

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

Fisheries Division



Purpose of Proposed Changes

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



<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/fishing/fisheries-management/>

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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⁽²⁾ (How to Use the Chart, page 34)

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

NA = No Advisory
⁽²⁾ 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!

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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?

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us>

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Proposed Motion

- Move to adopt a new Fisheries Rule 19.31.4 NMAC to be effective April 1, 2018 as presented including:
 - 1) the addition of a 2.5 mile portion of the Rio de Los Pinos from the USFS Boundary 24 at the junction of Forest Road 284 and 87A upstream to the private property boundary as a Green Chile water,
 - 2) a portion of the Rio Grande from the New Mexico/Colorado border to the Taos Junction Bridge as a Christmas water, and
 - 3) to allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.



Proposed Motion

- Move to amend the Manner and Method Rule 19.31.10 NMAC as presented and to allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

