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# NON-TRIBAL MEMBER FISHING PROCLAMATION

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## NEW

- The JGFD was awarded two grants from the BIA to conduct improvements at Enbom and Mundo Lakes. Construction Activities over the 2025-26 fishing season are expected to at times limit access and fishing opportunities at both lakes as required to allow crews to operate safely. Notifications of closures will be made at the JGFD Office as well as on our website fishing blog. The JGFD is excited to bring these improvements to the lakes for your enjoyment in upcoming years!
- New Trout Limits at all bodies of water
- Purchase at your own risk, JGFD policy continues to be NO refunds on permit sales.

## PERMIT PRICES

**!!!NO REFUNDS ON PERMIT SALES // NO DUPLICATES WILL BE PRINTED // FISH AT YOUR OWN RISK!!!**

ANGLER DESIGNATION	DAILY RATE	Annual Rate
Adult (13-59)	\$20.00	\$60.00
Youth (12 & Under)	\$10.00	\$30.00
Senior Citizen (60 & Over)	\$15.00	\$50.00
Handicap*	\$10.00	\$30.00

*\*Handicap status will be determined at the JGFD. Applicants must have a disability, physical or mental, which would significantly hinder their ability to fish (i.e., cast a line and/or move about the shoreline or water) and must show proof of disability in the form of a letter signed by a doctor or a disability card provided by a state entity provided at the time of permit sale*

## CREEL LIMITS (Except Special Regulation Waters)

*All limits are per fisherman per day*

Limits are in aggregate! For Example: Your daily limit is 2 trout of any species per day per angler regardless of which bodies of water you fished on a particular day. If you fish for two days, you may have 4 trout in possession.

PERMIT HOLDER	BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION
All Permit Types	2 Trout	4 Trout
All Permit Types	2 Bass	4 Bass
All Permit Types	25 Catfish	50 Catfish
All Permit Types	10 Bluegill	20 Bluegill
All Permit Types	Tiger Musky Catch & Release ONLY	Zero (0)

*\*Any Tiger Muskie caught at Mundo Lake must be released immediately!*

## STONE LAKE: Special Regulation Water

*All limits are per fisherman per day*

PERMIT HOLDER	BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION
All Permit Types	2 trout	4 trout
All Permit Types	Bass Catch & Release ONLY	Bass Catch & Release ONLY

**ONLY BARBLESS ARTIFICIAL FLIES AND LURES ARE PERMITTED.** Absolutely NO bait fishing is allowed (see definition of bait below). Violators will be diligently prosecuted. Fishing with bait in Stone Lake is a CLASS D offense punishable by a mandatory \$500.00 fine and possible seizure and forfeiture of violator's vehicle, boat, and equipment. Baits include any hand moldable material designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell (i.e. Powerbait™), and any devices in which scents or smell attractants have been externally applied **OR** physically incorporated into the product (i.e. Gulp™ Minnows, etc.), foods, traditional organic baits, such as worms, grubs, crickets, leeches, MINNOWS and fish eggs, or manufactured baits such as imitation fish eggs, dough baits or stink baits.

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### NAVAJO RIVER: Special Regulation Water

*All limits are per fisherman per day*

The Navajo River is primarily managed for native fish. Five species of native fish utilize the Navajo River for some or all of their life stages. If you have questions regarding native fish management, or an unknown species you may have encountered on the river please contact JGFD.

PERMIT HOLDER	BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION
All Permit Types	2 Trout	4 Trout
All Permit Types	25 Catfish	50 Catfish
All Permit Types	Native Species Catch & Release ONLY*	Catch & Release ONLY*

\*All Minnows, Suckers, and Roundtail Chub (White Fish) must be immediately released, alive and unharmed, into the waters they were captured from!

#### DEFINITIONS

- **Angling or Fishing:** 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 (meaning in one's possession).
- **Bag Limit:** What you may catch and keep in one fishing day ([See Rule 6&9](#)).
- **Possession Limit:** The total fish you may have in your possession.
- **Non-Tribal Member:** Any person NOT registered with Jicarilla Apache Nation's Census Bureau.
- **Minnows:** ANY fish, alive or dead, in one's possession except those authorized in this proclamation for take by the JGFD (see below). This includes but is not limited to the order *Cypriniformes* (carp, chub, dace, sculpin & suckers).
- **Trout:** Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*), Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii*).
- **Bass, Bluegill, & Catfish:** Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*), Smallmouth Bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*); Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*), Black Bullhead (*Ameiurus melas*); Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*), Green Sunfish (*Lepomis cyanellus*)

#### GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS

The following includes a partial listing of regulations applicable to **Non-Tribal fishing** on the Jicarilla Apache Nation. In addition to the rules and regulations found in this proclamation, partial listing of Jicarilla Apache Nation wildlife laws (Title 10) applicable to tribal member hunts are summarized herein for easier understanding. A complete copy of Title 10 is available at the Jicarilla Game and Fish office, upon request. The Jicarilla Apache Nation, its officers and agents, are not responsible for injuries, accidents, death or theft that may occur while recreating on the Jicarilla Apache Nation. **Minnows:** Possession or transportation of minnows on the Nation is strictly prohibited. Such transportation or possession of minnows constitutes a CLASS D offense, punishable by a mandatory \$500.00 fine and possible forfeiture of vehicles, equipment and boats used in such possession or transport. This provision is STRICTLY enforced on the Nation.

1. **Fishing Permits:** It is unlawful to fish Nation waters without a valid Jicarilla Apache fishing permit **on person**. Anglers **do not** need a NM State Fishing Permit to fish Nation waters. It is illegal to make false statements when applying, buying, or altering a license, and doing so voids the license.
2. **Permitted Bait:** Non-fish and non-amphibian baits such as corn or other vegetable matter, worms, insects, commercially processed salmon eggs, and other non-prohibited baits are permitted in all lakes **except Stone Lake**.
3. **Prohibited Bait:** The use of **ANY** live, dead, or cut part of fish or amphibians as bait is strictly prohibited in all waters of the Nation.
4. **Barbless Hooks:** It is unlawful to fish with a barbed hook in Stone Lake.
5. **Fishing Methods:** Fish may be taken only by hook and line. **For bait fishing, there is a limit of one (1) line and two (2) baited hooks, per angler. For fishing with artificial lures, there is a limit of one (1) line and two (2) artificial lures.** A single, double or treble hook, if attached on the same shaft, shall be considered as one (1) hook.
6. **Fishing Duration:** It is unlawful to continue fishing after the legal bag limit of fish is caught and retained for human consumption.
7. **Fishing Hours:** At all lakes, excluding Mundo Lake and Dulce Lake, fishing is permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. At Mundo Lake and Dulce Lake, fishing is permitted 24 hours a day.
8. **Designated Fishing Areas:** Jicarilla Non-tribal fishing permits are valid for the following lakes and streams: Dulce Lake, Enbom Lake, Horse Lake, Mundo Lake, Stone Lake and the Navajo River.
9. **Fish in Excess of Limit:** It is unlawful to take fish from any waters on the Nation in excess of the number permitted by this Proclamation. All fish possessed by violators shall be seized and forfeited to the Nation.
10. **Navajo River and Amargo Creek: All minnows, suckers, and Roundtail Chub (White Fish) must be immediately released alive and unharmed into the waters they were captured from.**
11. **Snagging.** Snagging fish with a lure, treble-hook, snagging hook or any other device is strictly prohibited in all Nation waters.
12. **Taking Amphibians, Crustaceans, Mollusks, or Reptiles:** A special permit is required to take any amphibians, crustaceans, mollusks or reptiles in any manner or place not permitted by Tribal regulations.
13. **Unauthorized Taking, Transporting, or Sale of Fish:** It is unlawful to take, possess, transport, import, trade, buy, sell or offer for sale any fish within the Nation, except as permitted by this Title or Tribal regulations.
14. **Fishing Pole Attendance:** Anglers must attend to their fishing pole at all times. The use of more than one pole, or more than one line, at a time is prohibited. For purposes of this regulation, attendance shall be defined as physically being within fifty (50) feet of the fishing pole.
15. **Chumming:** It is unlawful to place or spread bait in fishing waters for the purpose of attracting fish.
16. **Waste of Game:** It is unlawful to waste fish by failing to transport the edible portions of the meat of game fish to a place for human consumption or to provide for human consumption thereof. It shall be lawful to dispose of obviously diseased or parasitized fish into a proper waste receptacle.



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17. **Dogs:** All dogs must be either on a leash or within voice control of its owner.
18. **Vehicles on Designated Roads Only:** It is unlawful to drive or park a motor vehicle on a road posted as "no vehicles" or "authorized vehicles only" or on an area where no road clearly exists.
19. **Cleaning Fish:** It is unlawful to discard fish entrails or other fish parts in streams, springs or lakes of the Nation. Fish may be cleaned while in fishing areas, but the entrails and other discarded parts must be disposed of in a proper manner (a trash can).
20. **Using Explosives or Poisons:** It is unlawful to use any explosive compound or corrosive, narcotic, poison or other deleterious substance for the purpose of taking, stunning or killing fish.
21. **Ice Fishing:** It is unlawful to cut a hole larger than ten (10) inches in diameter for ice fishing, or to build a campfire on the frozen surface of a lake or stream. One pole per angler will be allowed during ice fishing. All other regulations apply.
22. **Recall of Permits:** All permits are issued subject to the condition that the Department Director has the right to recall and amend any provision of a permit, for just cause, at any time during its term.
23. **Outfitting and Guiding:** Only Tribal Members may guide or outfit on the Nation. Tribal Member fishing guides may take two Non-Tribal fishing clients (with valid Jicarilla fishing permits) to tribal fishing waters. They assume responsibility for these clients and must be present at all times.
24. **Trees, Shrubs, Plants, or Natural Objects:** Breaking, cutting, injuring or removing any tree, shrub, plant or natural objects is prohibited.
25. **Aerators:** In the event an aerator head or aerator line is snagged with a fishing line, the fishing line must be cut. It is unlawful to open, move, remove or damage any aeration equipment or aeration equipment housing.
26. **Polluting Nation Waters:** It is unlawful to LITTER or pollute anywhere on the Nation.
27. **Donation:** Fish may be legally donated to another person with a donation certificate which shall state the name and fishing permit number of the donor, date of catch, where caught (i.e., which lake or stream), and the number of fish donated. Donated fish, given the same day they are caught, shall apply to the donor's daily bag limit.
28. **Rewards:** A reward of up to \$500 will be granted for those providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone violating JGFD Regulations.
29. **Swimming:** Swimming is prohibited at all the above designated fishing lakes. No wading is allowed unless actively engaged in fishing or launching a boat. Swim at your own risk in the Navajo River.
30. **Stream Banks:** It is unlawful to willfully destroy stream/lake banks and their vegetation within 200 feet of the Jicarilla Lakes, Navajo River and Amargo Creek without written permission from the JGFD Director.
31. **Loaded Weapon:** It is unlawful to possess a loaded weapon on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation if you do not also possess a valid Jicarilla hunting permit. Ammunition in the chamber, magazine or detachable clip constitutes a loaded weapon.
32. **Tribal Member Guests:** Tribal members may invite two (2) Non-Tribal guests (with valid Jicarilla fishing permits) per day on designated tribal fishing waters. The Tribal member must be present at all times.

### BOATING REGULATIONS

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33. **Boat Types:** All fishing boat types are allowed on the above-designated fishing lakes. All boats must be cleaned, drained, and dried before launching on any body of water. JGFD reserves the right to inspect boats before launching, and deny launch to any boat that has not been properly decontaminated.
34. **Operation:** No person shall operate a boat on any waters of the Nation in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life or property of any person, or while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substance.
35. **Equipment:** Every boat shall be equipped with at least one life preserver, buoyant vest, ring buoy or buoyant cushion in serviceable condition for each person on board. All boaters 17 years of age and younger are required to wear a personal flotation device at all times while on the water.
36. **Boat Size and Horsepower:** There are no boat size or engine horsepower restrictions on waters of the Nation. However, all vessels must be capable of operating at trolling speeds without producing a wake that is dangerous or annoying to other boaters (including float tubers) or shore anglers. Trolling speeds only are permitted on Nation lakes.
37. **Float Tubes:** Float tubes that are in a safe working state may be used on waters of the Nation.
38. **Boat Ramps:** Boat ramp must be kept clear to allow trailer access. No unattended trailers or vehicles may be left in the water at launching areas. Anglers must keep the ramp clear if watercraft are launching or being recovered.

### CAMPING REGULATIONS

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39. **Camping Fees:** Camping fees are included with a valid Jicarilla Fishing Permit. Camping is allowed at Stone Lake, Mundo Lake, Dulce Lake, Enbom Lake and the Navajo River.
40. **Camping during NM State Hunting Season:** No camping is allowed on Jicarilla Nation lands if persons are hunting on land surrounding the Reservation.
41. **Designated Areas:** Camping is allowed at all designated Fishing Lakes except for Horse Lake, where only day use is permitted.
42. **Designated Camping:** Any use of a campground between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. is considered overnight camping. Camping is limited to no more than 12 days within a 20-day consecutive window. Camps must not be left vacant for more than 24 hours. Camps must be always kept clean and sanitary. No camping is allowed under the Mundo Lake Picnic Pavilion, Pavilion is for day use only.
43. **Campfires:** It is unlawful to build a campfire other than in designated campsites with fire rings or grills. It is expressly forbidden to build campfires along lakeshores, except in fire pans at Mundo Lake. No ashes or fires in public trash cans.
44. **Camping Near Water Holes:** It is unlawful to camp within one quarter (1/4) mile of a wildlife or livestock water hole, other than at designated camping sites near fishing waters.
45. **Defacing Property:** It is unlawful to deface signs, tables, improvements, crops, or personal or real property. In addition to other penalties, violators of this Section may be required to replace or restore such property.
46. **Littering.** Littering is strictly prohibited in all areas of the campground and all other areas of the Nation.



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47. **Destroying Timber:** It is unlawful to destroy, remove, injure, cut, or transport any green tree, dead tree or other firewood on the Nation without Tribal authorization. NO WOOD HARVEST IS ALLOWED AT RECREATIONAL LAKES.
48. **Quiet Hours:** Quiet hours are from 8pm-7am. Use of motorcycles, fireworks, and playing loud music during these hours is prohibited.
49. **ATV Use:** Recreational ATV use is not allowed.

