of 50 acres.

The following lakes and streams in Colorado offer the greatest potential for trophy trout fishing!

GOLD MEDAL STREAMS

• ANIMAS RIVER: From Lightner Creek to Rivera Crossing bridge.
• ARKANSAS RIVER:
  ▶ From the confluence with the Lake Fork of the Arkansas, near Leadville, downstream to Parkdale at the U.S. 50 bridge crossing above the Royal Gorge.
  ▶ From the U.S. 24 river overpass downstream to the lower boundary of Hayden Ranch, as posted.
  ▶ From the stockyard bridge (Chaffee CR 102) below Salida downstream 7.5 miles to the confluence with Badger Creek.
• BLUE RIVER:
  ▶ From Dillon Reservoir dam to Hamilton Creek Road bridge.
  ▶ From Green Mountain Reservoir dam to the Colorado River.
• COLORADO RIVER:
  ▶ From Fraser River to Troublesome Creek.
  ▶ From Canyon Creek (Grand Co.) to Rock Creek.
• FRYINGPAN RIVER: From Ruedi Reservoir dam to the Roaring Fork River.
• GORE CREEK: From Red Sandstone Creek to Eagle River.
• GUNNISON RIVER:
  ▶ From Almont to the U.S. 50 bridge.
  ▶ From 200 yards downstream of Crystal Reservoir dam to the North Fork of the Gunnison.
• NORTH PLATTE RIVER: From the south boundary of Routt National Forest to Wyoming (Northgate Canyon).
• RIO GRANDE: From the Colo. 149 bridge at South Fork downstream to the Rio Grande Canal diversion structure.
• ROARING FORK RIVER: From the Fryingpan River to the Colorado River.
• SOUTH PLATTE RIVER:
  ▶ From the confluence of the Middle and South Forks to the Spinney Mountain Reservoir inlet.
  ▶ From the Spinney Mountain Reservoir outlet to the Eleven Mile Reservoir inlet.
  ▶ From Cheesman Reservoir dam to the south boundary of the Wigwam Club property.
  ▶ From the north boundary of the Wigwam Club property to the Scraggy View picnic ground.
  ▶ Middle Fork, from the Colo. 9 bridge to the South Fork confluence.
• NEW TAYLOR RIVER: From Taylor Park Reservoir dam to Almont.

GOLD MEDAL LAKES

• NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE in Jackson Co.
• SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR in Park Co.
• STEAMBOAT LAKE in Routt Co.

STREAM SURVEYS

STREAM SURVEYS HELP BIOLOGISTS MANAGE FISHING

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is the state agency responsible for fisheries management of public waters in Colorado. The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake and stream survey. These surveys periodically monitor fish populations.

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

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

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

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

MORE ABOUT HOW FISHERY BIOLOGISTS SAMPLE FISH:

cpw.info/fishery-management

FISHERY DATA FOR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE COLORADO WATERS:

cpw.info/fishery-data

WILD TROUT & GOLD MEDAL WATERS POLICY:

cpw.info/gold-medal-policy
AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS)
DON’T LET INVASIVE SPECIES RUIN YOUR FAVORITE FISHING SPOT
Aquatic nuisance species (ANS) are a significant and rapidly-growing threat to Colorado’s fisheries and water supplies. ANS are invasive animals, plants and diseases that are not native to our rivers, lakes, streams and wetlands. Once introduced, most ANS cannot be eradicated and cost millions to manage. Preventing the introduction and spread of ANS is critical to maintaining our fisheries.

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES ALERTS: cpw.info/ans-alerts

ANS STAMP: Required for motorboats and sailboats
To help CPW detect, prevent and manage aquatic nuisance species in Colorado’s waters, and to protect human health, safety and welfare from aquatic nuisance species, each motorboat or sailboat must have an ANS stamp before launching in Colorado waters. Boat owners are required to purchase the ANS Stamp, and boat operators must retain proof of purchase (an electronic or printed receipt) on their person, motorboat or sailboat when operating the vehicle.
► RESIDENTS: Boaters registering in Colorado will purchase the ANS Stamp at the time of registration, renewal online, or at any CPW office or state park. Residents with motorboats or sailboats documented by the U.S. Coast Guard or otherwise exempt from in-state registration can purchase the ANS stamp online at cpw.info/buy-apply, or in person at any CPW office, state park or sales agent.
► NONRESIDENTS: Nonresidents can purchase the ANS stamp online at cpw.info/buy-apply, or in person at any CPW office, state park or sales agent.

ATTENTION BOATERS
ANS can hitchhike on boats and gear, being introduced into new waters accidentally. Inspect your boat between uses and make sure it is clean, drained and dry. Colorado has a mandatory boat-inspection program. Your boat must be inspected if:
1. The boat has been in any water that is positive or suspect for ANS.
2. The boat has been in any water body outside of Colorado.
3. The boat will enter any water where inspections are required.

DISINFECTING YOUR GEAR
Don’t move or transport fish or plants. Remove any fish, plants or mud from your boat or gear. Drain all water and any other place on boats or equipment that might hold water.

LEARN HOW TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF RUSTY CRAYFISH:
REPORT IT
If you find what you think is an invasive species on your boat or in a body of water, report it to CPW by emailing: invasive.species@state.co.us, or call: 303-291-7295!

RUSTY CRAYFISH
AGGRESSIVE AND OPPORTUNISTIC
Crayfish are not native to parts of Colorado, yet they have become established in many waters throughout the state. Rusty crayfish endanger aquatic native species and sportfish by:
► PREYING on all life stages of fish, amphibians and invertebrates and other species of crayfish.
► COMPETING aggressively for habitat and food.
► DESTROYING productive habitat in our streams, ponds and lakes.
Crayfish can be taken for personal consumption, but care should be taken with their use and disposal.
► Even though crayfish can be taken live east of the Continental Divide, it is recommended that the tails of all crayfish be removed immediately and packed in ice for transport.
► Do not throw unused bait crayfish, or bait of any kind, back in the water alive.

LIVE TRANSPORT PROHIBITED
FROM WATERS WEST OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE
All crayfish caught west of the Continental Divide must be immediately killed (by removing the head from the thorax) and taken into possession, or immediately returned to the water from which they were taken.
AT SANCHEZ RESERVOIR SWA
Rusty crayfish have been discovered at Sanchez Reservoir State Wildlife Area (SWA) in Costilla Co. To prevent their spread within and beyond this area, a CPW order prevents the transport of any live crayfish from Sanchez Reservoir SWA.

MORE ON INVASIVE SPECIES: cpw.info/invasive-species
MORE ON THE ANS STAMP: cpw.info/boating-registration
**FISHING TERMS GLOSSARY**

- **ARTIFICIAL FLIES AND LURES** means devices made entirely of, or a combination of, natural or synthetic nonedible, nonscented materials (regardless if the scent is added in the manufacturing process or applied afterward), or materials such as wood, plastic, silicone, rubber, epoxy, glass, hair, metal, feathers or fiber, designed to attract fish. This does not include anything defined as bait below.

- **BAIT** means any hand-moldable material designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell; those devices to which scents or smell attractants have been added or externally applied (regardless if the scent is added in the manufacturing process or applied afterward) and 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.

- **CHUMMING** is placing fish, parts of fish or other feeding material in the waters for the purpose of attracting fish to a particular area in order that they might be taken. This does not include fishing with baited hooks or live traps.

- **COMMON HOOK** is any hook or multiple hooks having a common shank. All hooks attached to a manufactured artificial lure are considered a common hook.

- **FISHING** is defined as efforts to take fish, amphibians or crustaceans, including by hook and line, wading, wading-line, trot-line, jug, seine, net, underwater spearfishing, archery, snagging or gigging.

- **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.

- **GAME FISH** means all species of fish (except unregulated species and prohibited non-game, endangered and threatened species), which currently exist or may be introduced into the state and which are classified as game fish by the Parks and Wildlife Commission. This includes, but is not limited to, brown, brook, cutthroat, golden, lake (Mackinaw), and rainbow trout; cutbrow (rainbow/cutthroat hybrids); spangle (lake trout/brook trout hybrids) and tiger trout (brown/brook trout hybrids); Arctic char; grayling; kokanee salmon; whitefish; sculpin; smallmouth, largemouth, spotted, striped and white bass; wiper (striped bass/white bass hybrids); carp; bullhead, blue, channel and flathead catfish; black and white crappie; drum; northern pike; tiger muskie; Sacramento and yellow perch; sauger; saugeye (walleye/sauger hybrids; speckled dace; rainbow smelt; tench; walleye; bluegill; bluegill hybrids (bluegill/green sunfish)); green, reed and pumpkinseed sunfish; gizzard shad; longnose and white suckers; and minnows.

- **GIG** is a barbed fork with one or more tines attached to a handle.

- **JUGS** are floats to which are attached a line and common hook.

- **MINNOW** means all members of the families of fish classified Cyprinidae (which includes, but is not limited to: carp, chub, dace, fathead minnow, shiner, stoneroller and tench), Cyprinodontidae (including but not limited to: killifish) and Clupeidae (gizzard shad), except those designated as nongame, threatened or endangered, or those designated as nonregulated. See pages 8–9, and Chapters 10 and 11 of CPW regulations online.

- **NATURAL STREAM** is one where water naturally flows regularly or intermittently for at least part of the year. Man-made ditches or other channels are not considered natural streams.

- **NET** means seine, dip net, gill net, cast net, trap net, hoop net or similar devices used to take or as an aid in taking fish, amphibians or crustaceans.

- **PERSONALLY ATTENDED LINE** means a rod and line, wading, wading-line, trot-line, jug, seine, net, underwater spearfishing, archery, snagging or gigging.

- **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.

- **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.

- **SLINGBOW** means a hand-held device, not drawn or held mechanically, with the arms or attachment points to which an elastic band is attached for propelling an arrow. Also includes string releases or mechanical releases which are hand-drawn and handheld, with no other attachment or connection to the slingbow other than to the bowstring. Wrist-brace attachments are considered normal components of a slingbow.

- **SNAGGING** is the taking of fish by snatching with hooks, gang hooks, artificial flies or lures, or similar devices where the fish is hooked in a part of the body other than the mouth.

- **TROT-LINE** is a single, anchored line with a float at each end from which droplines are attached.
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## STATE RECORDS PROGRAMS

CPW recognizes licensed anglers who catch exceptionally large fish through three separate programs: Records by Weight, Records by Length (release only) and Master Angler. Learn more at: cpw.info/fishing-records

### STATE RECORDS BY WEIGHT

State Records by Weight is Colorado’s original and oldest fishing recognition program. Fish records are tracked by weight in 49 different species categories (see table at left). If an angler catches a large fish that they believe may have broken the weight record in its species, there are a series of steps that must be taken to have the fish certified as a new state record:

- Potential record holders must have a valid Colorado fishing license or be under the age of 16.
- The catch must be made in Colorado in compliance with all state fishing rules and regulations.
- The fish in question must be weighed on a state-certified scale (pounds and ounces). State-certified scales are available at the four CPW regional offices: NE, NW, SE, SW.
- The fish, not frozen, gutted or altered in any way, must be examined, identified and the application signed by a CPW employee before an application is submitted. The employee will fill out and return the application form, picture of fish on scale showing weight, weight receipt of fish when possible and picture of fish on a length-measuring device to the Assistant Chief of Hatcheries in Denver.
- Validated record applicants will receive a lapel pin.
- Applications can be sent to: Record Fish Program, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Attn: Assistant Chief of Hatcheries, 6060 Broadway, Denver CO 80216.

See records and more information on qualifying: cpw.info/fish-weight-records

### MEASURE YOUR CATCH

Fish must be hooked, played and landed on sport tackle by the entrant. (Snagged fish are not eligible.) Only fish caught in Colorado are eligible for entry and must be submitted within 60 days of catch, and all state fishing regulations must be followed. See the State Records by Length table and more information on the program on the next page.

To accurately measure a fish for a length record:

- You MUST place the fish directly on the measuring device (ruler, tape measure, etc.). As pictured below, the measuring device shall be behind or under the fish and not following the curvature of the fish.
- You MUST align the fish at a clearly-marked area of the measuring device. In the image below, the 1-inch mark is used to clearly and accurately indicate the starting point for measurement.
- You MUST place fish on its side with the jaw closed.
- You MUST squeeze the tail fin together to obtain the maximum overall length.
- You MUST measure a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme tip of the tail fin.
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### State Records by Length

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

Prior to Jan. 2020, the fish that were considered for the Records by Length program came through our Master Angler program (see below). The Master Angler program did not have enough length verification requirements to verify the size of the fish before it was released. Because of this, the validity of some catches was brought into question.

Since Jan. 2020, our Records by Length program has been a stand-alone program where specific steps must be followed for record submission and acceptance. Unlike the Records by Weight program, these fish MUST BE REJECTED in order to qualify. Only submissions showing properly measured fish will be accepted. See “Measure Your Catch” on the previous page of this brochure. Find more information on qualifying lengths and the submission process online: [cpw.info/fish-length-records](http://cpw.info/fish-length-records)

### Master Angler Program

The Master Angler Program was designed to recognize anglers for success in their sport, as well as to promote the conservation of fishery resources and quality fishing by encouraging the careful release of trophy-sized popular sport species.

Master Angler awards are based on fish weight rather than length; this allows anglers to measure fish and return them to the water alive if they choose to do so. There are 46 categories of species recognized in this program, and there can be more than one Master Angler award given in each category every year. See award lengths table below. Anglers who catch a qualifying-length fish will get a Master Angler certificate and patch; only one patch per angler, per year. For more information on the program, including application rules, and to see the Heritage Master Angler Lengths table online, go to: [cpw.info/master-angler](http://cpw.info/master-angler)

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### Master Angler Program

The Master Angler Program was designed to recognize anglers for success in their sport, as well as to promote the conservation of fishery resources and quality fishing by encouraging the careful release of trophy-sized popular sport species.

Master Angler awards are based on fish length rather than weight; this allows anglers to measure fish and return them to the water alive if they choose to do so.

There are 46 categories of species recognized in this program, and there can be more than one Master Angler award given in each category every year. See award lengths table below. Anglers who catch a qualifying-length fish will get a Master Angler certificate and patch; only one patch per angler, per year. For more information on the program, including application rules, and to see the Heritage Master Angler Lengths table online, go to [cpw.info/master-angler](http://cpw.info/master-angler)

### Award Lengths for Master Angler:

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FISHING LAWS

LEGAL FISHING METHODS

1. ONE PERSONALLY-ATTENDED LINE: Each line shall have only three common hooks attached.

2. TROT-LINES
   a. Permitted only on these reservoirs (as listed in this brochure): Adobe Creek, Bonny, Henry, Horse Creek, John Martin, Meredith, Neé Gronda, Neé Noshe, Neé So Pah, Queens (North and South), Thurston and Two Buttes.
   b. No one may use more than one trot-line.
   c. Must be anchored, marked at each end by floats, be no longer than 150 feet with no more than 25 droplines and shall be weighted to place the line at least 3 feet under water.
   d. Only three barbed hooks allowed on a common hook on each dropline.
   e. Must be tagged with the user’s CID number and date set, or user’s name when CID is unavailable.
   f. All trot-lines shall be personally checked at least once in every 24-hour period.

3. JUGS
   a. Permitted only on these reservoirs (as listed in this brochure): Adobe Creek, Bonny, Henry, Horse Creek, John Martin, Meredith, Neé Gronda, Neé Noshe, Neé So Pah, Queens (North and South), Thurston and Two Buttes.
   b. Only 10 jugs are allowed for each license holder, each with only one single line and one common hook.
   c. Must be tagged with the user’s CID number or name when CID is unavailable.
   d. Must be personally checked at least once an hour.

4. UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING, ARCHERY, SLINGBOWS AND GIGS
   Bow anglers are advised to reference the current State Recreation Lands brochure for more regulations on waters that allow archery fishing.

   a. Underwater spearfishing, archery, slingsbows and gigs may be used state-wide for the taking of carp and northern pike, except as prohibited by these regulations or land management agencies. East of the Continental Divide, gizzard shad and white or longnose suckers may also be taken, unless otherwise prohibited in “Special Regulations: Fishing Waters,” pages 11–39. Other fish may be taken when authorized for specific waters in the regulation section.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS

THREATENED, ENDANGERED & NONGAME SPECIES
If caught, these species must be returned to the water immediately.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE OR USE THE FOLLOWING:
Arkansas darter, bluehead sucker, bonytail chub, boreal toad, brassy minnow, Colorado pikeminnow, common shiner, flannelmouth sucker, flathead chub, greenback cutthroat trout, humpback chub, Iowa darter, lake chub, mollusks, mountain sucker, northern leopard frog, northern red belly dace, plains leopard frog, plains minnow, plains topminnow, plains orangethroat darter, razorback sucker, Rio Grande chub, Rio Grande sucker, river shiner, roundtail chub, southern red belly dace, stonecat, suckermouth minnow, wood frog and Woodhouse’s toad.

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

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

3. ALLOWABLE SPECIES — THE FOLLOWING AQUATIC WILDLIFE MAY BE POSSESSED BY ANY PERSON IN THE STATE OF COLORADO:
   a. AMPHIBIANS: Bullfrogs; aquatic gilled forms of tiger salamanders; any amphibians allowed under Chapter W-10 regulations; any amphibian designated as unregulated wildlife under Chapter W-11 regulations: cpw.info/regulations
   b. Archery and slingsbows may be used to take kokanee if a water is otherwise open to snagging. In such cases, the following applies:
      1. Bows must have reel, fishing line and arrow attached to bow.
      2. Bows must have an arrow safety-slide mechanism that keeps fishing line in front of the arrow at all times.
   c. Additional restrictions apply to underwater spearfishing:
      1. CO2 guns or cartridge-powered spears are prohibited.
      2. Guns must be loaded and unloaded while the gun is submerged.
      3. Divers must stay within a radius of 100 feet of a float bearing the National Divers’ Symbol.
   d. Spears must be attached by a safety line.

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

6. SEINES AND CAST-NET
   See “Use and Collection of Bait Fish,” below and next page.
   a. Seines are allowed only for bait fish, gilled form of aquatic tiger salamander larvae and crayfish, or, if authorized, for emergency salvage.
   b. Seines must be made of a quarter-inch or less nonmetallic square mesh.
   c. Seines cannot exceed 20 feet long and 4 feet in depth.

7. BY HAND OR WITH DIP NETS
   See “Use and Collection of Bait Fish,” below and next page.
   a. Allowed for bullfrogs, crayfish and the gilled form of aquatic tiger salamander larvae.
   b. Fish may be taken by these means or others approved by CPW for emergency salvage.
   c. Hand-held dip nets may be used for taking bait fish according to restrictions.

8. LIVETRAPS
   See “Use and Collection of Bait Fish,” below and next page.
   Cage or box traps, including set pots, shall be used only for the taking of crayfish, snapping turtles and fish captured as bait fish or for personal consumption. Traps must be tagged with the user’s CID number or name when CID is unavailable.

9. ARTIFICIAL LIGHT may be used as a fishing aid.

10. BAIT may be used where permitted as a fishing aid, except by chumming.

4. USE AND COLLECTION OF BAIT FISH:
   a. Except as otherwise noted in this brochure, in waters east of the Continental Divide and below 7,000 feet elevation, live fish collected for use as bait may only be used in the same body of water from which they were collected. In addition, collection and use is allowed in any man-made
5. ICE FISHING: The following rules apply to waters open for ice fishing:

a. Ice-fishing holes cannot exceed 10 inches in diameter, or 10 inches on any side.

b. All fires on the ice must be enclosed in a container.

c. No litter allowed on the ice.

d. Portable ice-fishing shelters (where permitted) must be removed at the end of the day.

e. Permanent ice-fishing shelters (where permitted) must display the name and CID number of the owner or user on the outside of the shelter facing the shore. Writing must be in legible, contrasting-color letters at least 2 inches high.

6. TAGGING FISH AND RELEASING TAGGED FISH: It is illegal to tag or mark a fish prior to releasing it. It is also illegal to release tagged or marked fish, except for approved contests, into public waters. Tagged or marked fish can be released in public waters for scientific research with written application and approval by CPW at least 30 days before release.

7. DONATING FISH: You can donate edible parts of fish to like-license holders anywhere or to anyone at the recipient’s home. Donor and recipient subject to bag and possession limits. A “like-license” is a Colorado fishing license.

8. TRANSPORTING AND EXPORTING FISH: The license holder must accompany any species in this brochure, or parts of game fish, that are transported within or exported from Colorado. Wildlife shipped by common carrier must be accompanied by license or photocopy of license and donation certificate, if needed.

9. ILLEGAL TAKE AND TRANSFER OF FISH: Only people designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may take fish, amphibians, mollusks or crustaceans within the boundaries of any Federal fish hatchery or rearing unit. Molesting, disturbing or damaging gill nets, traps, seines or trot lines by CPW is prohibited.

10. EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF FISHING WATERS: Emergency closure of waters may be authorized for up to nine months when environmental conditions in these waters warrant and fishing could result in unacceptable levels of fish mortality. Public notice will be given if waters are closed and notice will be posted at the site. Closures may occur when any of these criteria are met:

a. Measured stream flows are 50 percent or less of the daily average flow.

b. Daily minimum dissolved oxygen levels are below 6 parts per million (ppm).

c. Fungus and other visible signs of deterioration and/or stress may be present.

d. Daily minimum dissolved oxygen levels are below 6 parts per million (ppm).

11. PROTECTED WATERS: Fishing may be prohibited as posted to protect threatened or endangered species, spawning areas, waters used in CPW research projects, newly-acquired access to fishing waters and the integrity of aquatic wildlife.

12. EMERGENCY PUBLIC SALVAGE: If substantial numbers of fish are in imminent danger of being lost, CPW can allow licensed anglers to take fish during daylight hours. Public notice will be given, and notice will be posted at the site regarding the catch limit and approved fishing methods.

13. FISHING CONTESTS: Fishing contests cannot be advertised, promoted or conducted without CPW approval if the purpose is to take marked or tagged fish released in waters open to public fishing.

Applications and a $40 nonrefundable fee must be made 60 days before the contest. Written approval must be obtained from landowners or agencies before applying. Contests are not permitted on streams, rivers, other flowing water or Gold Medal Waters, or commercial or private lakes licensed by CPW. All standard fishing regulations apply.

Contests for tagged or marked trout will be permitted only on waters greater than 200 surface acres and managed as a catchable fishery. Public fishing areas will remain open during a contest, regardless of contest fees. Sponsors shall document the number of participants, average time spent fishing and estimated total catch by species in a written report for CPW within 20 days of the contest end.
STATEWIDE BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS

THREATENED, ENDANGERED & NONGAME SPECIES
If caught, these species must be returned to the water immediately.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE OR USE THE FOLLOWING:

READING THE LIMITS CHART
Statewide limits for species are listed in the chart to the right. Species not on this chart have no bag or possession limits or are restricted or illegal to take. See “Special Conditions and Restrictions,” page 8.

Some waters have more restrictive limits than what is listed on the chart. See “Special Regulations: Fishing Waters,” pages 11–39, for the area you plan to fish to learn more about specific waters. If a water is not on the list or no bag limit is specified, these statewide limits apply.

FISHING IN STATE PARKS & NATIONAL PARKS
Fishing is available at most of Colorado’s state parks. If you plan a fishing trip to these waters, check the CPW Park Finder for any additional entrance fees and restrictions that may apply where you’re going; cpw.info/park-finder

National parks also offer fishing opportunities around the state, but may have different bag limits and regulations. One example of this is at Rocky Mountain National Park. There, you will need a CPW fishing license but restrictions will be specific to the park. Before you plan your trip, check regulations online at: nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/fishing.htm

Fishing is available at more than 270 national wildlife refuges, 29 national fish hatcheries and many other U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service lands and waters. Certain refuges may have individual restrictions. Plan your trip by researching specific restrictions online: fws.gov/fishing

DAILY BAG LIMIT
Maximum number of fish you can take in a day, regardless of what you do with them that day. Fish caught and placed on a stringer, in a container or live well, or not returned to the same water immediately, do count in your daily bag or possession limit. Fish released immediately are not part of the limit.

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

STATEWIDE LIMITS

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

See “Special Regulations: Fishing Waters” section for waters with more restrictive limits, pages 11-39.

MAP: WIPER/WHITE BASS & WALLEYE/SAUGEYE BAG LIMITS
The map below outlines the general areas of the Arkansas and South Republican River drainages (green) and the South Platte and North Republican drainages (yellow). If you are fishing for wiper, white bass, walleye or saugeye in these areas, the daily bag and possession limits are different for the two areas on the map. See the Statewide Limits chart at right for details.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS: FISHING WATERS

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

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

THE FOLLOWING WATERS AND CPW PROPERTIES HAVE MORE RESTRICTIVE FISHING REGULATIONS THAN STANDARD BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS, MANNER OF TAKE, FISHING HOURS, ETC.

If a specific water doesn’t appear in this list, statewide regulations (page 10) apply.

ATTENTION! This brochure includes fishing regulations. State wildlife areas have additional access and land regulations. If you plan to visit a SWA, you must consult CPW’s current State Recreation Lands brochure for specific property regulations.

Special regulations are designed to provide the best fishing and maintain the long-term welfare of fish. They include bag limits, size limits and harvest restrictions.

By reducing bag limits and requiring that certain fish be returned to water, larger fish may result. While many streams and rivers support a daily bag limit, anglers are asked to reduce their harvest by practicing voluntary, selective harvest.

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

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
2. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

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

1. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 1, 12 inches long.
Walleye and saugeye are open Sept. 15-Dec. 1. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long. Largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

Rainbow trout and cutbow must be returned to water immediately.

Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

Artificial flies and lures only.

DOWNSTREAM TO USFS BOUNDARY:
FROM THE HEADWATERS AND UNNAMED TRIBUTARY STREAM

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BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT FOR CRAPPIE AND REDEAR SUNFISH IS 10 FISH IN AGGREGATE, MIN. OF 10 INCHES LONG.

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FISHING PROHIBITED.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BEAVER CREEK RESERVOIR — RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 27

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

BEAVER DAMS CREEK — OURAY
MAP: PAGE 21
FROM THE HEADWATERS AND UNNAMED TRIBUTARY STREAM DOWNSTREAM TO USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

BERTHOUD RESERVOIR — LARIMER
1. Bag, possession limit for crappie and redear sunfish is 10 fish in aggregate, min. of 10 inches long.
2. Largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

BESWICK POND — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Fishing prohibited.
**BIG THOMPSON PONDS — LARIMER**
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in aggregate, 15 inches long.

**BIG THOMPSON RIVER — LARIMER**
FROM THE BASE OF OLYMPUS DAM AT LAKE ESTES DOWNSWEEP TO BRIDGE AT WALTONIA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

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

**BLUE MESA RESERVOIR — GUNNISON**
**MAP**: PAGES 19, 21
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. No bag or possession limit for lake trout.
3. Only 1 lake trout longer than 32 inches may be taken per day.
5. Bag limit for kokanee is 5.
6. Possession limit for kokanee is 10.

**BLUE RIVER — GRAND, SUMMIT**
**MAP**: PAGE 13
FROM DILLON RESERVOIR DAM TO HAMILTON CREEK ROAD BRIDGE
FROM THE NORTH INLET AT SUMMIT CR 3 (COYNE VALLEY ROAD 3 MILES NORTH OF BRECKENRIDGE) DOWNSWEEP TO DILLON RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM DILLON DAM DOWNSWEEP TO NORTH CITY LIMITS OF SILVERTHORNE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM NORTH CITY LIMITS OF SILVERTHORNE DOWNSWEEP TO COLO. 9 BRIDGE OVER THE BLUE RIVER AT BLUE RIVER STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM COLO. 9 BRIDGE OVER THE BLUE RIVER AT BLUE RIVER STATE WILDLIFE AREA DOWNSWEEP TO GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET:

**BOBBY CRICK TIDAL AREA**: STATEWIDE REGULATIONS APPLY TO ALL WATERS EXCEPT:
1. No bag or possession limit for any game fish species.
2. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

**BOBDY CRICK — GRAND**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSWEEP TO THE DENVER WATER BOARD DIVERSION:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**BOEDECKER RESERVOIR — LARIMER**
1. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

**BONNY RESERVOIR — YUMA**
**NOTE**: At publication, this reservoir is dry and not expected to be refilled.
1. No bag or possession limit for any game fish species.
2. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

**BOSS LAKE — CHAFFEE**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
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2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

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4. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam or walleye spawning nets Mar. 1–April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are complete.

5. Fishing prohibited on ponds in dog off-leash area.

1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1–April 30.

5. Ice fishing is prohibited.

1. Fishing is prohibited from Dec. 1–Feb. 28.

2. Fishing access is restricted to the parking lot, the trail and up to 50 feet from the water line from March 1–Aug. 15.

3. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.

4. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

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4. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam or walleye spawning nets Mar. 1–April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are complete.

- CHEYENNE CREEK, NORTH — EL PASO, TELLER
  FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO GOLD CAMP ROAD:
  1. Fishing prohibited.

- CIMARRON RIVER — MONTROSE
  MAP: PAGE 21

- CLEAR CREEK — CHAFFEE
  MAP: PAGE 12
  FROM THE GAUGING STATION (APPROXIMATELY 0.5 MILE ABOVE CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR) DOWNSTREAM TO CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR:

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

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

- CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR — CHAFFEE
  MAP: PAGE 12

- CLEAR FORK OF MUDDY CREEK — GUNNISON
  MAP: PAGE 20
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

- CLIFF CREEK — GUNNISON
  MAP: PAGE 20
  FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH SOUTH PRONG CLIFF CREEK:
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- CLINE RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREA — PARK
  (See Tarryall Creek on page 37.)
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

- CLINTON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT
  MAP: PAGE 13
  1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

- COCHETOPA CREEK — SAGUACHE
  MAP: PAGE 19
  WITHIN COCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SNYDER RANCH):
  1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

- COLORADO RIVER — GARFIELD, EAGLE, GRAND, MESA
  MAPS: PAGES 16, 22, 28
  FROM LAKE GRANBY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO TROUBLESOME CREEK AND FROM CANYON CREEK (GRAND CO.) TO ROCK CREEK.
  FROM THE U.S. 40 BRIDGE APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES WEST OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS:
  1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
  2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.
  FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE WILLIAMS FORK RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:
  1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
  2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

- GOLD MEDAL WATER - Gore Creek from confluence with Red Sandstone Creek to Eagle River

continued on page 17
Upper Colorado River - Headwaters to Radium

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Grand Lake - 4 lake trout limit; Only 1 lake trout greater than 36 inches; All lake trout 26 - 36 inches must be released; Portable ice fishing shelters only; Gaffs and tail snare prohibited
- Lake Granby - 4 lake trout limit; From Jan. 1 - Aug. 31, limit for trout (except lake trout) is 4, singly or in aggregate; From Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, limit for trout (except lake trout) is 4, singly or in aggregate; From Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, limit for kokanee is 10; Snagging kokanee permitted from Sept. 1 - Dec. 31 except in Columbine Bay from the inlet of Twin Creek upstream; Gaffs and tail snare prohibited; Portable ice fishing shelters only
- Columbine Bay, Lake Granby - Fishing prohibited Oct. 15 - Nov. 30 from the Twin Creek inlet upstream
- Meadow Creek Reservoir - Bag, possession and min. size limit for tiger trout is 1, 18 inches long.
- Shadow Mountain Reservoir - Portable ice fishing shelters only
- Williams Fork Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Dec. 31; Northern pike from 26 - 34 inches must be released; Use of spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs prohibited for take of northern pike; 8 lake trout limit; Only 1 lake trout greater than 36 inches; Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15 - Nov. 30 from inlet buoy line to Grand Co. Rd. 330 bridge (Williams Fork Bridge Rd.)
- Willow Creek Reservoir - Portable ice fishing shelters only
- Wolford Mountain Reservoir - Access prohibited within 150 feet of any kokanee spawning trap or wing net Oct. 1 - Dec. 1.

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- A - Flyfishing only; All cutthroat must be released
- B - Flyfishing only; All rainbow trout must be released
- C - 2 trout limit
- D - Flyfishing only; All trout must be released
- E - Snagging prohibited; Fishing prohibited Oct. 15 - Nov. 30
- F - Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15 - Nov. 30; Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Sept. 14 and Dec. 1 - Dec. 31; Northern pike from 24 - 36 inches must be released
- G - Flyfishing only; All trout must be released; *Non-native fish regulation
- H - 2 trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation

Gold Medal Water - Colorado River from Fraser River confluence to Troublesome Creek confluence

*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
The rugged topography of the Rocky Mountain West has led to stream isolation and, in turn, the evolution of 14 recognized subspecies of cutthroat trout, making it the most diverse and wide-ranging trout species in North America.

The greenback, Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat trout still call Colorado home, but all three have endured dramatic reductions in their native ranges, primarily due to the introduction of nonnative trout.

Rainbow trout hybridize with native cutthroat trout, while brook and brown trout tend to replace them in streams and rivers where they occur together.

All three cutthroat trout subspecies are either currently listed or have been petitioned to be listed under the Endangered Species Act as a result. In an effort to preserve the legacy of these prized game fish, multiagency conservation teams have been established for each subspecies. Aquatic biologists on these teams use a variety of conservation measures to reclaim historic habitats and establish new populations.

PROTECTED CUTHROAT WATERS

Various cutthroat waters, specifically those considered Cutthroat Conservation and Recreation Waters, are protected throughout the state.

In these waters, fishing is allowed by artificial flies and lures only, and all cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch. These restrictions protect the growing number of cutthroat trout streams and lakes that are being included in conservation and recovery efforts.

CPW recommends anglers disinfect waders and other fishing gear between uses (see page 4) to limit the spread of aquatic nuisance species and their potential to negatively impact cutthroat trout.
Conejos and Alamosa River Drainages

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit

Kerr Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
Rock Lake - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
To Lake City

To Saguache

To Salida

Upper Gunnison Basin - Taylor Park Reservoir to Blue Mesa Reservoir

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
1. Flyfishing only; All cutthroat must be released
2. Flyfishing only; All trout must be released
3. Fishing prohibited as posted
4. Flyfishing only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches; No taking of kokanee
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6. Flyfishing only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches; All rainbow trout must be released; No taking of kokanee Aug. 1- Oct. 31; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31
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8. Flyfishing only; All fish must be released
9. Flyfishing only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches; All rainbow trout must be released
10. 2 trout limit
11. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31

Gold Medal Water - Taylor River from Taylor Park Reservoir dam downstream to Almont and Gunnison River from Almont to US-50 bridge

To Buena Vista

To Saguache

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Blue Mesa Reservoir - Ice fishing shelters must be portable; No bag or possession limit for lake trout; Only 1 lake trout over 32 inches per day; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31; Bag limit for kokanee is 5; Possession limit for kokanee is 10
Morrow Point Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31
Taylor Park Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31; Gaffs and tail snares prohibited; 3 lake trout limit; Only one lake trout over 26 inches per day

For Gunnison River regulations below Morrow Point Reservoir see Lower Gunnison Basin Map
**Lake Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Paonia Reservoir - Fishing prohibited from the top of the dam down to the boundary fence below the stilling basin.

**River Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **A** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- **B** - *Non-native fish regulation
- **C** - Fishing prohibited as posted

*Non-native fish regulation* - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

**River Regulations**

**Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:**

- **A** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- **B** - *Non-native fish regulation
- **C** - Fishing prohibited as posted

1. Artifical flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.
3. Taking kokanee prohibited except Nov. 15–Dec. 31 when snagging permitted.
4. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 feet of dam Sept. 15–Nov. 15.

**Lake Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Paonia Reservoir - Fishing prohibited from the top of the dam down to the boundary fence below the stilling basin.

**River Regulations**

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Lower Colorado River and Grand Mesa

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

**River Regulations**
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- **Colorado River Regulations**
  - **A** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
  - **B** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
  - **C** - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
  - **D** - Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - last day of Feb.

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For Colorado River Regulations above Rifle please see Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers Map
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**ELK CREEK — GARFIELD**  
**MAP: PAGE 28**  
**FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:**  

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

**EVANS CITY LAKE (RIVERSIDE PARK) — WELD**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

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**FRASER RIVER — GRAND**  
**MAP: PAGE 15**  
**FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH RED SANDSTONE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE EAGLE RIVER:**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**FRANK EASEMENT PONDS (NORTH & SOUTH) — WELD**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

**FREEMAN RESERVOIR — MOFFAT**  
**MAP: PAGE 36**  
**WITHIN 50 YARDS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE INLET AND UPSTREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE:**  

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

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

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

**FOURMILE CREEK — GARFIELD**  
**MAP: PAGE 33**  
**FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:**  

**FURR CREEK — GRAND**  
**MAP: PAGE 13**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**FURNACE LAKE — GRAND**  
1. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

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

**GRAND LAKE — GRAND**  
**MAP: PAGE 16**  
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.  
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4.  
Only 1 may be longer than 36 inches. All lake trout 26–36 inches long must be returned to water immediately.  
3. Gaffs and tail spurs prohibited.

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

**GRANEROS CREEK — PUEBLO**  
**MAP: PAGE 33**  
**FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:**  
1. Fishing prohibited.

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

**GREEN CREEK, LITTLE — GRAND, ROUTT**  
**MAP: PAGE 16**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**GREEN RIVER — MOFFAT**  
1. Bag and possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

**GRIFFITH RESERVOIR — MESA**  
**MAP: PAGE 22**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.
1. Fishing is prohibited from Sept. 1–Nov. 14.
3. Fishing prohibited as posted.


1. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
3. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SMITH FORK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.
2. Bag, possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SMITH FORK DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL AT SHERMAN:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH HIGH BRIDGE GULCH DOWNSTREAM TO THE BLM BOUNDARY BELOW “THE GATE” CAMPGROUND:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH CHERRY CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER RED BRIDGE CAMPGROUND BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE UPPER RED BRIDGE CAMPGROUND DOWNSTREAM TO BLUE MESA RESERVOIR,
2. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 130 YARDS:
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

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

GOOD PLACES TO:
- Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent & Kiowa Cos.
- Turk’s Pond, Baca Co.
- John Martin Reservoir, Bent Co.
- North Sterling Reservoir, Logan Co.
- Prewitt Reservoir, Logan & Washington Cos.
- Jumbo Reservoir, Logan & Sedgwick Cos.
- Crawford State Park, Delta Co.

Find where to catch a lunker: cpw.info/fishing-hot-spots

FROM BLUE MESA DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 225 YARDS:
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM THE CONfluence signs below BLUE MESA DAM DOWNSTREAM TO MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM:

FROM MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 130 YARDS:
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE BETWEEN THE COLORADO RIVER AND THE SMITH FORK DOWNSTREAM TO THE BLM BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to water immediately. No more than 2 largemouth bass in any bag and possession limit can be longer than 15 inches.

- Halpenbeck (Purdy Mesa) Reservoir — Mesa
- Hamilton Creek — Grand
- Hanging Lake
- Harvey Gap Reservoir — Garfield

HALLENBECK (PURDY MESA) RESERVOIR — MESA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to water immediately.

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

HANGING LAKE
1. Fishing prohibited.

HARVEY GAP RESERVOIR — GARFIELD
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag, possession limit for channel catfish is 2.
3. Use of spearfishing, slingbows, archery, gigs for take of northern pike is prohibited.
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
Joe Wright Reservoir - Fly/lure only; mini. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
Parvin Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit.
Watson Lake - Smallmouth bass minimum size is 12 inches; No live minnows.
Zimmerman Lake - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; Fishing prohibited in inlet area Jan. 1 - July 31.

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Fly/lure only.
- All cutthroat must be released.
- Fishing prohibited.
- All trout must be released.
- Fishing prohibited from Jan. 1 - July 31.

Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. 2 trout limit.
3. Fishing prohibited.
4. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 18 inches long.
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HORSESHOE RESERVOIR — LARIMER
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. No more than 1 walleye or saugeye in aggregate greater than 21 inches long may be taken per day.

HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR — LARIMER
1. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.
2. Fishing prohibited in inlet area as posted March 15–May 31.

HOTEL DRAW — SAN JUAN
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HUBBARD CREEK, MAIN — DELTA
MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO OVERLAND DITCH:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

HUBBARD CREEK, MIDDLE — DELTA
MAP: PAGE 20
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO OVERLAND DITCH:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

ILLINOIS RIVER — JACKSON
WITHIN DIAMOND J AND HARMONY RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREAS:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

JACKSON LAKE (RESERVOIR) — MORGAN
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
5. Fishing prohibited in outlet ditch below dam around rotary screen.
6. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

JAYHAWKER PONDS — LARIMER
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 5.

JERRY CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1 & 2 — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Float tubes with chest-high waders permitted.

JIM CREEK — CONEJOS
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

JOE WRIGHT CREEK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH JOE WRIGHT RESERVOIR UPSTREAM TO COLO. 14:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

JOE WRIGHT RESERVOIR — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

JOHN MARTIN RESERVOIR — BENT
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

JOHNSTOWN RESERVOIR — WELD
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

JUMBO RESERVOIR — LOGAN, SEDGWICK
1. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

JUNIATA RESERVOIR — MESA
MAP: PAGE 22
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to water immediately.

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

KERR LAKE — CONEJOS
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

KETNER LAKE — JEFFERSON
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

KINGFISHER POND (FORT COLLINS ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER) — LARIMER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

KINNEY CREEK (3 MILES EAST OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS) — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

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

LAKE CREEK — HINSDALE
FROM BIG EMERALD LAKE INLET UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 MILE:

LAKE DOROTHEY — LAS ANIMAS
WITHIN LAKE DOROTHEY STATE WILDLIFE AREA, INCLUDING SCHWACHHEIM CREEK AND ALL OTHER DRAINAGES INTO THE LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

LAKE FORK CREEK — LAKE
MAP: PAGE 12
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH GLACIER CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

LAKE GRANBY — GRAND
MAP: PAGE 16
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4.
4. Jan. 1–Aug. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee is 4, singly or in aggregate.
Upper Rio Grande Basin

Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Alberta Park Reservoir - Fly/lure only, 2 trout limit
- Beaver Creek Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1-Dec. 31
- Poage Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches
- Upper Seepage Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- West San Francisco Lake - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, maximum 12 inches
- Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- All rainbow trout must be released

Gold Medal Water - Rio Grande from Colorado River diversion structure to Rio Grande canal diversion structure

5. Sept. 1–Dec. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) is 4, singly or in aggregate.
7. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31 except in Columbine Bay upstream of Twin Creek inlet.

IN COLUMBINE BAY FROM THE INLET OF TWIN CREEK UPSTREAM:
1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 15–Nov. 30.

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

LAKE LOVELAND — LARIMER
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. No more than 1 walleye or saugeye in aggregate greater than 21 inches long may be taken per day.

LARAMIE RIVER — LARIMER
WITHIN HOFNNHOLZ STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

LASKEY GULCH — SUMMIT
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

LESTER CREEK — ROUTT

MAP: PAGE 36
FOR 0.25 OF A MILE UPSTREAM AND 0.25 OF A MILE DOWNSTREAM FROM PEARL LAKE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.

LON HAGLER RESERVOIR — LARIMER
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
2. Only one channel catfish in the bag or possession limit may exceed 20 inches long.

LONE PINE CREEK — LARIMER
FROM PARVIN LAKE UPSTREAM TO LARIMER CR 74E (RED FEATHER LAKES ROAD):
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

LONG DRAW RESERVOIR — LARIMER

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

LOS PINOS CREEK — SAGUACHE

MAP: PAGE 19
WITHIN OCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SNYDER RANCH):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.

LOS PINOS RIVER — HINSDALE, LA PLATA
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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

LOST TRAIL CREEK — GUNNISON

MAP: PAGE 28
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

LOWELL PONDS — ADAMS
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

MACK MESA RESERVOIR — MESA

MAP: PAGE 22
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.

MANKOS RIVER — MONTEZUMA
FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE IN MANCOS DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:
1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

MARTIN LAKE — HUERFANO
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Hanging Lake - Fishing is prohibited

Harvey Gap Reservoir - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches; 2 channel catfish limit; Use of spearfishing, archery, slingbows and gigs for the lake of northern pike is prohibited

Rifle Gap Reservoir - 3 walleye limit, minimum 15 inches; Only 1 walleye longer than 18 inches per day, 20 yellow perch limit

For Colorado River Regulations above Dotsero please see Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers Map

For Colorado River Regulations below Rifle please see Lower Colorado River and Grand Mesa Map

Non-native fish regulation

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

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Lake Regulations

- Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30
- Flyfishing only; All cutthroat must be released
- 2 trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation
- Fly only; All trout must be released
- Flyfishing only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Flyfishing only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30. *Non-native fish regulation
- Statewide trout limit; *Non-native fish regulation

Gold Medal Water - Roaring Fork River from the confluence with the Fryingpan River to the Colorado River

*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

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MAP: PAGE 25
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE Poudre River:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All trout must be returned to water immediately.

MAY CREEK — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 15
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE POURDRE RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All trout must be returned to water immediately.

MEADOW CREEK RESERVOIR — JACKSON
1. Bag, possession limit for trout is 2.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mitchell Creek — Garfield
MAP: PAGE 28
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER BOUNDARY OF THE GLENWOOD SPRINGS FISH HATCHERY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- **Antero Res.** - 2 trout limit; Portable ice fishing shelters only.
- **Eleven Mile Res.** - 4 trout limit; Only 2 trout over 20 inches; No limit for yellow perch; Portable ice fishing shelters only.
- **Spinney Mtn. Res.** - Fly/lure only; 1 trout over 20 inches; No fishing from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise; Ice fishing prohibited; No bag or possession limit for yellow perch; Gold Medal Water

River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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

Gold Medal Water - Middle Fork from Colo 9 downstream to confluence, South Platte from South and Middle Forks to Spinney Mountain Res. outlet to Eleven Mile Res. inlet

- **NORTH PLATTE RIVER — JACKSON**
  - Within Brownlee II or Verner State Wildlife Areas:
    1. Artificial flies and lures only.
    2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

- **NORTH STERLING RESERVOIR — LOGAN**
  - Min. size for largemouth is 15 inches long.
  - Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.
  - Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
  - Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
  - Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate.
  - Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
  - Min. size for smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
  - Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
  - Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
  - Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate long.
  - Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

- **NORTH TAYLOR CREEK — CUSTER**
  - Artificial flies and lures only.
  - Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST FORK — GARFIELD**
  - Artificial flies and lures only.
  - Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST MIDDLE FORK — GARFIELD**
  - Artificial flies and lures only.
  - Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **OLD DILLON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT**
  - Artificial flies and lures only.
  - Bag, possession and min. size for golden trout 1, 16 inches long.

- **OSIER CREEK — CONEJO**
  - Artificial flies and lures only.
  - Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **OVERLAND TRAIL POND — LOGAN**
  - Artificial flies and lures only.
  - Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **PANOA RESERVOIR — GUNNISON**
  - Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

- **NORTHWESTER W CREEK — GUNNISON**
  - Artificial flies and lures only.
  - Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST FORK — GARFIELD**
  - Artificial flies and lures only.
  - Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST MIDDLE FORK — GARFIELD**
  - Artificial flies and lures only.
  - Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

- **NORTH WATER CREEK — GARFIELD**
  - Artificial flies and lures only.
  - Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Fishing prohibited in Webster Pond.

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or flies prohibited in Webster Pond.

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

2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

1. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 15 inches long.

1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches; Only 1 walleye over 21 inches per day; Minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches; Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 feet of dam or walleye spawning operation nets March 15 - April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are completed; Fishing prohibited on ponds in dog off-leash area.

Spring Gulch Pond - Fly/lure only; All fish must be returned to water immediately.

Pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch or crappie.

POINTS CREEK — MESA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 12 inches long.

POAGE LAKE — RIO GRANDE
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1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

MASON RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 1, 16 inches long.

MCREYNOLDS RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

★ PEARL LAKE — ROUTT
MAP: PAGE 36
INCLUDING INLET STREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE ABOVE INLET AND THE OUTLET STREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE BELOW THE OUTLET:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.

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Spring Gulch Pond - Fly/lure only; All fish must be returned to water immediately.
WATERS

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

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

POUDRE RIVER — LARIMER
MAP: PAGE 25
FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH JOE WRIGHT CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM UPPER BOUNDARY OF BIG BEND CAMPGROUND DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH BLACK HOLLOW CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM WEST BOUNDARY OF THE HOMBRE RANCH (BELOW RUSTIC) DOWNSTREAM TO THE PINGREE PARK ROAD/BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

FROM MILTON SEAMAN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE POUDRE RIVER:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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

PREWITT RESERVOIR — LOGAN, WASHINGTON
1. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye, saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

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

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

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

BASS LAKE AND WEST PROSPECT LAKES ONLY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.

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

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

PUEBLO RESERVOIR — PUEBLO
1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag, possession, min. size for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate, 18 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Bag, possession, min. size for crappie is 10 fish, 10 inches long.
5. Bag and possession limit for wiper is 5.
6. Only 1 wiper longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
7. Underwater spearfishing allowed for channel, blue and flathead catfish with an aggregate bag and possession limit of 5, and for wiper with a bag and possession limit of 5.
8. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam or walleye spawning nets Mar. 1–April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are complete.
9. It is unlawful to possess filleted or cleaned fish in boat on lake.

PURGAITO RIVER, MIDDLE & SOUTH FORKS — LAS ANIMAS
WITHIN BOSEQUE DEL OSO STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

QUEENS RESERVOIR, NORTH & SOUTH — KIOWA
1. Trout- lines and jugs permitted.

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

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

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

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

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

RHODES GULCH — CONEJOS
MAP: PAGE 18
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

RIDGEWAY RESERVOIR — OURAY
MAP: PAGE 21
2. No bag, possession limit for smallmouth bass.

RIFLE GAP RESERVOIR — GARFIELD
MAPS: PAGES 22, 28
1. Bag, possession and min. size for walleye is 10, 15 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye longer than 18 inches may be taken per day.
3. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 20.

RIO BLANCO LAKE — RIO BLANCO
MAP: PAGE 34
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

RIO BLANCO RIVER — ARCHULETA, CONEJOS
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO SAN JUAN WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

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

RIO GRANDE — HINSDALE, MINERAL, RIO GRANDE
MAP: PAGE 27
FROM LOWER BOUNDARY OF RIVER HILL CAMPGROUND DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLO. 149 BRIDGE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
3. Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout is 2, 12 inches long.
White River - Headwaters to Meeker

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:
- Trappers Lake - Fly/Lure Only; 2 cutthroat limit, 11 inches maximum size; Fishing prohibited in inlets and upstream 1/2 mi.; Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of all inlets streams; Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of the outlet and downstream to the first falls; No limit on brook trout

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

Roaring Fork of the North Platte — Jackson

Within Manville State Wildlife Area:
- Artificial flies only
- 2 trout limit

Roaring Fork — Pitkin, Garfield

MAP: PAGE 28
- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- 2 trout limit

Roaring Fork — Mineral

MAP: PAGE 27
- Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released

Roaring Forks Creek — Montezuma

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

Río Lado Creek — Montezuma
1. Artificial flies and lures only
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
4. Fishing prohibited March 15–May 31

River’s Edge Natural Area Ponds (Bass, Dragonfly & Sandpiper) — Larimer
1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 5.

Road Beaver Creek — Gunnison
MAP: PAGE 19
- Artificial flies and lures only
- Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately

Roaring Creek & Tributaries — Larimer
MAP: PAGE 28
- Artificial flies and lures only
- Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately

Roaring Fork Creek — Grand
MAP: PAGE 16
- Artificial flies and lures only
- Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately

River Bend Ponds No. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 — Larimer
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long
2. Artificial flies and lures only
3. Trout must be returned to water immediately

Road Beaver Creek — Gunnison
MAP: PAGE 19
- Artificial flies and lures only
- Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately

Roaring Fork of the North Platte — Jackson

Within Manville State Wildlife Area:
1. Artificial flies only
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2

Roaring Fork River — Pitkin, Garfield

MAP: PAGE 28
- Artificial flies only
- 2 trout limit

Roaring Fork — Mineral

MAP: PAGE 27
- Artificial flies and lures only
- 2 cutthroat limit

Roaring Forks Creek — Montezuma
1. Artificial flies and lures only
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately

Robinson Creek — Gunnison
MAP: PAGE 20
1. Artificial flies and lures only
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately

Rock Creek — Gunnison
MAP: PAGE 20
- Artificial flies and lures only
- 2 cutthroat limit

Rock Creek — Lake
MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately
White River - Meeker to Utah State Line

River Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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

Rio Blanco Lake - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches

Waters

Lake Regulations
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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

Rock Lake - Artificial flies and lures only.
**SCENERY POND — RIO BLANCO**
COLOROW MOUNTAIN STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**SCHAFFER CREEK — GUNNISON**
**MAP: PAGE 10**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO CR 12C:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**SCHWACHHEIM CREEK — LAS ANIMAS**
WITHIN LAKE DOROTHEA STATE WILDLIFE AREA:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

**SECOND CREEK — DELTA**
**MAP: PAGE 21**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**SECOND CREEK — GUNNISON**
**MAP: PAGE 10**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CLEAR FORK OF MUDDY CREEK:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**SEVERY CREEK — EL PASO**
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Fishing prohibited.

**SHADOW MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR — GRAND**
**MAP: PAGE 16**
1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

**SHADOW MOUNTAIN SPILLWAY — GRAND**
**MAP: PAGE 16**
FROM SHADOW MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE GRANBY, INCLUDING COLUMBINE BAY TO THE TWIN CREEK INLET:
1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 15–Nov. 30.
2. Snagging prohibited.

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

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

**SHEEP CREEK, EAST & WEST FORKS — LARIMER**
**MAP: PAGE 25**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

**SIG CREEK, EAST FORK — SAN JUAN**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**SILVER LAKE — MESA**
**MAP: PAGE 22**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

**SLATE CREEK — DOLORES**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**SLATER CREEK, SOUTH FORK & WEST PRONG OF THE SOUTH FORK — ROUTT**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**SLOAN LAKE — HINSDALE**
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

**SOUTH PLATTE RIVER — DURANGO, JEFFERSON, PARK, TELLER**
**MAPS: PAGES 30–31**
FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE MIDDLE AND SOUTH FORKS DOWNSTREAM TO SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

FROM THE OUTLET OF SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO THE INLET OF ELEVEN MILE RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Some portions may be closed to fishing as posted from Sept. 15–Dec. 31 for kokanee spawning.
3. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

FROM IMMEDIATELY BELOW ELEVEN MILE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE WAGON TONGUE GULCH ROAD BRIDGE AT SPRINGER GULCH (ELEVEN MILE CANYON):
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM CHEESMAN DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE AT WIGWAM CLUB:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE WIGWAM CLUB DOWNSTREAM TO SCRAGGY VIEW PICNIC GROUND:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM STRONTIA SPRINGS DAM DOWNSTREAM TO 300 YARDS UPSTREAM FROM THE DENVER WATER BOARD’S MARSTON DIVERSION STRUCTURE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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

**SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, MIDDLE FORK — PARK**
**MAP: PAGE 30**
FROM THE COLO. 9 BRIDGE (4.9 MILES NORTH OF GARO) DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF THE SOUTH PLATTE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

**SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — PARK**
**MAP: PAGE 30**
FROM U.S. 285 DOWNSTREAM TO ANTERO RESERVOIR:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

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**Yampa River - Headwaters to Craig**

**River Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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

*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

**Lake Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

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

*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

- **I** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches

*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

**Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:**

- **Crosho Reservoir** - 2 grayling limit, minimum 16 inches
- **Elkhead Reservoir** - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches; 10 crappie limit
- **Freeman Reservoir** - Fishing prohibited from Jan. 1 - July 31 within 50 yards of either side of the inlet and upstream 1/4 mile
- **Pearl Lake (including 1/4 mile up inlet and 1/4 mile down outlet)** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches
- **Porcupine Lake** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- **Stagecoach Reservoir** - No bag and possession limit for walleye
- **Steamboat Lake** - Gold Medal Water
- **Vaughn Reservoir** - 2 cutthroat limit
FROM ANTERO RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM IN THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CHANNEL TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE EXISTING CHANNEL:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE LOWER BOUNDARY FENCE OF BADGER BASIN STATE WILDLIFE AREA DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE MIDDLE FORK OF THE SOUTH PLATE:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

SPRUNE CREEK — SUMMIT
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
3. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 1, 20 inches long.
4. Ice fishing prohibited.
5. No bag and possession limit for yellow perch.

SPRUNE CREEK — GRAND, SUMMIT
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

SPRUNE CREEK — GRAND, SUMMIT
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

STEAMS LAKE — BOULDER
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

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

STEUBEN CREEK, WEST FORK — GUNNISON
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SUMMIT RESERVOIR — MONTEZUMA
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

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

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

SWAN RIVER, NORTH FORK — SUMMIT
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

SWEITZER LAKE — DELTA
1. All fish except carp must be returned to the water immediately.

SYLVAN LAKE — EAGLE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Fishing prohibited Sept. 1–Nov. 30.

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

TARRYALL CREEK — PARK
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
4. Fishing access restricted to designated fishing areas (beats). Each fishing beat restricted to occupants of vehicle in parking stall assigned to that beat (determined by corresponding number). No more than 4 anglers per vehicle. Only 1 vehicle per stall.

TAYLOR CREEK, LITTLE — MONTEZUMA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TAYLOR PARK RESERVOIR — GUNNISON
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 3. Only 1 may be longer than 26 inches.
2. Gaffs and tail snare prohibited.

TAYLOR RIVER — GUNNISON
1. From a point 325 yards below Taylor Dam downstream to the lower boundary of Taylor River State Wildlife Area (approximately 0.4 of a mile):
   1. Artificial flies and lures only.
   2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

TERROR CREEK, EAST FORK — DELTA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

TERROR CREEK, WEST FORK — DELTA
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

THOMAS RESERVOIR — BOULDER
1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

THREE LAKES (LOWEST & MIDDLE LAKES) — LAKE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

THREE LICKS CREEK — EAGLE
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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

THURSTON RESERVOIR — PROWERS
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

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

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

TERRY LAKE — GRAND
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2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
3. Bag and possession limit for channel catfish is 1.
4. Fishing prohibited, except as posted.
5. Fishing prohibited in inlets and upstream for 0.5 of a mile.
6. Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of outlet streams.
7. Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of outlet and downstream to first falls.
8. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
9. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
10. Min. size for northern pike, walleye, yellow perch or crappie.
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Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.

West Creek — Mesa

Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.

West Creek — Eagle

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1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1–last day of Feb.

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1. Fishing open only to youth 15 or younger.

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Trout must be returned to water immediately.

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COLORADO FISH IDENTIFICATION
IDENTIFICATION TIPS FOR COMMON GAME SPECIES

TROUT FAMILY

RAINBOW TROUT
Black spots on a light body, red stripe along sides

BROWN TROUT
Spotting pattern is made up of black spots; red-orange spots inside light blue circles

BROOK TROUT
Pectoral, pelvic and anal fins often orange, edged with black and white; body is dark with white and red spots inside blue circles

CUTTHROAT (NATIVE) TROUT
Crimson slash on either side of the throat beneath the lower jaw; heavier spotting toward the tail

LAKE TROUT (MACKINAW)
Has a white, irregular spot pattern on dark body; veriform markings over back and head; unlike other trout, they have a deeply indented tail fin

LAKE TROUT (MACKINAW) CROSS BETWEEN A BROWN TROUT AND A BROOK TROUT; PONOUNCED STRIPES ON BODY, RESEMBLING A TIGER

PIKE

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

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

BASS

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

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

WIPER
Hybrid between white bass and striped bass

OTHER SPORTFISH

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

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

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

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

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

More species identification information: cpw.info/fish-identification

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ARCTIC CHAR
Long, slender with small, pointed head; light spots on body; leading edge of lower fins are milk white; fine scales with smooth, slippery skin

SPLAKE
Cross between a brook trout and a lake trout; tri-colored pelvic fins; slightly forked tail

GRAYLING
Large sail-like dorsal fin; silver body; small mouth and body

MOUNTAIN WHITEFISH
Mouth is smaller than a trout's and does not extend to below the center of the eye, as it does on a trout

KOKANEE SALMON
At the end of their third summer, females develop a red-gray-white pattern; males develop hook jaw and turn brick red

GREEN SUNFISH
Olive-colored body with short, rounded pectoral fins with yellow trim

REDEAR SUNFISH
Similar to bluegill, but with dark colors on top and lighter yellow-green on the belly; males have cherry-red opercle (ear flap), females have orange

BLUEGILL
Opercle (ear flap) is dark to its edge and a dark blotch at the back of dorsal fin rays; small mouth

BLACK CRAPPIE
Black spots on a silver body; dorsal spines and rays get longer as they approach the tail

WHITE CRAPPIE
Vertical bars on body; silver color with green or brown shades along back; dark bars along sides with a white belly

SUNFISH & CRAPPIE
HOW TO RELEASE A FISH
If you practice catch and release while fishing, follow these steps to ensure the fish returns to the water with minimal damage. Any fish you plan to release MUST be returned to the water immediately.

▶ TIME IS ESSENTIAL. Quickly play and release fish. A fish played for too long will be too exhausted to recover.
▶ KEEP FISH IN THE WATER as much as possible.
▶ REMOVE THE HOOK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. Single barbless hooks can often be removed while the fish is still in the water.
▶ GENTLE HANDLING IS ESSENTIAL. Avoid squeezing or putting your fingers in the gills or eye sockets.

HOW TO REMOVE HOOKS: Use a pair of forceps, long-nosed pliers or a purposely made hook-out to quickly, efficiently remove the hook. If the fish is hooked deep in the throat or stomach, cut the line as close to the hook as possible and leave the hook in the fish — it could do more damage trying to remove a deeply set hook than leaving it where it is.

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

BONYTAIL CHUB
Slight hump and a long, narrow tail

HUMPBACK CHUB
Green to silver and white with an abrupt hump behind the head

ROUNDTAIL CHUB
Silver to olive with fine scales; adult males often with red to orange pigment on cheeks, fins, belly

FLANNELMOUTH SUCKER
Yellow to bronze backs with lighter-colored belly; large fleshy lips and large sickle-shaped dorsal fin

BLUEHEAD SUCKER
Blue to gray head; olive to gray back with lighter belly; pebble-patterned scales near tail

RAZORBACK SUCKER
Bronze to yellow fish with a sharp-edged keel behind the head

COLORADO PIKE MINNOW
Adults may be green-gray to bronze on backs and silver to white along sides and bottoms
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The unauthorized transplanting or stocking of fish into any body of water is ILLEGAL. This includes live bait or aquarium fish. It causes severe damage to public fisheries, harms the environment and is highly unethical.

THE PENALTIES INCLUDE:
- Significant fines, up to $5,000.
- Permanent loss of your hunting and fishing privileges.
- Paying up to hundreds of thousands of dollars to reclaim the body of water.

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