

**TITLE 19      NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31   HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 4        FISHERIES**

**19.31.4.1      ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.4.1 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.2      SCOPE:** Sportfishing. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Chapters 30 through 34 of Title 19 NMAC.  
[19.31.4.2 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.3      STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26, and 17-2-1 NMSA 1978, provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected species.  
[19.31.4.3 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.4      DURATION:** April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2026.  
[19.31.4.4 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.5      EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2022, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[19.31.4.5 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.6      OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open seasons, bag limits, and other rules pertaining to management and harvest of the fisheries resources of New Mexico.  
[19.31.4.6 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.7      DEFINITIONS:** Specific terms as used in this regulation are defined.

- A.      “Angling”** shall mean taking or attempting to take fish by hook and line, with the line held in the hand or attached to a pole or rod or other device that is held in the hand or closely attended. “Fishing” shall be synonymous to “angling”.
- B.      “Bait fish”** is defined as those nongame fish which are not otherwise protected by statute or regulation.
- C.      “Barbless lure or fly”** shall mean an artificial lure made of wood, metal, or hard plastic or an artificial fly made from fur, feathers, other animal or man-made materials tied onto a hook to resemble or simulate insects, bait fish, or other foods. A fly or lure may only bear a single hook, from which any or all barbs must be removed or bent completely closed, or which are manufactured without barbs. Living or dead arthropods and annelids, or rubber or plastic moldings of these or other foods are not included.
- D.      Boundary descriptions**
  - (1)      “U.S.”**, as used in boundary descriptions herein, shall mean United States highway.
  - (2)      “N.M.”**, as used in boundary descriptions herein, shall mean New Mexico state road.
  - (3)      “I”**, as used in boundary descriptions herein, shall mean interstate highway.
- E.      “Chum”** as used herein, is organic material that is not injurious to aquatic life and is used to attract fish.
- F.      “Daily bag limit”** shall mean the number of fish that can be legally harvested within a calendar day.
- G.      “Daylight hours”** shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
- H.      “Snagging”** as used herein, is the intentional taking of fish with hooks, gang hooks, or similar devices where the fish is hooked in a part of the body other than the mouth.

[19.31.4.7 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.8      [RESERVED]**  
[19.31.4.8 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.9 SEASON DATES:**

**A. General seasons:** All waters in New Mexico shall be open for the taking of game fish from April 1 through March 31 of the effective years, with the following exceptions:

- (1) Special waters
  - (a) The following waters shall be open between 12 noon March 1 through 12 noon October 31: upper and lower Charette lakes, Maxwell lakes 13 and 14, and Clayton lake.
  - (b) All waters in the Valle Vidal (Vermejo tract of the Carson national forest) shall be open from July 1 through December 31.
  - (c) Laguna del Campo at Los Ojos state fish hatchery shall be open from May 1 through October 31.
  - (d) Red River city ponds shall be open from March 1 through November 15.
  - (e) Black Canyon creek from the forest road 150 (North Star Mesa road) crossing upstream to its headwaters and Mogollon creek in Grant and Catron counties upstream from waterfall barrier near intersection of FS trail 153 to confluence of Trail canyon shall be open from July 1 through October 31.
  - (f) All waters on the Valles Caldera national preserve shall be open from May 1 to October 15.
- (2) Waters on national wildlife refuges waters on U.S. national wildlife refuges shall be open for the taking of game fish in accordance with regulations of the U.S. fish and wildlife service; provided that season dates shall be from April 1 through March 31, on those national refuges for which the fish and wildlife service has not regulated season dates.

**B. Special Kokanee salmon seasons, dates, and location:**

- (1) The following waters shall be open October 1 through December 31 for the special Kokanee salmon season: Chama river from El Vado lake upstream to the west boundary of the Rio Chama wildlife and fishing area, Eagle Nest lake, El Vado lake, and Navajo lake including the Pine river except as otherwise specified in Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.31.4.9 NMAC.
- (2) Heron lake shall be open for the special Kokanee salmon season from November 11 through December 31.
- (3) Heron lake, including the Willow creek tributary shall be closed to Kokanee salmon fishing between October 1 and November 10. The buoyed “no wake” areas, as posted by New Mexico State Parks, at the Pine boat ramp and Sims mesa boat ramp at Navajo lake, including the shoreline within the “no wake” areas, shall be closed to Kokanee salmon fishing October 1 through December 31. It shall be unlawful to fish for, snag, or possess Kokanee salmon in these areas during the closure period.

[19.31.4.9 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.10 HOURS OF FISHING:** Day and night fishing for all species of game fish shall be permitted in all waters during the open season, except it shall be unlawful to fish in any water outside of hours and dates posted by any local, state, or federal agency.

[19.31.4.10 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.11 DAILY BAG, POSSESSION LIMITS AND REQUIREMENTS OR CONDITIONS:**

**A. Trout:**

- (1) Waters with reduced bag limit: No person shall fish waters regulated for reduced limits while having in excess of that limit in possession.
- (2) Brown, rainbow, cutthroat, Gila, lake, brook trout and Kokanee salmon:
  - (a) The daily bag limit shall be five trout and no more than 10 trout shall be in possession, unless otherwise specified in Paragraph (4) of Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.
  - (b) The daily bag limit for cutthroat trout shall be two trout and no more than two cutthroat trout may in possession. Cutthroat trout are included in the bag and possession limits for trout explained in Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.
  - (c) The daily bag limit for lake trout shall be two trout and no more than four lake trout shall be in possession. Lake trout are included in the bag and possession limits for trout explained in Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

(3) Special Kokanee salmon season: During the special Kokanee salmon season, the daily bag limit shall be 12 Kokanee salmon in addition to the daily bag limit for trout, and no more than 24 Kokanee salmon may be possessed in addition to the possession limit for trout. It shall be unlawful to possess Kokanee salmon at Heron lake during the closed Kokanee salmon season.

(4) On certain waters the following exceptions shall apply:

(a) Special trout waters - waters, hereafter referred to as “Special Trout Waters”, the following exceptions shall apply:

(i) No fish may be kept or held in possession while fishing in the portions of the following waters:

Water name	Portion	County	Exception
Tingley beach south pond	Within the Albuquerque conservancy park	Bernalillo	
Mogollon creek	Upstream from waterfall barrier near intersection of FS trail 153 to confluence of Trail canyon	Catron and Grant	
Cimarron river	From the lower end of Tolby campground downstream approximately 1.4 miles to the first bridge of N.M. 64	Colfax	
Leandro creek	Within the Valle Vidal (Vermejo tract-Carson national forest)	Colfax	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Any stream on the Valle Vidal	Vermejo tract-Carson national forest	Colfax and Taos	
Black canyon	From the forest road 150 (North Star Mesa road) crossing upstream to its headwaters	Grant	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Pecos river	In the Pecos wilderness, above Pecos falls	Mora	
Rio Valdez	In the Pecos wilderness from the waterfall barrier 0.8 miles below FS trail 239 upstream to its headwaters	Mora	
Rito del Padre	From fish migration barrier located about 0.3 miles upstream of the confluence with the Rito Sebadilloses upstream to its headwaters including Rito de los Chimayosos	Mora	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
West fork Luna creek	From the Carson national forest property boundary upstream to its headwaters	Mora	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Jack’s creek	From the water falls located 0.25 mile downstream of NM highway 63 crossing upstream to its headwaters	Mora and San Miguel	
Canada Tio Grande	Within the Carson national forest excluding private land	Rio Arriba	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Nabor creek and Nabor lake	Within the Edward Sargent wildlife area	Rio Arriba	
Rio Chama	From the United States geological survey gaging station located 1.3 miles downstream of El Vado lake dam downstream approximately 3 miles to its confluence with the Rio Nutrias	Rio Arriba	

Rio de Las Vacas	From fish migration barrier located about 0.2 miles upstream of FS road 70 crossing to its headwaters	Rio Arriba	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Tanques creek	From FS road 93 crossing upstream to its headwaters	Rio Arriba	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Rio Cebolla	From the Seven Springs day use area upstream to the headwaters including McKinney pond	Rio Arriba and Sandoval	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Rio Santa Barbara	From the west fork and middle fork confluence upstream to its headwaters including the east fork	Rio Arriba and Taos	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
San Juan river	From Navajo dam downstream approximately 3.75 miles to the Crusher Hole day use are (east side of section 16)	San Juan	
Capulin creek	From its confluence with the Rio Grande to its headwaters	Sandoval	
Rio las Animas	Within the Gila national forest, Black range ranger district excluding private land	Sierra	
Cabresto creek	From Cabresto canyon upstream to its headwaters not including lake fork and Cabresto lake	Taos	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Columbine creek	From its confluence with the Red river upstream to its headwaters	Taos	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Frijoles creek	From its confluence with Rito de la Olla upstream to its headwaters	Taos	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Gavilan creek	From its confluence with the Rio Hondo upstream to its headwaters	Taos	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Italianos creek	From its confluence with the Rio Hondo upstream its headwaters	Taos	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Palociento creek	From its confluence with Rito de la Olla upstream to its headwaters	Taos	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Rio Costilla	From its confluence with Latir creek upstream approximately 2.4 miles to the Valle Vidal tract of the Carson national forest	Taos	
South fork Rio Hondo	From its confluence with the Rio Hondo upstream to its headwaters	Taos	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Yerba creek	From the its confluence with the Rio Hondo upstream to its headwaters	Taos	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited

(ii) The daily bag limit shall be two trout and no more than two trout shall be in possession while fishing in the portions of the following waters. Anglers must stop fishing in those waters when the daily bag limit is reached.

Water name	Portion	County	Exception
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Gilita creek and tributaries	From its confluence with Snow creek upstream to its headwaters including Willow and Little Turkey creek	Catron	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Mineral creek	From its confluence with San Francisco river to its headwaters	Catron	
Whitewater creek	From Catwalk National Recreation Trail parking area upstream to headwaters including all tributaries	Catron	
Shuree lakes	Within the Valle Vidal (Vermejo tract-Carson national forest)	Colfax	
Vermejo river and its tributaries	From the Vermejo Park ranch boundary upstream to its headwaters	Colfax	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Rio Ruidoso	From Fridenbloom drive upstream to the boundary between the Mescalero Apache reservation and the city of Ruidoso	Lincoln	
All waters within or adjacent to the Edward Sargent wildlife area	Including the Rio Chamita, Sexton creek, and Rio Chama, excluding Nabor creek and Nabor lake	Rio Arriba	
Rio Chama	Within the boundaries of the Rio Chama wildlife and fishing area from Heron reservoir outlet 2.9 miles upstream to Cottonwood Flats	Rio Arriba	
Rio Chama	From the river crossing bridge on U.S. 84 at Abiquiu upstream 7.0 miles to the base of Abiquiu dam	Rio Arriba	
Rio de Los Pinos	From FS road 284 and 87A, 2.5 miles upstream to the private property boundary	Rio Arriba	
Pecos river	From approximately 0.5 mile upstream of its confluence with the Mora river (Mora-Pecos) upstream to approximately 0.2 miles downstream of the bridge crossing at Cowles	San Miguel	
All waters of the Valles Caldera national preserve		Sandoval	
Rio Guadalupe	From its confluence with Deer creek upstream 6.0 miles to Stable canyon	Sandoval	
Rio San Antonio	From the San Antonio hot springs pedestrian bridge upstream approximately 2.0 miles to the Valles Caldera National Preserve boundary	Sandoval	
Red River	From its confluence with Goose creek 1.1 miles upstream to the Carson national forest boundary	Taos	
Red River	From its confluence with the Rio Grande upstream to the lower walking bridge at Red River state fish hatchery	Taos	
Rio Grande	From the New Mexico/Colorado state line downstream to the Taos junction bridge at NM highway 567	Taos	

(b) In Sandoval county; brood pond at Seven Springs state fish hatchery, the daily bag limit shall be five cutthroat trout and no more than 10 cutthroat may be in possession.

(c) On the following waters the daily bag limit shall be three trout and no more than three trout shall be in possession; In Rio Arriba county: Laguna del Campo at Los Ojos state fish hatchery.

**B. Warm-water fishes:** The daily bag limit for game fish other than trout shall be as listed below and the possession limit shall be twice the daily bag limit.

- (1) striped bass one fish;
- (2) largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass five fish;
- (3) walleye five fish;
- (4) crappie 20 fish;
- (5) white bass and white bass x striped bass hybrid 25 fish;
- (6) northern pike 10 fish;
- (7) catfish (all species, except bullheads) 15 fish;
- (8) yellow perch 30 fish;
- (9) tiger muskie (*Esox lucius x E. masquinongy*) one fish
- (10) all other warm-water game species 20 fish.

**C. The following exception shall apply:**

(1) At Alto lake (Lincoln county); Alumni pond (Dona Ana county); Bataan lake (Eddy county); Blue Hole park pond (Guadalupe county); Bosque Redondo (De Baca county); Burn lake (Dona Ana county); Carrizozo lake (Lincoln county); Chaparral lake (Lea county); Conoco lake (Lea county); Conservancy park/Tingley beach (Bernalillo county); Corona lake (Lincoln county); Dennis Chavez pond (Curry county); Escondida lake (Socorro county); Estancia Park lake (Torrance county); Eunice lake (Lea county); Grants city pond (Cibola county); Green Meadow lake (Lea county); Greene Acres lake (Curry county); Harris Pond (San Miguel county); Jal lake (Lea county); lake Van (Chaves county); Liam Knight pond (Sandoval county); McGaffey lake (McKinley county); Ned Houk lakes (Curry county); Oasis state park (Roosevelt county); Pecos River within the Villanueva state park (San Miguel county); Perch lake (Guadalupe county); Rancho Grande ponds (Catron county); Roswell kids pond (Chavez county); Timberon ponds (Otero county); Trees lake (Luna county); and Young pond (Dona Ana county): the daily bag limit for channel catfish will be two fish and the possession limit shall be twice the daily bag limit.

(2) In San Juan county, in the San Juan and Animas rivers, not including Navajo lake, there is no daily bag limit or possession limit for channel catfish and striped bass.

(3) In Colfax county, Eagle Nest lake there is no bag or possession limit for northern pike. All northern pike caught at Eagle Nest lake must be kept in possession. No northern pike shall be intentionally returned to Eagle Nest lake.

(4) In Union county: Clayton Lake; In Grant county: Bill Evans lake; In Grant county: lake Roberts the daily bag limit for largemouth bass shall be two fish and no more than two shall be in possession. [19.31.4.11 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

#### **19.31.4.12 SIZE LIMITS:**

**A. Black basses**

(1) Any largemouth or spotted bass taken which is less than 14 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water.

(2) Any smallmouth bass taken which is less than 12 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water with the following exceptions:

(a) In San Miguel and Quay counties: Ute and Conchas reservoirs, any smallmouth bass taken which is less than 14 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water.

(b) In Rio Arriba and Taos counties: Rio Grande, there shall be no size limit on smallmouth bass.

**B. Tiger muskie** (*Esox lucius x E. masquinongy*): Any tiger muskie taken which is less than 40 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water.

[19.31.4.12 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.13 GILA TROUT PERMIT REQUIRED:** Every person angling for fish on those sections of the following waters must be in possession of a Gila trout permit, issued in their name by the department or its designee. In Grant county: Black canyon upstream of its confluence with the East fork Gila River and Sapillo creek; In Catron county: West fork Gila river, Whitewater creek from Catwalk National Recreation Trail parking area upstream to headwaters including all tributaries, Mineral creek including all tributaries, and waters upstream from the confluence of Gilita creek and Snow creek including Gilita, Willow and Little Turkey creeks; In Grant and Catron counties: the area from the Middle fork Gila river and West fork Gila river confluence downstream to the East fork Gila river confluence and Mogollon creek upstream from the waterfall barrier near intersection of FS trail 153 to confluence of Trail canyon. A photocopy, duplicate copy or computer printout of this permit will suffice as evidence of receiving such permit.

[19.31.4.13 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.14 WATERS WITH AGE OR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES USE RESTRICTIONS:**

**A.** Only persons 11 years of age and younger may fish in the following waters: Harris Pond; brood pond at Seven Springs state fish hatchery; Shuree kids' pond on Valle Vidal (Vermejo tract-Carson national forest); Spring river park pond in Roswell; Conservancy park/Tingley beach kids' pond; hatchery settling ponds located at the Rock Lake state fish hatchery; and Alto Kids' Pond.

**B.** Only persons 11 years of age and younger, those 65 years and older, and individuals with disabilities may fish in the following waters: Blue Hole park pond; posted small pond at Cowles; Harry McAdams park ponds; Red River city middle kids' pond; and Red River hatchery pond located at the Red River state fish hatchery.

**C. Laguna del Campo:** Only persons 14 years of age and younger, those 65 years and older, individuals with disabilities, or up to two parents/guardians in direct supervision of a child or children 14 years of age and under who are fishing, may fish in Laguna del Campo located near Los Ojos trout hatchery.

[19.31.4.14 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.15 CLOSED WATERS:**

**A. Waters closed to fishing:**

- (1) In Catron county: Big Dry creek from Golden link cabin upstream through its headwaters.
- (2) In Catron county: Little creek from the "barrier" upstream through all tributaries.
- (3) In Catron county: Spruce creek.
- (4) In Catron and Sierra counties: Main Diamond creek above the point of confluence with south Diamond creek.
- (5) In Catron and Sierra counties: South Diamond creek drainage.
- (6) In Colfax county: a posted area lying within 300 feet of Eagle Nest dam, which is closed to entry.
- (7) In Colfax county: a posted area of Stubblefield and Laguna Madre lakes lying within 150 feet of the outlet structures.
- (8) In Grant county: east fork of Mogollon creek upstream of Trail canyon including Woodrow canyon.
- (9) In Grant county: Sheep Corral creek.
- (10) In Lincoln county: posted areas of Alto reservoir and Bonito lake near the outlets.
- (11) In Catron county: All tributaries of the West fork of the Gila river above waterfalls between FS Trail No. 151 crossing of the West fork of the Gila river near White creek cabin and FS Trail No. 151 crossing of the West fork of the Gila river near Liley canyon. Mainstem of the West fork of the Gila river will be open to fishing.
- (12) In Catron county: Iron creek in the Gila wilderness upstream of the constructed waterfall barrier located in T12SR17WSec16NE.

**B. Taking fish from hatchery waters:** It is unlawful to take or attempt to take fish from the waters of any fish hatchery or rearing ponds owned and operated by state or federal agencies. During open season, however, angling for trout shall be permitted in the Glenwood pond at the Glenwood state fish hatchery, Red River hatchery pond at the Red River state fish hatchery, Brood pond at Seven Springs state fish hatchery, and Laguna del

Campo at Los Ojos state fish hatchery, and settling ponds at Rock Lake state fish hatchery. Additionally, the director may expressly authorize other limited fishing at the state's fish hatcheries based on management needs.

**C. Taking fish from or through the ice:** Fish may be taken from or through the ice except it is unlawful to take fish from or through the ice on the following waters: Santa Cruz lake, Monastery lake, Bonito lake, and Springer lake.

[19.31.4.15 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

**19.31.4.16 ESTABLISHING FREE FISHING WEEKENDS:** The first consecutive Saturday and Sunday in June and the last consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September during the effective dates of this regulation, are established as free fishing weekends whereby anglers may fish public waters in New Mexico as otherwise provided by regulation without a fishing license, stamps or paying any license fees. Anglers must abide by all other fishing laws including but not limited to bag limits, tackle restrictions, age restrictions and hours during each free fishing weekend.

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