

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

19.31.4.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.
[19.31.4.1 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.1 NMAC, 4-15-02]

19.31.4.2 SCOPE: Sportfishing. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Chapters 30 through 34 of Title 19.
[19.31.4.2 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.2 NMAC, 4-15-02]

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 - Rp 19.31.4.3 NMAC, 4-15-02]

19.31.4.4 DURATION: April 15, 2002 through March 31, 2006.
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19.31.4.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15, 2002 unless a different date is cited at the end of individual Sections.
[19.31.4.5 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.5 NMAC, 4-15-02]

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 - Rp 19.31.4.6 NMAC, 4-15-02]

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

A. 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.

B. "Daylight hours" shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

C. A "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. "Chum" as used herein, is organic material that is not injurious to aquatic life and is used to attract fish.

E. "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.

F. "Bait fish" is defined as those nongame fish which are not otherwise protected by statute or regulation.

G. "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.

[19.31.4.7 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.7 NMAC, 4-15-02]

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 lying 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.)

(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 Union County: all of Dry Cimarron;

(8) In Cibola County: Bluewater Creek;

(9) Pecos River from I-25 south to the southeast boundary of Villanueva State Park;

(10) The following lakes, ponds, and reservoirs: Alice, Bluewater, Blue Hole Park Ponds, Chiuilla Well, Clayton, Lake Farmington, Jackson, Maloya, Maxwell Lake 13, McAllister, McGaffey, Power Dam, Manzano, and Ramah.

(11) In Sierra County, Rio Grande from Elephant Butte Dam downstream to, and including, Caballo Lake.

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; 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., in Eddy County; that portion of the Pecos River from the southeast boundary of Villanueva State Park downstream to, but not including Santa Rosa Lake; the following drains: Albuquerque, Atrisco, Belen Riverside, Bernalillo, Corrales, Peralta, and Tome; and the following lakes: Bataan, Bear Canyon, Bill Evans, Bosque Redondo, Bottomless Lakes, Burn, Carlsbad Municipal, Carrizozo, Chaparral, Conservancy Park, Escondida, Eunice, Greene Acres, Green Meadow, ponds on Harry McAdams Park, Jal, Ned Houk Lakes, Oasis Park, and Van.

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 - Rp 19.31.4.8 NMAC, 4-15-02]

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: McAllister Lake, 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) Bonito Lake shall be open from April 1 through November 30.

(d) Burns Canyon Lake at Parkview Trout Hatchery and Santa Cruz Lake shall be open from April 1 through October 31.

(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.

(2) Heron Lake and the Pine River shall be open for the special kokanee salmon season from November 15 through December.

(3) Heron Lake, including the Willow Creek tributary, and the Pine River shall be closed to kokanee salmon fishing between October 1 and November 14.

[19.31.4.9 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.9 NMAC, 4-15-02]

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. Fishing at Burns Canyon Lake located at Parkview Trout Hatchery, Red River Hatchery Pond at the Red River State Fish Hatchery, Glenwood Pond at the Glenwood State Fish Hatchery, waters within the Valle Vidal portion of the Carson National Forest, and Maddox Lake 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; fishing at Santa Cruz Lake shall be between the **hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.**

[19.31.4.10 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.10 NMAC, 4-15-02]

19.31.4.11 DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

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, Lake, Brook Trout and Kokanee Salmon

(a) The daily bag limit shall be 5 trout and no more than 10 trout shall be in possession.

(b) The daily bag limit for cutthroat trout shall be 2 trout and no more than 2 cutthroat trout may in possession. Cutthroat trout are included in the bag and possession limits for trout explained in 19.31.4.11(A. 2.a) NMAC (above).

(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 and Pine River during the closed kokanee salmon season (October 1 through November 14).

(4) Special Trout Waters - On certain waters, hereafter referred to as "Special Trout Waters", the following exceptions shall apply:

(a) On those sections of the following waters, where only barbless lures or flies may be used, the daily bag limit shall be 2 trout and no more than 2 trout shall be in possession. Anglers must stop fishing in those waters when the daily bag limit is reached; In Rio Arriba County: all waters lying within or adjacent to the Little Chama Valley Ranch (Edward Sargent Wildlife Area) including the Rio Chamito, Sexton Creek, and Rio Chama, excluding Nabor Creek and Nabor Lake; In Colfax County; the Shuree Lakes on the Valle Vidal; In Taos County: a posted portion of the Rio Pueblo between the bridge at Mile Marker 55 on State Hwy. 518 upstream approximately 1 mile to the Canon Tio Maes Trailhead; In San Miguel County: an approximately 1-1/2 mile posted portion of the Pecos River beginning approximately 1/2 mile above the confluence of the Mora River (Mora-Pecos) upstream to approximately 1/4 mile above the bridge crossing at Cowles; In Rio Arriba County: a posted portion of the Chama River approximately 2.9 miles within the boundaries of the Rio Chama Wildlife and Fishing Area; In Catron County: a posted portion of Gilita Creek from the Gila Wilderness boundary downstream approximately 5 miles to its confluence with Snow Creek; In Rio Arriba County: a posted portion of the Rio De Los Pinos from USFS Boundary 24 at the junction of Forest Road 284 and 87A, 2.5 miles upstream to the private property boundary; In Taos County: a posted portion of Red River from the confluence of Goose Creek 1 mile upstream.

(b) The limit on the following section of the San Juan River where only barbless lures or flies may be used shall be: In San Juan County, in a posted portion of the San Juan River, from a point beginning approximately 1/4 mile downstream of Navajo Dam and extending downstream 3.5 miles to the east side of Section

16: the daily bag limit shall be 1 trout and no more than 1 trout shall be in possession except in the catch-and-release section. The angler must stop fishing in the section defined once the daily bag limit is reached.

(c) On those sections of the following waters, where only barbless lures or flies may be used, no fish may be kept or held in possession while fishing in the posted portions of the following waters: In San Juan County: a posted portion of the San Juan River from Navajo Dam downstream approximately 1/4 mile. In Sandoval County: a posted portion of the Rio Cebolla from the Seven Springs Day Use Area upstream to its headwaters. In Sandoval County: a posted portion of the San Antonio River from the Baca location boundary downstream approximately 2.0 miles (T. 19 N., R. 03 E., S 16 and 20). In Sandoval County: a posted portion of the Rio Guadalupe from the Porter Landing Bridge downstream approximately 1.3 miles to Llano Loco Spring. In Taos County: a posted portion of the Rio Costilla from the Valle Vidal tract of the Carson National Forest downstream for approximately 2.4 miles to the confluence of Latir Creek. In Sierra County: the Rio las Animas within the Gila National Forest, Black Range Ranger District. In Mora County: the Pecos River in the Pecos Wilderness, above Pecos Falls. In Rio Arriba County: Nabor Creek and Nabor Lake on the Edward Sargent Wildlife Area. In San Miguel and Santa Fe Counties: Doctor Creek from 1/4 mile above its confluence with Holy Ghost Creek upstream to its headwaters. In Mora County: Rio Valdez in the Pecos Wilderness from 1/4 mile below Smith Cabin upstream to its headwaters. In San Miguel and Mora Counties: Jack's Creek from the water falls located 1/4 mile downstream of NM Highway 63 crossing upstream to its headwaters. In Taos and Colfax Counties: any stream on the Valle Vidal (Vermejo Tract - Carson National Forest).

(d) In Colfax County: on a posted section of the Cimarron River from the lower end of Tolby Campground downstream approximately 1.4 miles to the first bridge of N.M. 64 the daily bag limit shall be 1 fish and no more than one fish may be in possession. Terminal gear shall be restricted to barbless lures and flies.

(5) On the following waters, the daily bag limit shall be 3 trout and no more than 3 trout may be in possession, although there are no special restrictions regarding the use of legal gear.

(a) In Taos County: a posted portion of the Rio Grande beginning at the New Mexico/Colorado state line downstream to the Taos Junction Bridge.

(b) In Taos County: a posted portion of the Red River beginning approximately 1/2 mile downstream of the walking bridge at Red River State Fish Hatchery downstream to its confluence with the Rio Grande.

(c) In Taos County: the designated fishing pond at Red River State Fish Hatchery.

(d) In Rio Arriba County: on a posted portion of the Rio Chama from the base of Abiquiu Dam downstream approximately 7 miles to the river crossing bridge on U.S. 84 at Abiquiu.

(e) In Sierra County: the Rio Grande from the power line crossing upstream of the confluence with Cuchillo Creek downstream to and including Caballo Lake.

(f) In Lincoln County: The Rio Ruidoso from the boundary between the Mescalero Apache Reservation and the City of Ruidoso downstream to Fridenbloom Drive.

(6) Gila Trout: It shall be unlawful for any person to possess Gila trout (*Oncorhynchus gilae*).

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 2 fish

(2) Largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass 5 fish

(3) Walleye 5 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) All other warm-water game species 20 fish

C. The following exception shall apply:

(1) At Tingley Beach in Albuquerque; Lake Van (Chaves County); Oasis State Park; Greene Acres Lake (Curry County); Burn Lake (Dona Ana County); Escondida Lake (Socorro County); Aztec Pond (San Juan County); McGaffey Lake (McKinley County); Bataan Lake (Eddy County); Chaparral Lake (Lea County); Bosque Redondo (De Baca County); Carrizozo Lake (Lincoln County); Green Meadow Lake; Eunice Lake; and Jal Lake (Lea County): the daily bag limit for channel catfish will be 2 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.

[19.31.4.11 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.11 NMAC, 4-15-02]

19.31.4.12 SIZE LIMITS:

A. Salmonids

(1) On that section of the San Juan River where only barbless lures or flies may be used, any trout taken that are less than 20 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water and no fish under 20 inches shall be possessed in that section; provided, however, that no fish may be possessed in the catch-and-release water section.

(2) On Shuree Lakes, on the Valle Vidal Tract, any trout taken that are less than 15 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water.

(3) In Colfax County, a posted portion of the Cimarron River where only barbless lures or flies may be used (and more specifically described in Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC above), any trout taken that are less than 16 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water.

(4) In Sierra County: a posted portion of the Rio Grande above the confluence of Cuchillo Creek (more specifically described in Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC above) any trout taken that are less than 16 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water.

(5) Any trout taken that are less than 12 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water in the following locations:

(a) In San Miguel County: a posted portion of the Pecos River where only barbless lures or flies may be used (more specifically described in Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC above).

(b) In Lincoln County: a posted section of the Rio Ruidoso where only barbless lures or flies may be used (more specifically described in Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC above).

(c) In Taos County: a posted section of the Red River from the confluence with Goose Creek 1 mile upstream.

B. Black Basses

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

(2) Any smallmouth bass taken which is less than 12" long shall be immediately returned to the water.

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

[19.31.4.12 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.12 NMAC, 4-15-02]

19.31.4.13 MANNER AND METHOD OF TAKING OR FISHING FOR GAME FISH - LEGAL GEAR:

A. Angling

(1) In all open waters, game fish may be fished for by angling. Persons may use two poles in all waters other than trout waters, except in Caballo Reservoir where two poles may be used.

(2) In the Special Trout Waters specified in Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC, trout shall be fished for only by angling with barbless lures or flies, and no natural or prepared baits of any kind shall be used.

(3) No person shall angle for game fish by snagging, except for kokanee salmon during the special kokanee season at those listed waters.

(4) In the Special Trout Water specified in Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC, trout shall be fished for only angling with artificial lures and flies on which the hooks have no barbs or the barbs have been bent closed; soft plastic lures may be used.

B. Trotlines

(1) Trotlines may be used in all warm waters except the following lakes: Bataan, Bear Canyon, Bernardo Waterfowl Management Area, Bill Evans, Bottomless, Burn, Carlsbad Municipal, Chaparral, Escondida, Eunice, Greene Acres, Green Meadow, Jal, La Joya Waterfowl Management Area, Carrizozo Lake, Maddox, Oasis Park, Tingley Beach, Ned Houk Ponds, and Van

(2) Trotlines may be used in the following trout waters: the Chama River from the northern boundary of the "Monastery of Christ in the Desert" downstream, including Abiquiu Lake; the Gila River proper downstream from its junction with the East Fork of the Gila; Navajo Lake; Caballo Lake; and the Rio Grande downstream from the confluence of the Chama River, excluding that section below Elephant Butte Dam described in section Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

C. Spears, Gigs, and Arrows

(1) Spears, gigs, and arrows with barbs that are discharged beneath the water may be used in all waters open to fishing.

(2) In addition, during the season established by Subsection B of 19.31.4.9 NMAC, kokanee salmon may be taken by the use of spears, gigs, and arrows with barbs that are discharged above or below the water and not driven by explosives, gas, air, or crossbow.

D. Attracting or Concentrating Fish

(1) Game fish may be taken with the aid of artificial lights.

(2) During open fishing seasons, it shall be lawful to chum to attract or concentrate fish in the following waters only: all warmwaters; and the following trout waters: the Gila River proper downstream from its junction with the East Fork of the Gila; and the Rio Grande proper downstream from the confluence of the Chama River, excluding that section below Elephant Butte Dam described in Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

(3) It shall be unlawful in all Special Trout Waters defined in Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC, to disturb or dislodge aquatic plant growth, sediment, or rocks for the purpose of attracting or concentrating fish. It shall also be unlawful to angle in the immediate vicinity where such disturbance has occurred.

E. Use of Bait Fish

(1) Bait fish may be used in all warm waters and winter trout waters.

(2) Bait fish other than carp (Cyprinus carpio), carpsucker (Carpionodes carpio), buffalo (Ictiobus bubalus), or shad (Dorosoma spp.) may be used for bait or chum in the following trout lakes only: Abiquiu, Clayton, Jackson, Laguna Madre, Lake 13, Navajo, Power Dam Lake, and Springer; and in the following trout streams: Animas River, Pecos River downstream from N.M. 63 bridge at Pecos, and the Rio Grande (excluding the section described in Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC).

(3) Use of gar (Lepisosteus spp.) and goldfish (Carassius auratus) for bait fish is prohibited in all waters.

(4) Use of red shiner (Cyprinella lutrensis) as a bait fish is prohibited in all waters of the Gila and San Francisco drainages.

(5) Use of live bait fish other than red shiner and fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas) is prohibited in all waters of the Pecos drainage. Live bait fish may not be used in Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge and Bottomless Lakes State Park.

[19.31.4.13 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.13 NMAC, 4-15-02]

19.31.4.14 WATERS WITH AGE OR HANDICAPPED USE RESTRICTIONS:

A. Only persons **under 12 years of age** may fish in the following waters: Shuree Kids' Ponds on Valle Vidal (Vermejo Tract-Carson National Forest); Valley Improvement Association ponds at Belen, Young Pond in Las Cruces, Harris Pond in Las Vegas, Spring River Park at in Roswell, and the Brood Pond at Seven Springs State Fish Hatchery.

B. Only persons **under 12 years of age, those 65 years and over, and handicapped persons** 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 **handicapped persons and those under 12 years of age** may fish in the Red River City ponds, and in the posted small Pond at Cowles.

D. Olympic Pond: Only persons under 12 years of age and those 65 years and over may fish in Olympic Pond located at Angel Fire.

[19.31.4.14 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.14 NMAC, 4-15-02]

19.31.4.15 [RESERVED]

[19.31.4.15 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.15 NMAC - Repealed, 4-15-02]

19.31.4.16 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: Iron Creek from the "barrier" upstream to its headwater in the Gila Wilderness.

(3) In Catron County: Little Creek from the "barrier" upstream through all tributaries.

(4) In Catron County: McKenna, and Spruce and Sacaton creeks.

(5) In Catron and Sierra counties: Main Diamond Creek above the point of confluence with East Fork of Diamond Creek and the 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 waterfalls near FS Trail No. 153, including Trail Canyon, South Fork Mogollon, and Woodrow Canyon creeks.

(9) In Grant County: McKnight Creek.

(10) In Grant County: Sheep Corral Creek.

(11) In Lincoln County: posted areas of Alto Reservoir and Bonito Lake near the outlets.

(12) In Catron County: White Creek from waterfall near White Creek Cabin upstream to headwaters.

(13) In Grant County: Black Canyon from "barrier" upstream to headwaters, including Aspen Canyon and Fall Canyon creeks.

(14) In Sandoval County: All waters within the Valles Caldera Natural Preserve in the Jemez Mountains formerly known as the Baca Location (formally described in 19.30.4 NMAC).

B. Taking Fish From Hatchery Waters: No person shall 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 Hatchery, and Burns Canyon Lake at Parkview 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 on the following waters: Santa Cruz Lake, Monastery Lake and Springer Lake.
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19.31.4.17 [RESERVED]

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19.31.4.18 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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