



Agenda Item 20

Proposed Changes to the Fisheries and Manner and Method Rules

NMAC 19.31.4
NMAC 19.31.10

Special Trout Water – Rio Chama

- ~ 3.5 mile reach below Cooper's Landing
- Catch and Release, Artificial Fly or Lure only





Gila Trout Rules

- Two fish limit, any tackle, for Mineral Creek and Whitewater Creek
- Expand Free Gila Trout Permit to all recovery and recreational waters open to angling
- Open Upper West Fork Gila River to angling, maintain closures for all tributaries
- Clarify South Diamond Creek closure

Framework for Management of Gila Trout Angling

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

December 2015

Introduction

Gila Trout (*Oncorhynchus gilae*) is native to the Gila, San Francisco, and Verde River Basins in New Mexico and Arizona; however it is now restricted to only small first- to third-order streams in the Gila and San Francisco drainages. Primary threats to Gila Trout include introduction of nonnative salmonids resulting in competition, predation, and hybridization; habitat degradation



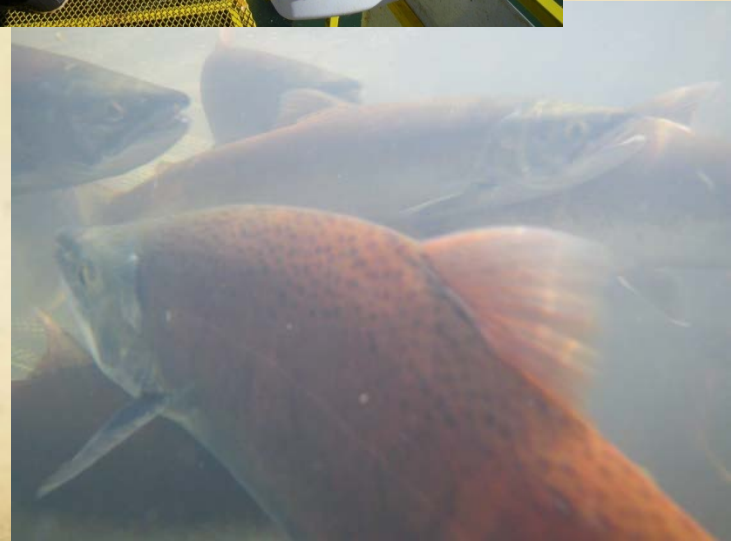
Trout and Catfish

- “Big Cat” Waters
 - Alumni Pond and Alto Lake
- Winter Trout Waters
 - Corrales Community Pond
 - Dennis Chavez Pond
 - Grants Riverwalk Pond



Kokanee Waters

- Open Pine River (near Navajo Reservoir) to snagging
- Close buoyed “no wake” areas at Pine and Sims boat ramps during spawning operations





Public Outreach

- Posted on website – September 8, 2016
- Email to interested individuals and partners
- Public meetings for Gila trout regulations – November 2015 and February 2016
- Two comments to date:
 - FWS biologist
 - Trout Unlimited

Questions?

