



# TRIBAL MEMBER FISHING PROCLAMATION

## JICARILLA GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT

April 1st, 2026-March 31st, 2027

**Tribal Member Fishing Permits are only sold at the JGFD office, M-F, 8am-5pm**

The following includes a partial listing of fishing regulations applicable to enrolled Jicarilla Apache Tribal Members. For a complete listing of regulations refer to Title 10, Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Code. 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.

**NEW**

- Any angler who retains fish must have their own stringer or live well; no party fishing is allowed. Once a fish has been retained for later consumption it is part of the angler's bag limit and cannot be released back to the water.

**FISHING PERMITS**

**!!NO REFUNDS ON PERMIT SALES // NO DUPLICATES WILL BE PRINTED!!**  
*All Anglers Must Be in Possession of a Valid & Signed Permit Regardless of Age*

PERMIT HOLDER	ANNUAL PERMIT DATES	PRICE
Adult Permit (18-59 years)	April 1, 2026—March 31, 2027	\$10.00
Youth (13-17 years)	April 1, 2026—March 31, 2027	\$5.00
Child (12 & Under)	April 1, 2026—March 31, 2027	No Charge
Veteran/ Handicap/ Senior (60 & over)	April 1, 2026—March 31, 2027	No Charge
Legally Married Spouse	April 1, 2026—March 31, 2027	\$10.00

**CREEL LIMITS:** *All limits are per fisherman per day*

Limits Are Not Additive! 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.

**ALL JICARILLA WATERS (Except Special Regulation Waters)**

PERMIT HOLDER	BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
All Types Above	2 Trout	4 Trout
All Types Above	2 Bass	4 Bass
All Types Above	Unlimited Catfish	Unlimited Catfish
All Types Above	10 Bluegill	20 Bluegill
All Types Above	Unlimited Kokanee Salmon	Unlimited Kokanee Salmon
All Types Above	Tiger Musky Catch & Release ONLY	Tiger Musky Catch & Release ONLY

*\*Tiger Musky caught at Mundo Lake must be immediately released unharmed!*

**NAVAJO RIVER: Special Regulation Water**

The Navajo River is primarily managed for native fish. Questions regarding native fish management, or species identification, please contact JGFD.

PERMIT HOLDER	BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
All Types Above	2 Trout	4 Trout
All Types Above	Unlimited Catfish	Unlimited Catfish
All Types Above	Unlimited Bass	Unlimited Bass
All Types Above	Native Species Catch & Release ONLY	Catch & Release ONLY

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

**STONE LAKE: Special Regulation Water**

**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.

PERMIT HOLDER	BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
All Types Above	2 Trout	4 Trout
All Types Above	Bass Catch & Release ONLY	Bass Catch & Release ONLY

Responsible Recreation Requires LEAVE NO TRACE



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### DEFINITIONS

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- **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 one angler may catch and keep in one fishing day. *All limits are per fisherman per day*
- **Possession Limit:** The total fish you may have in your possession.
- **Tribal Member:** Any person registered with the Jicarilla Apache Nation's Census Bureau. Youth Permits to include all children 13 to 17 years of age who are the legal dependent of a Jicarilla Tribal Member. Child Permits to include all children 12 years or younger who are the legal dependent of a Jicarilla Tribal Member, permit required free of charge. Unenrolled individuals over 18 years of age will now refer to proclamation based on their residency (either Dulce Resident or Non-Tribal Member).
- **Minnows:** ANY fish, alive or dead, in one's possession except those authorized in this proclamation for take by the Jicarilla Game & Fish Department (see below). This Includes but is not limited to the order *cypriniformes* (carp, chub, dace, sculpin, suckers, etc.).
- **Trout:** Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*), Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii*).
- **Bass, Bluegill, & Catfish:** Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*); Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*), Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*).
- **Bow-fishing:** Taking or attempting to take by specialized archery equipment (bow and arrow, reel). **BOW-FISHING** for Common Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) is allowed at the "Montoya Gravel Pit Lakes" with a special use permit (issued free of charge at the JGFD Office). Proper use and or disposal of fish is required (i.e. animal pit at the Dulce Transfer station, etc.). Please contact JGFD. for more information. Bow-fishing for any other species or in any other location is strictly forbidden. Unlimited take of Common Carp is allowed.

### GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS

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1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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**.
4. **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.
5. **Barbless Hooks:** It is unlawful to fish with a barbed hook in Stone Lake.
6. **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.
7. **Fishing Duration:** It is unlawful to continue fishing after the legal bag limit of fish is caught and retained for human consumption.
8. **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, Horse Whisperer Pond, and Dulce Lake, and the Navajo River fishing is permitted 24 hours a day.
9. **Designated Fishing Areas:** Jicarilla fishing permits are valid for the following lakes and streams: Dulce Lake, Enbom Lake, Horse Lake, Mundo Lake, Stone Lake and the Navajo River. **In addition, the following waters may be available for fishing:** Sicily's Pond, Horse Whisperer Pond, Apache Pond, Ponderosa Pond, Blue Hills Pond, Tio Lopez Pond, Elk Pond, Tug Boat's Pond, Willow Creek Canal, and Chama River. Not all ponds are stocked, please contact the JGFD for stocking updates.
10. **Tribal Ponds:** The ponds listed above in regulation # 9, Willow creek, and Chama River are open to tribal members and immediate family (legally married spouse and children), and two (2) guests.
11. **Fish in Excess of Limit:** It is unlawful to take fish from any waters on the Nation in excess of the number permitted by Tribal Regulations. All fish possessed by violators shall be seized and forfeited to the Nation.
12. **Navajo River and Amargo Creek. All minnows, suckers, and whitefish (Roundtail chub) must be immediately released alive and unharmed into the waters they were captured from.**
13. **Snagging:** Snagging fish with a lure, treble-hook, snagging hook or any other device is strictly prohibited in all Nation waters.
14. **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.
15. **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.
16. **Fishing Pole Attendance:** Anglers must always attend to their fishing pole, and 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.
17. **Chumming:** It is unlawful to place or spread bait in fishing waters for the purpose of attracting fish.
18. **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. Any angler who retains fish must have their own stringer or live well; no party fishing is allowed. Once a fish has been retained for later consumption it is part of the angler's bag limit and cannot be released back to the water.
19. **Dogs:** All dogs must be either on a leash or under voice control of their owner.
20. **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 in an area where no road clearly exists.
21. **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).
22. **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.

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23. **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 the ice fishing season. All other regulations apply.)
24. **Recall of Permits:** All permits are issued subject to the condition that the JGFD Director has the right to recall and amend any provision of a permit, for just cause, at any time during its term.
25. **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.
26. **Trees, Shrubs, Plants, or Natural Objects:** Breaking, cutting, injuring or removing any tree, shrub, plant or natural objects is prohibited.
27. **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.
28. **Polluting Nation Waters:** It is unlawful to LITTER or pollute anywhere on the Nation.
29. **Donation and Possession:** Fish may be legally donated to another person with a valid JGFD 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 both the donor's and recipients' daily bag and possession limits (Also see Rule 7.).
30. **Rewards:** A reward of up to \$500.00 will be granted for those providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone violating JGFD Regulations.
31. **Swimming:** Swimming is prohibited at all designated fishing lakes. No wading is allowed unless actively engaged in fishing or launching a boat. Swim at your own risk in the Navajo or Chama River(s).
32. **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.
33. **Non-Tribal Member Guests:** Tribal members may invite two (2) Non-Tribal guests (each with valid Jicarilla fishing permits) per day on designated tribal fishing waters. The Tribal Member must always be present.
34. **Kokane Salmon:** Salmon running in the Willow Creek Canal on the reservation may be captured by any means except firearms, explosives or chemical pollutants.

### BOATING REGULATIONS

35. **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.
36. **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.
37. **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 or younger are required to wear a personal floatation device at all times while on the water.
38. **Boat Size and Horsepower:** There are no boat size or engine horsepower restrictions on the 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. All Lakes are NO WAKE.
39. **Float Tubes:** Float tubes that are in a safe working state may be used on waters of the Nation. All Boating Regulations apply.
40. **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

41. **Camping Fees:** Tribal Members do not have to pay for camping or parking fees at the Nation's lakes.
42. **Designated Areas:** Camping is allowed at all designated Fishing Lakes except for Horse Lake, where day use only is permitted.
43. **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 kept clean and sanitary at all times. No camping is allowed under Picnic Pavilions, Pavilions are for day use only.
44. **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.
45. **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.
46. **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.
47. **Littering:** Littering is strictly prohibited in all areas of the campground, and all other areas of the Nation.
48. **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.
49. **Quiet Hours:** Quiet hours are from 8pm-7 am. Loud activities like running generators or playing loud music during these hours are prohibited.
50. **ATV Use:** Recreational ATV, UTV, OHV use is not allowed.
51. Fireworks, incendiary type devices, and recreational firearm discharge are forbidden at all recreational fishing areas.

