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TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE

**CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING** 

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, 4/1/2026]

**19.31.4.2 SCOPE:** Sportfishing. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Chapters 30 through 34 of Title 19 NMAC.

[19.31.4.2 NMAC – Rp 19.31.4.2 NMAC, 4/1/2026]

- **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, 4/1/2026]
- **19.31.4.4 DURATION:** April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2030. [19.31.4.4 NMAC Rp 19.31.4.4 NMAC, 4/1/2026]
- **19.31.4.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2026, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section. [19.31.4.5 NMAC Rp 19.31.4.5 NMAC, 4/1/2026]
- **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, 4/1/2026]
- **19.31.4.7 DEFINITIONS:** Specific terms as used in this regulation are defined.
- **A.** "**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. "Fishing" shall be synonymous to "angling".
- **B.** "Bait fish" is defined as those nongame fish which are not otherwise protected by statute or regulation.
- C. "Barbless lure or fly" shall mean an artificial lure made of wood, metal, or plastic or an artificial fly made from fur, feathers, other animal or man-made materials to resemble or simulate insects, bait fish, or other foods. A barbless 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 other foods are not considered barbless lures or flies.
  - D. 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.
- **E. "Chum"** as used herein, is organic material that is not injurious to aquatic life and is used to attract fish.
- **F.** "Daily bag limit" shall mean the number of fish that can be legally harvested within a calendar day.
  - **G.** "Daylight hours" shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
- **H.** "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.
- I. "Special trout waters" as used herein, are managed to enhance the unique angling opportunities available in New Mexico.

#### 19.31.4.8 [RESERVED]

[19.31.4.8 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.8 NMAC, 4/1/2026]

### **19.31.4.9 SEASON DATES:**

- **A. General seasons:** All 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: 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) Laguna del Campo at Los Ojos state fish hatchery shall be open from May 1 through October 31.
  - (d) Red River city ponds shall be open from March 1 through November 15.
- (e) Black Canyon creek from the forest road 150 (North Star Mesa road) crossing upstream to its headwaters and Mogollon creek in Grant and Catron counties upstream from waterfall barrier near intersection of FS trail 153 to confluence of Trail canyon shall be open from July 1 through October 31.
- (f) All waters on the Valles Caldera national preserve shall be open from May 1 to October 15.
- (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: 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 including the Pine river except as otherwise specified in Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.31.4.9 NMAC.
- (2) Heron lake shall be open for the special Kokanee salmon season from November 11 through December 31.
- (3) Heron lake, including the Willow creek tributary shall be closed to Kokanee salmon fishing between October 1 and November 10. The buoyed "no wake" areas, as posted by New Mexico State Parks, at the Pine boat ramp and Sims mesa boat ramp at Navajo lake, including the shoreline within the "no wake" areas, shall be closed to Kokanee salmon fishing October 1 through December 31. It shall be unlawful to fish for, snag, or possess Kokanee salmon in these areas during the closure period.

[19.31.4.9 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.9 NMAC, 4/1/2026]

**19.31.4.10 HOURS OF FISHING:** Day and night fishing for all species of game fish shall be permitted in all waters during the open season, except it shall be unlawful to fish in any water outside of hours and dates posted by any local, state, or federal agency.

[19.31.4.10 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.10 NMAC, 4/1/2026]

## 19.31.4.11 DAILY BAG, POSSESSION LIMITS AND REQUIREMENTS OR CONDITIONS:

## 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, Gila, lake, brook trout and Kokanee salmon:
- (a) The daily bag limit shall be five trout and no more than 10 trout shall be in possession, unless otherwise specified in Paragraph (4) of Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

- **(b)** The daily bag limit for cutthroat trout shall be two trout and no more than two cutthroat trout may in possession. Cutthroat trout are included in the bag and possession limits for trout explained in Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.
- (c) The daily bag limit for lake trout shall be two trout and no more than four lake trout shall be in possession. Lake trout are included in the bag and possession limits for trout explained in Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.
- (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 during the closed Kokanee salmon season.
  - On certain waters the following exceptions shall apply:
- (a) Special trout waters waters, hereafter referred to as "Special Trout Waters", the following exceptions shall apply:
  - (i) No fish may be kept or held in possession while fishing in the portions

of the following waters:

Water name	Portion	County	Exception
Tingley beach south pond	Within the Albuquerque conservancy park	Bernalillo	
Mogollon creek	Upstream from waterfall barrier near intersection of FS trail 153 to confluence of Trail canyon	Catron and Grant	
Cimarron river	From the lower end of Tolby campground downstream approximately 1.4 miles to the first bridge of N.M. 64	Colfax	
Leandro creek	Within the Valle Vidal (Vermejo tract- Carson national forest	Colfax	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Any stream on the Valle Vidal	Vermejo tract-Carson national forest	Colfax and Taos	
Black canyon	From the forest road 150 (North Star Mesa road) crossing upstream to its headwaters	Grant	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Pecos river	In the Pecos wilderness, above Pecos falls	Mora	
Rio Valdez	In the Pecos wilderness from the waterfall barrier 0.8 miles below FS trail 239 upstream to its headwaters	Mora	
Rito del Padre	From fish migration barrier located about 0.3 miles upstream of the confluence with the Rito Sebadilloses upstream to its headwaters including Rito de los Chimayosos	Mora	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
West fork Luna creek	From the Carson national forest property boundary upstream to its headwaters	Mora	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Jack's creek	From the water falls located 0.25 mile downstream of NM highway 63 crossing upstream to its headwaters	Mora and San Miguel	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Canada Tio Grande	Within the Carson national forest excluding private land	Rio Arriba	bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited
Nabor creek and Nabor lake	Within the Edward Sargent wildlife area	Rio Arriba	

Rio Chama	From the United States geological survey	Rio Arriba	
1110 Ciluinu	gaging station located 1.3 miles	100 7111100	
	downstream of El Vado lake dam		
	downstream approximately 3 miles to its		
	confluence with the Rio Nutrias		
Rio de Las Vacas	From fish migration barrier located about	Rio Arriba	bag and possession limits for
140 40 245 . 4045	0.2 miles upstream of FS road 70 crossing		rainbow trout, brown trout,
	to its headwaters		and brook trout are unlimited
Tanques creek	From FS road 93 crossing upstream to its	Rio Arriba	bag and possession limits for
ranques ereen	headwaters	Telo Tilliou	rainbow trout, brown trout,
	Tread Waters		and brook trout are unlimited
Rio Cebolla	From the Seven Springs day use area	Rio Arriba	bag and possession limits for
140 0 000114	upstream to the headwaters including	and Sandoval	rainbow trout, brown trout,
	McKinney pond	una Sunasvur	and brook trout are unlimited
Rio Santa Barbara	From the west fork and middle fork	Rio Arriba	bag and possession limits for
THO Sunta Baroura	confluence upstream to its headwaters	and Taos	rainbow trout, brown trout,
	including the east fork	and raos	and brook trout are unlimited
San Juan river	From Navajo dam downstream	San Juan	and brook trout are unminited
Sair Fauir 11VOI	approximately 3.75 miles to the Crusher	Suii suuii	
	Hole day use are (east side of section 16)		
Capulin creek	From its confluence with the Rio Grande	Sandoval	
cupum creek	to its headwaters	Sundovar	
Rio las Animas	Within the Gila national forest, Black	Sierra	
THO INSTITUTES	range ranger district excluding private land	Sierra	
Cabresto creek	From Cabresto canyon upstream to its	Taos	bag and possession limits for
	headwaters not including lake fork and	1405	rainbow trout, brown trout,
	Cabresto lake		and brook trout are unlimited
Columbine creek	From its confluence with the Red river	Taos	bag and possession limits for
Columnia Crock	upstream to its headwaters	1405	rainbow trout, brown trout,
	approximate the mean waves		and brook trout are unlimited
Frijoles creek	From its confluence with Rito de la Olla	Taos	bag and possession limits for
	upstream to its headwaters		rainbow trout, brown trout,
	approximate the mean waves		and brook trout are unlimited
Gavilan creek	From its confluence with the Rio Hondo	Taos	bag and possession limits for
	upstream to its headwaters		rainbow trout, brown trout,
	approximate the mean waves		and brook trout are unlimited
Italianos creek	From its confluence with the Rio Hondo	Taos	bag and possession limits for
	upstream its headwaters		rainbow trout, brown trout,
	open cum no nous munto		and brook trout are unlimited
Palociento creek	From its confluence with Rito de la Olla	Taos	bag and possession limits for
1 410 0101110 010011	upstream to its headwaters	1405	rainbow trout, brown trout,
	appareum to its neadwaters		and brook trout are unlimited
Rio Costilla	From its confluence with Latir creek	Taos	
120 Comin	upstream approximately 2.4 miles to the	1405	
	Valle Vidal tract of the Carson national		
	forest		
South fork Rio	From its confluence with the Rio Hondo	Taos	bag and possession limits for
Hondo	upstream to its headwaters	1405	rainbow trout, brown trout,
Hondo	apsacam to its neadwaters		and brook trout are unlimited
Yerba creek	From the its confluence with the Rio	Taos	bag and possession limits for
1 CIUa CICCK	Hondo upstream to its headwaters	1405	rainbow trout, brown trout,
	Trongo upsucam to its headwaters		and brook trout are unlimited
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Rio San Antonio	From forest road 93 crossing upstream to	Rio Arriba	bag and possession limits for
	its headwaters including Lagunitas creek		rainbow trout, brown trout,
			and brook trout are unlimited
Rio Chiquito	From forest road 438 crossing upstream to	Taos	bag and possession limits for
	its headwaters		rainbow trout, brown trout,
			and brook trout are unlimited

(ii) The daily bag limit shall be two trout and no more than two trout shall be in possession while fishing in the portions of the following waters. Anglers must stop fishing in those waters when the daily bag limit is reached.

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Water name	Portion	County	Exception
Gilita creek and	From its confluence with Snow creek	Catron	bag and possession limits for
tributaries	upstream to its headwaters including		rainbow trout, brown trout,
	Willow and Little Turkey creek		and brook trout are unlimited
Mineral creek	From its confluence with San Francisco	Catron	
	river to its headwaters		
Whitewater creek	From Catwalk National Recreation Trail	Catron	
	parking area upstream to headwaters		
	including all tributaries		
Shuree lakes	Within the Valle Vidal (Vermejo tract-	Colfax	
	Carson national forest)		
Vermejo river and	From the Vermejo Park ranch boundary	Colfax	bag and possession limits for
its tributaries	upstream to its headwaters		rainbow trout, brown trout,
			and brook trout are unlimited
Rio Ruidoso	From Fridenbloom drive upstream to the	Lincoln	
	boundary between the Mescalero Apache		
	reservation and the city of Ruidoso		
All waters within	Including the Rio Chamita, Sexton creek,	Rio Arriba	
or adjacent to the	and Rio Chama, excluding Nabor creek		
Edward Sargent	and Nabor lake		
wildlife area			
Rio Chama	Within the boundaries of the Rio Chama	Rio Arriba	
	wildlife and fishing area from Heron		
	reservoir outlet 2.9 miles upstream to		
	Cottonwood Flats		
Rio Chama	From the river crossing bridge on U.S. 84	Rio Arriba	
	at Abiquiu upstream 7.0 miles to the base		
	of Abiquiu dam		
Rio de Los Pinos	From FS road 284 and 87A, 2.5 miles	Rio Arriba	
	upstream to the private property boundary		
Pecos river	From approximately 0.5 mile upstream of	San Miguel	
	its confluence with the Mora river (Mora-		
	Pecos) upstream to approximately 0.2		
	miles downstream of the bridge crossing at		
	Cowles		
All waters of the		Sandoval	
Valles Caldera			
national preserve			
Rio Guadalupe	From its confluence with Deer creek	Sandoval	
_	upstream 6.0 miles to Stable canyon		
Rio San Antonio	From the San Antonio hot springs	Sandoval	
	pedestrian bridge upstream approximately		
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	2.0 miles to the Valles Caldera National		
	Preserve boundary		
Red River	From its confluence with Goose creek 1.1	Taos	
	miles upstream to the Carson national		
	forest boundary		
Red River	From its confluence with the Rio Grande	Taos	
	upstream to the lower walking bridge at		
	Red River state fish hatchery		
Rio Grande	From the New Mexico/Colorado state line	Taos	
	downstream to the Taos junction bridge at		
	NM highway 567		

- **(b)** In Sandoval county; brood pond at Seven Springs state fish hatchery, the daily bag limit shall be five cutthroat trout and no more than 10 cutthroat may be in possession.
- (c) On the following waters the daily bag limit shall be three trout and no more than three trout shall be in possession; In Rio Arriba county: Laguna del Campo at Los Ojos state fish hatchery.
- **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 one fish;
  - (2) largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass five fish;
  - (3) walleye five 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) yellow perch 30 fish;
  - (9) tiger muskie (*Esox lucius x E. masquinongy*) one fish
  - (10) all other warm-water game species 20 fish.

# C. The following exception shall apply:

- (1) At Alto lake (Lincoln county); Alumni pond (Dona Ana county); Bataan lake (Eddy county); Blue Hole park pond (Guadalupe county); Bosque Redondo (De Baca county); Burn lake (Dona Ana county); Carrizozo lake (Lincoln county); Chaparral lake (Lea county); Conoco lake (Lea county); Conservancy park/Tingley beach (Bernalillo county); Corona lake (Lincoln county); Dennis Chavez pond (Curry county); Escondida lake (Socorro county); Estancia Park lake (Torrance county); Eunice lake (Lea county); Grants city pond (Cibola county); Green Meadow lake (Lea county); Greene Acres lake (Curry county); Harris Pond (San Miguel county); Jal lake (Lea county); lake Van (Chaves county); Liam Knight pond (Sandoval county); McGaffey lake (McKinley county); Ned Houk lakes (Curry county); Oasis state park (Roosevelt county); Pecos River within the Villanueva state park (San Miguel county); Perch lake (Guadalupe county); Rancho Grande ponds (Catron county); Roswell kids pond (Chavez county); Timberon ponds (Otero county); Trees lake (Luna county); and Young pond (Dona Ana county): the daily bag limit for channel catfish will be two 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.
- (3) In Colfax county, Eagle Nest lake there is no bag or possession limit for northern pike. All northern pike caught at Eagle Nest lake must be kept in possession. No northern pike shall be intentionally returned to Eagle Nest lake.
- (4) In Union county: Clayton Lake; In Grant county: Bill Evans lake; In Grant county: lake Roberts the daily bag limit for largemouth bass shall be two fish and no more than two shall be in possession. [19.31.4.11 NMAC Rp 19.31.4.11 NMAC, 4/1/2026]

### **19.31.4.12 SIZE LIMITS:**

#### A. Black basses

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

- (2) Any smallmouth bass taken which is less than 12 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water with the following exceptions:
- (a) In San Miguel and Quay counties: Ute and Conchas reservoirs, any smallmouth bass taken which is less than 14 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water.
- **(b)** In Rio Arriba and Taos counties: Rio Grande, there shall be no size limit on smallmouth bass.
- **B.** Tiger muskie (Esox lucius x E. masquinongy): Any tiger muskie taken which is less than 40 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water.

  [19.31.4.12 NMAC Rp 19.31.4.12 NMAC, 4/1/2026]
- 19.31.4.13 GILA TROUT PERMIT REQUIRED: Every person angling for fish on those sections of the following waters must be in possession of a Gila trout permit, issued in their name by the department or its designee. In Grant county: Black canyon upstream of its confluence with the East fork Gila River and Sapillo creek; In Catron county: West fork Gila river, Whitewater creek from Catwalk National Recreation Trail parking area upstream to headwaters including all tributaries, Mineral creek including all tributaries, and waters upstream from the confluence of Gilita creek and Snow creek including Gilita, Willow and Little Turkey creeks; In Grant and Catron counties: the area from the Middle fork Gila river and West fork Gila river confluence downstream to the East fork Gila river confluence and Mogollon creek upstream from the waterfall barrier near intersection of FS trail 153 to confluence of Trail canyon. A photocopy, duplicate copy or computer printout of this permit will suffice as evidence of receiving such permit.

[19.31.4.13 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.13 NMAC, 4/1/2026]

#### 19.31.4.14 WATERS WITH AGE OR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES USE RESTRICTIONS:

- A. Only persons 11 years of age and younger may fish in the following waters: Harris Pond; brood pond at Seven Springs state fish hatchery; Shuree kids' pond on Valle Vidal (Vermejo tract-Carson national forest); Spring river park pond in Roswell; Conservancy park/Tingley beach kids' pond; hatchery settling ponds located at the Rock Lake state fish hatchery; and Alto Kids' Pond.
- **B.** Only persons 11 years of age and younger, those 65 years and older, and individuals with disabilities may fish in the following waters: Blue Hole park pond; posted small pond at Cowles; Harry McAdams park ponds; Red River city middle kids' pond; and Red River hatchery pond located at the Red River state fish hatchery.
- **C. Laguna del Campo:** Only persons 14 years of age and younger, those 65 years and older, individuals with disabilities, or up to two parents/guardians in direct supervision of a child or children 14 years of age and under who are fishing, may fish in Laguna del Campo located near Los Ojos trout hatchery. [19.31.4.14 NMAC Rp 19.31.4.14 NMAC, 4/1/2026]

# **19.31.4.15 CLOSED WATERS:**

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headwaters.

# A. Waters closed to fishing:

- (1) In Catron county: Big Dry creek from Golden link cabin upstream through its
- (2) In Catron county: Little creek from the "barrier" upstream through all tributaries.
- (4) In Catron and Sierra counties: Main Diamond creek above the point of confluence with south Diamond creek.
  - (5) In Catron and Sierra counties: 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 Trail canyon including Woodrow canyon.
  - (9) In Grant county: Sheep Corral creek.

In Catron county: Spruce creek.

(10) In Lincoln county: posted areas of Alto reservoir and Bonito lake near the outlets.

- (11) In Catron county: All tributaries of the West fork of the Gila river above waterfalls between FS Trail No. 151 crossing of the West fork of the Gila river near White creek cabin and FS Trail No. 151 crossing of the West fork of the Gila river near Liley canyon. Mainstem of the West fork of the Gila river will be open to fishing.
- (12) In Catron county: Iron creek in the Gila wilderness upstream of the constructed waterfall barrier located in T12SR17WSec16NE.
- **B.** Taking fish from hatchery waters: It is unlawful to 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 state fish hatchery, and Laguna del Campo at Los Ojos state fish hatchery, and settling ponds at Rock Lake 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: Ice fishing is permitted in all waters unless closed by any local, state, or federal agency due to safety concerns or unsafe ice conditions.
- **D.** It is unlawful to fish from the boat ramp at the Crusher Hole Day Use Area and Texas Hole Day Use Area located in Navajo Lake State Park, San Juan County. [19.31.4.15 NMAC Rp 19.31.4.15 NMAC, 4/1/2026]
- 19.31.4.16 ESTABLISHING FREE FISHING WEEKENDS: The first consecutive Saturday and Sunday in June and the last consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September during the effective dates of this regulation, are established as free fishing weekends whereby anglers may fish public waters in New Mexico as otherwise provided by regulation without a fishing license, stamps or paying any license fees. Anglers must abide by all other fishing laws including but not limited to bag limits, tackle restrictions, age restrictions and hours during each free fishing weekend.

[19.31.4.16 NMAC - Rp 19.31.4.16 NMAC, 4/1/2026]

### **HISTORY OF 19.31.4 NMAC:**

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