

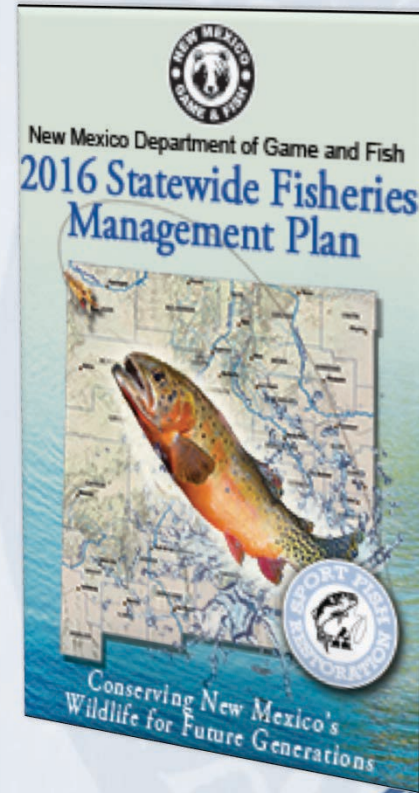
# **Proposed Changes to Fisheries and Manner and Method Rules 2018-2022**

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# Purpose of Proposed Changes

- Initiate management actions identified in the Statewide Fisheries Management Plan
- Clarify language and rules
- Add rules for new fishing waters



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# Special Trout Waters



- New types include:
  - Red Chile=catch-and-release, restricted tackle
  - Green Chile=2 fish bag limit, restricted tackle
  - X-mas=2 fish bag limit, no tackle restrictions
- Add 13 new STWs that allow unlimited harvest on non-native trout with C&R on native trout
- Remove 7 waters that no longer meet STW purpose
- Reduces STW types from 11 to 3





# Trophy Bass Waters

- Lake Roberts, Bill Evans Lake, Clayton Lake
- Reduced daily bag limit to 2 largemouth bass
- Prohibit spear and bow fishing for largemouth bass
- Size limit remains 14"



# Brantley Lake

- Rescind catch-and-release rule
- Regulation enacted due to high DDT levels
- Recent tests show reduced contaminant levels

**Southeast Consumption Advisory<sup>(2)</sup>** (How to Use the Chart, page 34)

WATER	SPECIES	SIZE (Inches)						CONTAMINANT
		<10	10-14	14-18	18-22	22-26	26-30	
<b>Avalon Lake</b> (Data on Avalon Lake unavailable. However, DDT, PCB presence up- and down-stream suggests the likelihood of substantial contamination)								
<b>Brantley Lake</b> (Catch and release only of all species by order of New Mexico State Game Commission)								DDT
<b>Carlsbad</b>	Carp	0	0	0	0	0	0	PCBs
	Channel catfish	1/4	0	0	0	0	0	DDT, PCBs
<b>Municipal Lakes</b> (Lake Carlsbad and Bataan Lake)	Spotted bass	1	0	0	0	0	0	PCBs
<b>Pecos River</b> (North boundary of Brantley WMA to US 70)	Carp	3	1	0	0	0	0	DDT, PCBs
	Channel catfish	2	2	2	0	0	0	DDT, PCBs
<b>Pecos River</b> (Catch and release only of all species by order of New Mexico State Game Commission)								DDT
<b>Pecos River</b> (Texas border to Carlsbad Municipal Lakes)	Carp	1	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	PCBs
	Channel catfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	PCBs
<b>Santa Rosa Lake</b>	Bluegill	3	0	0	0	0	0	Mercury
	Channel catfish	3	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	Mercury
	Smallmouth bass	2	0	0	0	0	0	Mercury
	Walleye	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	0	Mercury
<b>Summer Lake</b>	Carp	4	2	0	0	0	0	Mercury
	Channel catfish	4	2	1	0	0	0	Mercury
	Flathead catfish	4	2	0	0	0	0	Mercury
	Walleye	2	1	1/2	0	0	0	Mercury
	White bass	3	1/2	0	0	0	0	Mercury

NA = No Advisory  
<sup>(2)</sup> Warmwater bag and possession limits are listed on page 18.

**Help Stop the Spread of Fish Diseases!**

**10 for 10** is a simple and easy rule to follow. Use a 10% bleach solution for 10 minutes to disinfect your waders and fishing gear!






# Trout Water Designation Changes

- Remove Caballo Lake and Dry Cimarron as trout waters
- Add Aztec Pond as a regular trout water
- New Winter Trout Waters:
  - Alumni Pond
  - Corona Pond
  - Estancia Pond
  - Perch Lake
  - Rancho Grande Ponds
  - Roswell Kids Ponds
  - Rio Grande below Elephant Butte
- Remove youth designation for Grants Riverwalk pond



# New Big Catfish Waters



- Reduced daily bag limit of 2 catfish
- Rancho Grande Ponds
- Pecos River within Villanueva State Park
- Timberon Ponds





# Public Involvement

- Eight public meetings
  - Albuquerque (1)
  - Farmington (5)
  - Las Cruces (3)
  - Navajo Dam (9)
  - Roswell (7)
  - Santa Fe (4)
  - Silver City (6)
  - Taos (1)
- Web Posting
- News Release





# Questions?

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