

NEW MEXICO FISHING REPORT

This fishing report, provided by Bill Dunn and the Department of Game and Fish, has been generated from the best information available from area officers and anglers. Conditions encountered after the report is compiled may differ, as stream, lake and weather conditions alter fish and angler activities.

CATCHES OF THE WEEK:

Chama River: Jed Lowey of Albuquerque, caught a 20-inch brown trout Sept. 27. He was using a night crawler.

Sumner Lake: Robert Blackburn, 7 of Artesia caught a 21-inch smallmouth bass Sept. 26. He was using tubes and out fished his dad all day long.

The following came in late but we felt it was definitely worth mentioning:

Cochiti Lake: Derrick Sandoval caught a really nice smallmouth bass estimated to be between 4 and 5 pounds Sept. 16. He was using a Livingston crank bait.

If you have a catch of the week story or just want to tell us about your latest New Mexico fishing experience, send it to us at fishforfun2@hotmail.com. We may include your story in our next report.

For catches of the week, include name, age, hometown, date, and location, type of fish, length and weight if possible and bait, lure or fly used.

September 29, 2015

Northeast

Charette Lakes: Fishing was slow.

Cimarron River: Stream flow on Monday below Eagle Nest was 25 cfs. Fishing was good using red San Juan worms, red annelids, copper John Barrs, salmon eggs and worms for trout. We had no reports from the Gravel Pit Lakes.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using chicken liver for catfish. Fishing was good using wooly buggers and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was very good using worms and small grubs for bluegill. Fishing slowed a bit for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass but anglers still reported quite a bit of success. They were using drop shot rigs, tubes, senkos, grubs, sweet beavers and worms and reported catching fish from 2 to 25 feet deep. Fishing was fair to good using spoons and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was good using liver, shrimp, stink baits and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 70s.

Cowles Ponds: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Coyote Creek: Fishing was fair using worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout.

Eagle Rock Lake: Check this one out. There will be a grand reopening of the lake on Oct. 3. The lake will be stocked and there will also be a stocking demonstration. Bring your rods and reels for some great fun and fishing.

Eagle Nest Lake: Kokanee snagging opens October 1 and runs through December 31. Trout fishing was fair to good using PowerBait from the bank and from anchored boats. A few trout were also caught by anglers using salmon eggs and spinners. Fishing for kokanee was slow but there were a few caught by anglers trolling spinners tipped with corn. Fishing was good using worms for perch. We had no reports on northern pike.

Gallinas River: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Hopewell Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait and worms for trout.

Lake Alice: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes for trout.

Los Pinos: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Maxwell Lake 13: Fishing was slow for all species.

Monastery Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait, Gulp eggs and worms for trout. Michael A. Lucero of Albuquerque caught an 18-inch rainbow and a 17-inch rainbow here Sept. 27.

Morphy Lake: Trout fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes, wooly buggers and spinners.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 53 cfs. Trout fishing was good using San Juan worms, salmon eggs, PowerBait, Panther Martins and worms. Fishing for catfish was slow with just a few caught by anglers using liver and worms.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 46 cfs. Fishing was good using poundmeisters, San Juan worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. Best reports came from anglers fishing downstream from the hatchery.

Rio Costilla: Stream flow on Monday near Costilla was 46 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 271 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using wooly buggers, San Juan worms, poundmeisters, spinners, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on bass or pike.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow on Monday was 19 cfs. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, copper John Barrs and poundmeisters for trout.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 6.5 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Barbara: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Fishing was good using Pistol Petes, wooly buggers, PowerBait, salmon eggs, worms and spinners for trout. Anglers did well from boats and from the bank. We had no reports on other species.

Shuree Ponds: Fishing was good using wooly buggers, Pistol Petes and San Juan worms for trout.

Springer Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Storrie Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Stubblefield Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Ute Lake: Fishing was very good using worms for bluegill. Fishing was good using slab spoons and blade baits for limits of white bass. The key was to find the schools. Fishing was good using chicken liver and stink bait in shallow water for catfish. Fishing for smallmouth and largemouth bass was slow with just a few caught by anglers using top water lures. Fishing for walleye was slow but there were a few caught on bottom bouncer night crawler rigs. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 70s.

Winsor Creek: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Kokanee snagging opens October 1 and runs through December 31. Fishing was fair to good using crank baits, worms, tubes, curly tail grubs and night crawlers for smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and tubes for walleye. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 70s.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 267 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Fishing in the Albuquerque Drain was fair using worms for catfish and small bass. We had no reports on other species or from other drains.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was slow for all species with just a few tiger muskies caught by anglers using crank baits and spinner baits.

Brazos River: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Canjilon Lakes: Closed by the U.S. Forest Service until further notice due to danger from fallen trees.

Chama River: Kokanee snagging opens October 1 and runs through December 31 on that section of river from El Vado Lake to the west boundary of the Chama River Wildlife and Fishing Area. Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 501 cfs and 204 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair using spinners, wooly buggers, PowerBait and salmon eggs for brown and rainbow trout. Fishing below Abiquiu was fair using San Juan worms, wooly buggers and worms for trout.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using jigs, worms, crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using liver, stink bait and shrimp for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 70s.

El Vado Lake: Kokanee snagging opens October 1 and runs through December 31. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Fenton Lake: Fishing was fair to good using meal worms, yellow salmon eggs and salmon peach PowerBait for trout.

Heron Lake: Closed to kokanee snagging here and at Willow Creek until November 14. No kokanee may be in possession at either location during the

closure. Fishing this past week was slow for all species and fishing pressure was very light.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, Gulp eggs and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 19 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair using worms, salmon eggs and small streamers for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla above and below Fenton Lake was very good using stimulators, San Juan worms, meal worms and earth worms for trout. Fishing on the San Antonio was good using small spinners, worms and salmon eggs for a mix of brown and rainbow trout. Fishing on the East Fork slowed a bit but was still good for anglers using spinners with a single barbless hook.

Laguna Del Campo: Fishing was good using Pistol Petes under a bubble, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Lake Farmington: We had no reports from anglers this week. **Nonmotorized watercraft are now allowed on Lake Farmington. Fees are \$50 for the season or \$5 daily.**

Manzano Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using worms, spinners and Pistol Petes for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Navajo Lake: Kokanee snagging opens October 1 and runs through December 31. The Pine Main boat ramp and the surrounding no wake zone will be closed to anglers during the month of October to allow the Department of Game and Fish to harvest kokanee eggs and sperm. This closed area will reopen to anglers November 1. Fishing was good using curly tail grubs, worms, creature baits, tubes, spinners and crank baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing for was fair using crank baits and jerk baits for northern pike. A few rainbow trout were caught by anglers using PowerBait and casting spinners. Fishing was slow to fair trolling Z Rays, Cripplures and Arnies tipped with corn for kokanee. We had no reports on other species.

San Gregorio: Fishing was slow.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 534 cfs. Fishing through the Quality Water section was good using Griffith's gnats, parachute Adams, zebra midges, bunny leeches, small pheasant tails and wooly buggers. The best dry fly action has been in the afternoon hours. Fishing through the bait waters was good using salmon egg, worms, jerk baits, wooly buggers, copper John Barrs, San Juan worms and Panther Martins.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Tingley Beach: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Trout Lakes: Trout fishing was fair for anglers using salmon eggs and PowerBait.

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

Bear Canyon: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

Bill Evans Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. The water level continues to drop.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair using crank baits, blade baits and curly tail grubs for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was fair using crank baits, plastic worms, tubes, sweet beavers, senkos and jerk baits. Fishing was fair using chicken liver, shrimp, night crawlers and cut bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp ranged from the mid to upper 70s.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using shrimp, night crawlers and garlic hot dogs for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 248 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing was good using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Lake Roberts: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Percha Dam: Fishing was slow for all species.

Quemado Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, worms and Pistol Petes for trout. We had no reports on tiger muskie.

Rio Grande: Stream flow as of Monday morning was .70 cfs. Fishing in the Garfield area was very good using worms and plastic grubs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Snow Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and spinners for trout.

Young Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

Southeast

Bataan Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 17 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was good using salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Bonito Lake: **Closed until further notice by the city of Alamogordo due to fire damage.**

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was slow for all species.

Bottomless Lakes: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Brantley Lake: **Anglers should practice catch-and-release for all fish here as high levels of pesticides were found in some fish.** Fishing was good using tubes, plastic worms, crank baits and senkos for largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using crank baits and curly tail grubs for white bass. Fishing was good using night crawlers and shrimp for channel catfish and flat head catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using shrimp and chicken liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Greene Acres Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, worms, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes under a bubble for trout. Fishing was fair to good using liver and worms for catfish. Anglers using worms reported catching several small bass. We had no reports on other species.

Jal Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Lake Van: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Oasis Park Lake: A few catfish were caught by anglers using homemade dough baits and blood baits. Fishing pressure was very light.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 89 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using worms and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Perch Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 7.5 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was good using chicken liver, shrimp and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing was fair using tubes, worms, salt craws, chigger craws and crank baits for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 70s.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair using deep diving crank baits, curly tail grubs and spoons for white bass. Fishing was fair using top water lures, crank baits, tubes, creature baits and grubs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair using liver, shrimp and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Crews stocked 119,075 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ABIQUIU RESERVOIR, COSTILLA RIVER, EAGLE NEST LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, JACKSON LAKE, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), QUEMADO LAKE and SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters).

In addition, crews stocked 5,265 largemouth bass in CLAYTON LAKE.