

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.
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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, 04-01-2018]

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.
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19.31.4.4 DURATION: April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2022.
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19.31.4.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2018, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
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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.
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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
- 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. “Daylight hours”** shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
- G. “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.

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19.31.4.8 TROUT WATERS AND WARM WATERS:

- A. Regular trout waters:** The following are designated as regular trout waters: All streams, lakes and ponds within the following described areas except licensed class A lakes and lakes, ponds, and ranch tanks not fed by public waters and not open to public fishing.
 - (1) Northern area: That portion of New Mexico bounded by a line starting at the intersection of I-25 with the Colorado-New Mexico state line and running south along I-25 to its junction with U.S. 64; thence, south and west on U.S. 64 to its junction with N.M. 58 at Cimarron; thence, south and east on N.M. 21 to its junction with I-25; thence, south, west, and southwest on I-25 and U.S. 84-85 to its junction with U.S. 285-84 at Santa Fe; thence, north on U.S. 285-84 to its intersection with N.M. 502; thence, west on N.M. 502 to the west bank

of the Rio Grande; thence, southwesterly along the west bank of the Rio Grande to its intersection with N.M. 44 at Bernalillo; thence, north and west on N.M. 44 to its intersection with U.S. 550; thence, west on U.S. 550 to the west bank of the Animas river; thence, north along the west bank of the Animas river to the Colorado-New Mexico state line; thence, east along the state line to its intersection with I-25. (Except the San Juan river from U.S. 64 bridge at Blanco downstream to N.M. 44 bridge at Bloomfield.)

(2) Ruidoso area: That portion of New Mexico bounded by a line starting at the junction of U.S. 54 and N.M. 506 and running north on U.S. 54 to its intersection with U.S. 380 at Carrizozo; thence, east on U.S. 380 to its junction with N.M. 246 at Capitan; thence, north and east on N.M. 246 to the eastern boundary of the Lincoln national forest; thence, south to Tinnie; thence, west on U.S. 380 to Hondo; thence, south on a north-south line to the junction of N.M. 24 and U.S. 82 north of Dunken; thence south and west on N.M. 24 to Piñon; thence, south approximately one mile to N.M. 506; thence, west along N.M. 506 to its junction with U.S. 54 at Paxton.

(3) Gila area: That portion of New Mexico bounded by a line starting at the junction of U.S. 180 with the Arizona-New Mexico state line and running north along the state line to its intersection with U.S. 60; thence, east on U.S. 60 to its junction with N.M. 52 west of Magdalena; thence, south on N.M. 52 to Winston and west along the road to Chloride and the eastern boundary of the Gila national forest; thence, south along the forest boundary to its intersection with N.M. 152 east of Kingston; thence, west on N.M. 152 to its junction with U.S. 180 at Central; thence, west and northwest on U.S. 180 to its junction with the Arizona-New Mexico state line. (Except Bear Canyon lake and Rancho Grande ponds.)

(4) in Sandoval county: all of Las Huertas (Ellis creek);

(5) in San Juan county: the Animas river from the 550 highway bridge in the city of Aztec and downstream to its confluence with the San Juan river;

(6) in Torrance county: all of Tajique creek;

(7) in Cibola county: Bluewater creek;

(8) Pecos river from I-25 south to the southeast boundary of Villanueva state park;

(9) the following lakes, ponds, and reservoirs: Alice, Aztec pond, Bluewater, Blue Hole Park ponds, Chiuilla well, Clayton, lake Farmington, Jackson, Maloya, Maxwell lake 13, McGaffey, Manzano, and Ramah.

B. Winter trout waters: The following are designated as winter trout waters from November 1 through March 31 of the effective years: Sumner lake stilling basin (De Baca county); that portion of the Black river extending from one mile upstream to one mile downstream of Higby hole and located in Sections 8 and 9, T. 24 S., R. 28 E., N.M.P.M. (Eddy county); that portion of the Pecos river from the southeast boundary of Villanueva state park downstream to, but not including Santa Rosa lake (Guadalupe and San Miguel counties); Rio Grande from Elephant Butte dam downstream to Caballo lake (Sierra county); the following drains: Albuquerque, Atrisco, Belen Riverside, Bernalillo, Corrales, Peralta, and Tome (Bernalillo, Sandoval, and Valencia counties); and the following lakes: Alumni pond (Dona Ana county), Bataan (Eddy county), Bear Canyon (Grant county), Bill Evans (Grant county), Bosque Redondo (De Baca county), Bottomless lakes (Chavez county), Burn (Dona Ana county), Carlsbad municipal (Eddy county), Carrizozo (Lincoln county), Chaparral (Lea county), Conservancy park/Tingley beach (Bernalillo county), Corona (Lincoln county), Dennis Chavez pond (Curry county), Escondida (Socorro county), Eunice (Lea county), Grants river walk pond (Cibola county), Greene Acres (Curry county), Green Meadow (Lea county), ponds on Harry McAdams park (Lea county), Jal (Lea county), Liam Knight pond (Sandoval county), Ned Houk lakes (Curry county), Oasis park (Roosevelt county), Perch (Guadalupe county), Rancho Grande ponds (Catron county), Roswell kids pond (Chavez county), Van (Chavez county), and Young pond (Dona Ana county).

C. Warm waters: "Warm waters", as used herein, shall include all streams, lakes, and ponds except those designated as trout waters above, and except licensed class A lakes.
[19.31.4.8 NMAC - N, 04-01-2018]

19.31.4.9 SEASON DATES:

A. General seasons: All trout and warm 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 trout 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 in Grant county upstream from lower Black Canyon campground 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: Abiquiu reservoir, 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 the second Friday in November through December 31.

(3) Heron lake, including the Willow creek tributary, and the buoyed “no wake” areas 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 between October 1 and the second Thursday of November. If November 1 is a Friday, then these waters shall be closed to Kokanee salmon fishing between October 1 and the first Thursday of November. 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, 04-01-2018]

19.31.4.10 HOURS OF FISHING:

A. Day and night fishing for all species of game fish shall be permitted in all waters during the open season, except Alto, Bonito, Butler street, and Eagle Nest lake where fish may be taken or fished for only between the hours of 5 a.m. and 10 p.m.; and U.S. fish and wildlife service waterfowl refuges where fish may be taken or fished for only during the hours posted at the refuge.

B. Laguna del Campo located at Los Ojos trout hatchery, Red River hatchery pond at the Red River state fish hatchery, Glenwood pond at the Glenwood state fish hatchery, and waters within the Valle Vidal portion of the Carson national forest shall be during **daylight hours only**.

C. Fishing at Ned Houk park lakes and Greene Acres shall be during the **hours posted** by the city of Clovis.

D. Fishing at Santa Cruz lake shall be between the **hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.**

E. Fishing at Conservancy park/Tingley beach shall be only between sunrise and sunset.

[19.31.4.10 NMAC - N, 04-01-2018]

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 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	Rio Arriba	bag and possession limits for

	upstream to the headwaters including McKinney pond	and Sandoval	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 area (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 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
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	From the Vermejo Park ranch boundary	Colfax	bag and possession limits for

its tributaries	upstream to its headwaters		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) On the following waters the bag limit shall be four trout and no more than four trout shall be in possession; In Bernalillo county: the central pond and designated kids north pond at Conservancy park/Tingley beach.

(c) On the following waters the 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 trout hatchery; In Taos county: the designated fish pond at Red River state fish hatchery; In Taos county: the Red River city ponds; In Taos county: Goose lake; In Sierra county: Rio Grande downstream of Elephant Butte dam.

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); 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); 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 - Rp, 19.31.4.11 NMAC, 12-12-2017; A, 4-1-2018]

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 except at Ute and Conchas reservoirs where any smallmouth bass taken which is less than 14 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water.

B. Walleye: Any walleye taken which are less than 14 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water.

C. 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, 04-01-2018]

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. [19.31.4.14 NMAC - N, 04-01-2018]

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: Shuree kids' ponds on Valle Vidal (Vermejo tract-Carson national forest); valley improvement association ponds at Belen, Harris pond in Las Vegas, Spring river park in Roswell, and the Brood pond at Seven Springs state fish hatchery.

B. Only persons **11 years of age and younger, those 65 years and older, and individuals with disabilities** may fish in the designated Red River hatchery pond located at the Red River state fish hatchery, Blue Hole park pond (formerly Santa Rosa seniors pond), Estancia park lake at Estancia, and in ponds located in Harry McAdams park.

C. Only **individuals with disabilities and those 11 years of age and younger** may fish in the posted small pond at Cowles.

D. Olympic pond: Only persons 11 years of age and younger and those 65 years and older may fish in Olympic pond located at Angel Fire.

E. 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.

F. Conservancy park/Tingley beach kids' pond: Only persons 12 years of age and younger may fish in Conservancy park/Tingley beach kids' pond in Albuquerque.

G. Red River city middle kids' pond: Only individuals with disabilities and those 12 years of age and younger may fish in Red River city middle kids' pond.

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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: McKnight creek.
- (10) In Grant county: Sheep Corral creek.
- (11) In Lincoln county: Pinelodge creek and posted areas of Alto reservoir and Bonito lake near the outlets.
- (12) 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.
- (13) In Catron county: Iron creek in the Gila wilderness upstream of the constructed waterfall barrier located in T12SR17WSec16NE.
- (14) In Catron county: McKenna creek.

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. 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.

[19.31.4.16 NMAC - N, 04-01-2018]

19.31.4.16 ESTABLISHING FREE FISHING DAYS: The first Saturday in June and the last Saturday in September during the effective dates of this regulation, are established as free fishing days whereby anglers may fish

public waters in New Mexico as otherwise provided by regulation, but without benefit of a fishing license or habitat improvement stamp.
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HISTORY OF 19.31.4 NMAC:

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Regulation No. 518, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico 1971-1972 License Year, April 1, 1971 Through March 31, 1972, filed 1-14-71; Regulation No. 530, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico, 1972-1973 License Year, April 1, 1972 Through March 31, 1973, filed 1-11-72; Regulation No. 535, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of April 1, 1972 Through March 31, 1973, filed 5-31-72; Regulation No. 550, Basic Regulation Governing Water Pollution, Water Diversion, Animal Releases, Possession of Game, Manner of Hunting And Fishing, And Use of Department Lands, Filed 5-31-72; Regulation No. 543, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of April 1, 1973 Through March 31, 1974, filed 12-11-72; 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Regulation No. 612, Basic Regulation Governing Water Pollution, Water Diversion, Animal Releases, Possession of Game, Manner of Hunting and Fishing, Use of Department Lands, Retention of Protected Species, Permits and Licenses Issued, and the Hunter Safety Certificate Requirement, filed 3-2-82; Regulation No. 619, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period April 1, 1983, Through March 31, 1985, filed 12-8-82; Regulation No. 632, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of April 1, 1985, Through March 31, 1987, filed 11-28-84; Regulation No. 647, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of April 1, 1987, Through March 31, 1989, filed 1-5-87; Regulation No. 662, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of

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