

Rule Hearing: Fisheries Rule 19.31.4 NMAC and Manner and Method Rule 19.31.10 NMAC

**Agenda Item 6
November 7, 2025**

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Fisheries Rule

- Four Year Cycle
- Current Rule Expires March 31, 2026
- Manner and Method for Fishing



Data Review and Angler Input

Stream	Site	Date of survey	Species	Density (adults/ac +95% CI)	Mult. year classes and YOYs?	Met all parameters?
Beaver Creek	Only Site	8/2/23	Brook Trout	1,010.7±4.8	Yes	Yes
Diablo Creek	Only Site	8/2/23	Brook Trout	4,088.86±188.7	Yes	Yes
Brazos River	Only Site	8/1/23	Brown Trout	38.7±4.6	No YOYs	No
Red River	Special Trout Water	8/15/23	Brown Trout	202.7±13.8	Yes	Yes
	La Bobbitt CG	8/15/23	Brown Trout	14.3±0.0	No	No
	Quetta Ranger Station	8/15/23	Brown Trout	66.7±20.0	Yes	No
	Hatchery Diversion	8/16/23	Brown Trout	138.4±11.1	Yes	Yes
Cimarron River	Above Talby CG	8/16/23	Brown Trout	293.4±34.1	Yes	Yes
	Blackjack CG	8/17/23	Brown Trout	829.8±60.1	Yes	Yes
	Above Gravel Pits	8/17/23	Brown Trout	842.4±64.8	Yes	Yes
	Lowest Site	8/17/23	Brown Trout	229.7±29.5	Yes	Yes
Pecos River	Bert Clancy	8/29/23	Brown Trout	696.6±58.0	Yes	Yes
	Terrero	8/29/23	Brown Trout	711.3±52.2	Yes	Yes
	Lower Mora	8/30/23	Brown Trout	916.2±31.2	Yes	Yes
	Upper Mora	8/31/23	Brown Trout	827.1±55.8	Yes	Yes
	Jaime Koch	8/31/23	Brown Trout	920.3±90.4	Yes	Yes
Rio Pueblo	Special Trout Water	9/20/23	Brown Trout	470.9±36.2	Yes	Yes
	Upper Site	9/20/23	Brown Trout	812.7±43.6	Yes	Yes
Aqua Piedra	Only Site	9/20/23	Brown Trout	550.3±34.4	No YOYs	No



Red Chile Water
Catch-and-release
with tackle restrictions



Green Chile Water
Two (2) trout daily bag limit
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Xmas Chile Water
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with any legal tackle

Fisheries Rule Proposals

- Clarify definition of “Barbless lure or fly” – consistent with Manner and Method Definition
- Special Trout Water Designation - Jack’s Creek, Rio Chiquito, and Rio San Antonio (near Lagunitas Lakes)
 - Catch and Release for Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout
 - Unlimited harvest for non-native trout
 - Tackle limited to barbless lures or flies
- Remove Santa Cruz, Bonito, Monastery, and Springer Lakes reference for ice fishing prohibition
- Add Definition of Special Trout Water
- SJ Boat Ramps – Prohibit fishing on Crusher Hole and Texas Hole Ramps



Manner and Method Proposals



- Clarify definition of “Barbless lure or fly” – consistent with Fisheries Rule Definition
- Remove Santa Cruz, Bonito, and Springer Lakes reference for ice fishing prohibition
- Prohibit using “bait fish” within BLM Overflow Wetlands
- Electric Trolling Motors at Jackson Lake WMA
- Director’s authority to suspend angling limits, methods, and size limits or to close a water
 - Six Months

Public Outreach – May/June



- Website – May 21
- Virtual Public Meetings
 - June 9 and 13
 - Total of 13 attendees



Public Comments

- 14 Total Written Comments – **Three During Formal Comment Period**
 - Remove “hard” plastic in definition of barbless lure or fly
 - Expand STWs Lakes
 - Expand STWs in Pecos and Cimarron
 - Proposed Native Trout STWs
 - Expand STW on San Juan
 - **Support Final Proposals**
 - **Support Proposed Native Trout STWs**
 - **Oppose closing Crusher Hole and Texas Hole boat ramps to angling**



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Questions?

