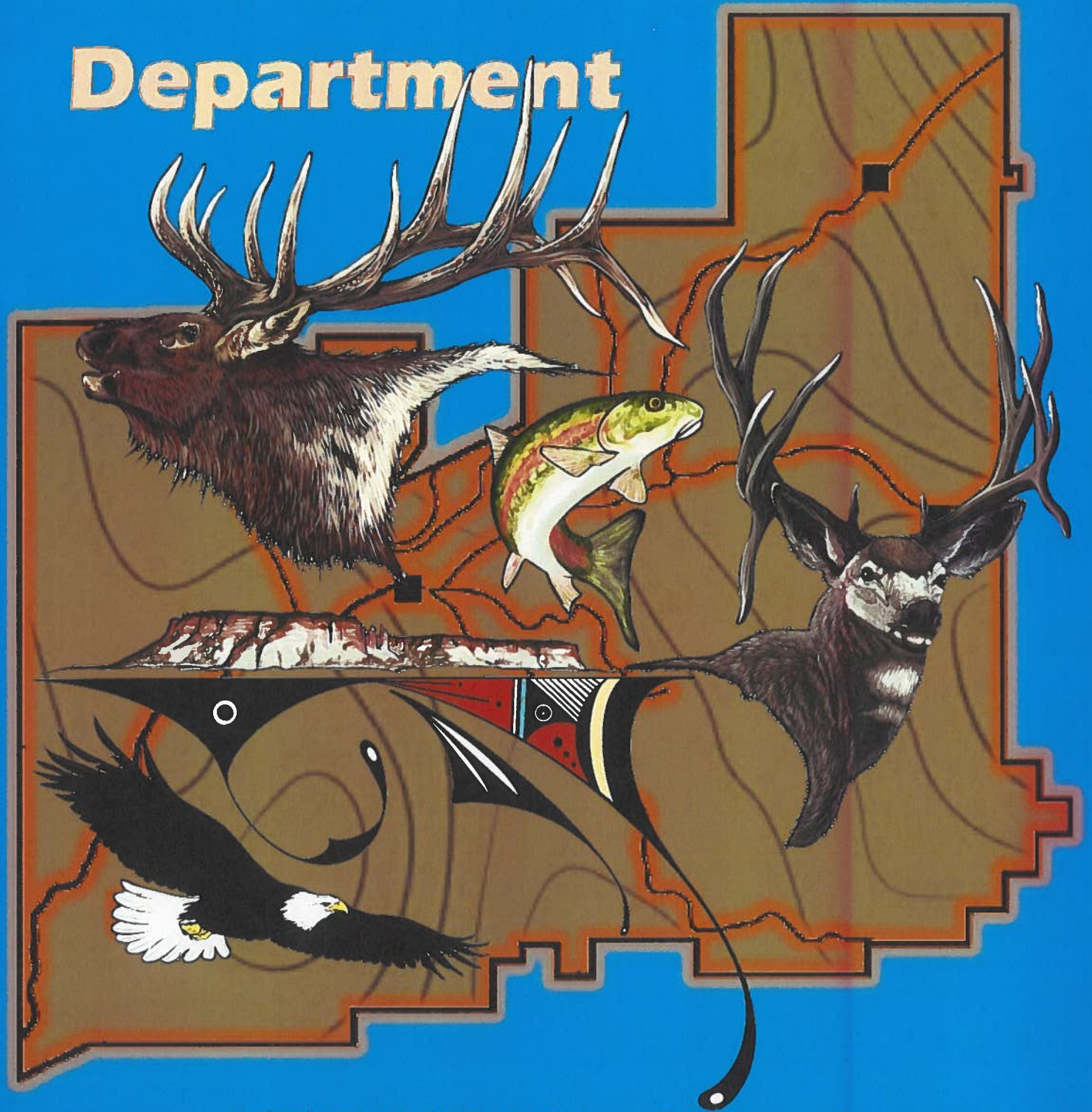


Zuni Fish & Wildlife Department



**2025-2026 Zuni Tribal
Fishing Proclamation**

General Information

Important information you need to know before applying for any hunting or fishing activities on the Zuni Reservation. All game, fish, wildlife, natural resources, shed antler(s), skulls with antlers, all archeological artifacts and sites are protected on the Pueblo of Zuni by Tribal and Federal Law and may not be taken, possessed or transported by Non-Zuni Tribal members without proper permitting and documentation.

The sole purpose of this document is to provide written documentation for the Tribal Fishing activities provided by the Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department (ZFWD) on an annual basis. Upon the approval of the Zuni Tribal Council, this document will govern the activities of Tribal, Non-Zuni Residents, and Non-Zuni Spouse, and General Public hunting and fishing activities administered through the Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department.

The license year of the Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department Fishing Proclamation will begin May 1, 2025 and will end April 30, 2026.

By the Fishing Proclamation that has been set forth and approved by the Tribal Council, only the Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department (ZFWD) and its recognized vendors may issue small game hunting & fishing permits.

The Zuni Fish & Wildlife Department offers a variety of hunting and fishing opportunities. Hunting permits for Zuni Tribal members, Non-Zuni Residents, and Non-Zuni Spouses are available for dove, waterfowl, small game, furbearer, and coyotes. A Zuni Habitat Fee is required for all hunting, fishing, and trapping activities. The habitat fees will fund habitat improvement projects throughout the Zuni Reservation.

The Zuni Indian Reservation is Tribal Land and is not open to unauthorized public use. All visitors are expected to abide by all Zuni Fish & Wildlife and Game & Fish Department and other Tribal Regulations.

All applicants are responsible for reading and understanding the Proclamation Rules and Regulations before applying. The Proclamation Rules and Regulations, permit numbers, and permit costs are approved through the end of 2025-2026 season.

Permit Fees

Type of License	Zuni Tribal Member	Non-Zuni Resident & Spouse	General Public
Fishing for Adults (18 years and Older)			
Daily Fishing (One Rod)	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
Season Fishing (One Rod)	\$15.00	\$25.00	Not Available
Additional Days (Daily Fishing)	\$5.00 a day	\$5.00 a day	\$10.00
Second Rod Validation	\$4.00	\$4.00	Not Available
Senior Citizen (65 and Over), Disabled/Handicapped, Active Military, Veterans			
Daily Fishing (One Rod)	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$10.00
Season Fishing (One Rod)	\$7.50	\$12.50	Not Available
Additional Days Fishing	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Second Rod Validation	\$4.00	\$4.00	Not Available
Fishing for Juvenile (Ages 13-17) (Must be accompanied by an Adult 18 years or older)			
Daily Fishing (One Rod)	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$15.00
Season Fishing (One Rod)	\$10.00	\$15.00	Not Available
Second Rod Validation	\$4.00	\$4.00	Not Available
Fishing for Youth (Ages 12 & Younger)			
Daily Fishing	Free	Free	\$10.00
Season Fishing	Free	Free	Not Available
Boating			
<small>(All boats/watercraft coming from outside the reservation are required for mandatory inspection by the Tribal Open Space Department)</small>			
Daily	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$20.00
Season	\$7.00	\$15.00	Not Available
Camping			
Daily + Extra Days (5 day minimum daily + extra days)	Free	\$20.00 + \$5.00 a day	Not Available
8 Day Limited (Zuni & Non-Zuni. Must vacate campgrounds)	Free	\$30.00	Not Available
Habitat Fee			
Habitat Fee (Not Required for Daily Fishing)	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

Fishing Bag Limit

Species & Size	Bag Limit (Per day)	In Possession
Trout (8" or longer)	10	10
Catfish (8" or longer)	10	10
Pike (Any Size)	No Limit	No Limit
Bass (12" or longer)	6	6
Sunfish (Any Size)	No Limit	No Limit

Important Reminders

- **The Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department (ZFWD)** has the authority to shut down fishing for the General Public due to drought, limited water bodies and resources, or other environmental factors and events that may occur.
- **Please refrain from** any disgruntle behavior towards any of the recognized Vendor employees. Any questions, issues, and concerns, please contact ZFWD. Vendors have the right to refuse service and the right to contact the appropriate authorities for any disgruntle customers.
- It is a violation of tribal and federal law to disturb archeological sites or remove any artifacts, including potshards. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of all applicable laws/penalties.
- Zuni Bluehead Sucker fish, Chiricahua Leopard Frog, Mexican Spotted Owl, Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, Zuni Fleabane, and Mexican Grey Wolf are threatened or endangered species categorizing them as protected.
- Pet owners must always keep dogs on appropriate restraints (leashes/harnesses).
- The use of All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicles (ATV/UTV) are allowed only on established road(s). ATV/UTV's may only be driven off established roads to retrieve big game animals.
- **Non-Zuni Residents/Spouses and the General Public** may visit the [Zuni Visitors Center/Mainstreet](#) for any archeological site tours and all other tours. **The Zuni Tribal community** is encouraged to reach out to Zuni Visitors Center/Mainstreet for archeological site visits. For more information, please visit [Zuni Visitors Center/Mainstreet](#) or call **(505)782-7237**.
- **Non-Zuni Residents & Spouses:** Eligible to fish and hunt on the Zuni Reservation with proof of information requested below.
 - ❖ **Non-Zuni Residents:** Individuals who reside within the Zuni community (with proof of one (1) year residency), OR individuals who are employed within the Zuni community (with proof of one (1) year current employment) but do not reside within the Zuni community.
 - ❖ **Non-Zuni Spouses:** must provide legal marriage documentation to apply for and participate in any hunting, fishing, or trapping activities.
- **General Public:** Eligible to FISH ONLY on the Zuni Reservation. All rules and regulations apply.
 - ❖ Hiking, biking, and the use of any motor vehicle (ATV, UTV) on any established trails, BIA routes, & off-roading by the **General Public** is restricted on the Zuni Reservation. Walking/running by General Public is restricted to established roads and trails recognized by the Zuni Youth Enrichment Program (ZYEP). For more information, please visit <https://www.zyep.org/> or call **(505)782-8000**.

Important Fishing Reminders

- Do not clean birds & fish at windmills, stock tanks, and lakes.
- Do not litter or improperly dispose of dove/waterfowl/small game/fish parts.
- Do not leave fire(s) unattended or improperly handle fire. Please be aware of fire ordinances that may be in effect.
- Beware of livestock.
- **Close All Gates.**
- **FREE FISHING DAYS**
 - ❖ May 11 – Mother's Day. Females only. No License Required (All fishing rules and regulations apply). **Limited to Zuni Tribal members, Non-Zuni Residents & Spouses.**

- ❖ June 16 – Father's Day. Males only. No license required (All fishing rules and regulations apply). **Limited to Zuni Tribal members, Non-Zuni Residents & Spouses.**

General Fishing Information

License Information

1. **Zuni Fishing Licenses** are nontransferable. If a duplicate season permit is required, please contact ZFWD.
2. **Zuni Fishing Licenses** are only valid on the Zuni Reservation. Licenses are not valid on any other tribal land(s), the State of New Mexico, or any other state.
3. **All Anglers** must have a current daily or season license. Habitat Fees only apply to Season Fishing for Adults, Senior Citizens, and Juvenile anglers.
4. **All Youth (Zuni & Non-Zuni Residents)** under the age of 12 do not have to possess a Zuni Fishing permit or a Habitat Fee.
5. **A Fishing License** is required for all **Adult & Juvenile anglers (Zuni & Non-Zuni Residents & Spouses and the General Public)** along with a Habitat Fee when fishing on any lake on the Zuni Reservation.
6. **All Juvenile (Zuni, Non-Zuni Residents, & General Public)** must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) to purchase a license. A tribal ID or state ID is encouraged to bring during the time of purchase.
7. **Second Rod Validation:** To fish with two rods, anglers 13 years of age or older must purchase a Second Rod Validation. Second Rod Validation is required with any free fishing licenses. **Limited to Zuni Tribal members, Non-Zuni Residents & Spouses.** Fishing with 3 or more rods at any time is not allowed.
8. **Senior Citizens (65 and over), Handicapped/Disabled/Active Military & Veteran's permit:** These persons receive a 50% discount on all permits, except Big Game Hunting and the Habitat Fee. Must show proof of disability & handicap from a physician or Division of Motor Vehicle placard. Must show proof of Active military status and veteran status (DD-214).

General Regulations

It is unlawful to:

- Fish without possessing the appropriate license.
- Operate a boat without a boating license.
- Pollute streams, lakes, banks, and other water bodies.
- Fish without possessing a fishing license if 13 years of age or older.
- Use a license that has been issued to another individual.
- To fish with more than one rod without a valid Second Rod Validation License.
- Stock/release any live fish or fish eggs into any water on the Zuni Reservation (except fish caught legally in the same waterbody).
- Possess game fish without a valid license providing proof fish were taken legally.
- Take game fish by netting, seine, trap, grappling or other means not permitted by regulations.
- Fail to return and release all threatened and endangered gamefish species in appropriate habitat waters.
- Use mechanical or electrical devices capable of catching or killing game fish, except as permitted by regulation.
- For any person to litter Zuni Tribal lands with any type of household or yard waste anywhere on the Zuni Reservation.
- Exceed the daily bag limit or have more than the legal possession limit of any species.

- Have any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while hunting, fishing, or trapping on the Zuni lands. Anyone in possession or under the influence of alcohol/drugs will be reported to the appropriate authorities and permits will be immediately suspended with NO Refund.
- Shine spotlights or other artificial lights into areas with or without the possession of any sporting arm or fishing rod.
- Leave fire unattended or improperly handle fire. Please be aware of fire ordinances that may be in effect.

Tribal & Non-Tribal Members found in violation of the Pueblo of Zuni Law will be prosecuted in the Pueblo of Zuni Tribal Courts. The Zuni Fish & Wildlife Department and its recognized vendors, has the right to refuse the sale or issuance of any hunting, fishing, or tapping permits to anyone.

Fishing Rules & Regulations

- **The Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department (ZFWD)** has the authority to shut down fishing for the General Public due to drought, limited water bodies and resources, or other environmental factors and events that may occur.
- **Please refrain from** any disgruntle behavior towards any of the recognized Vendor employees. Any questions, issues, and concerns, please contact ZFWD. Vendors have the right to refuse service and the right to contact the appropriate authorities for any disgruntle customers.
- The Pueblo of Zuni and its recognized vendors have the right to refuse the sale or issuance of fishing permits to anyone.
- All anglers must/shall obey all Tribal, state, federal laws and rules and regulations.
- Camping is permitted at all tribal lakes as long as one member of the party has a valid Zuni big/small game hunting or fishing license.
- Camping will not be allowed when Fire Restriction Ordinances are in place.
- The ZFWD has adopted rules to address the issues spreading unwanted fish and invasive species on the Zuni Reservation.
- It is illegal to release live fish into any body of water on the Zuni Reservation without the proper documentation from ZFWD & Tribal Rangers.
- All Pet owners must always keep dogs in appropriate restraints (leashes/harnesses).

Tribal Lakes

Please call the ZFWD to check the status and the conditions of the lakes listed below.

1. Ojo Caliente – Cool water fishery. 15 miles southwest of the Zuni Pueblo. At full capacity, the lake ranges from 60-61 surface acres. The lake is spring-fed and recharged by seasonal runoff; therefore, water levels fluctuate year to year. Rainbow Trout and Channel Catfish are stocked annually to support a put-grow and take fishery.
2. Eustace Lake – Cool water Fishery. The lake is 1.8 miles east of the Main Zuni Pueblo. At full capacity, the lake is 32 surface acres. The lake is spring fed and recharged by seasonal runoffs and groundwater discharge seeps, and baseflows into the Zuni River. Therefore, water levels fluctuate year by year. Rainbow Trout and Channel Catfish are stocked annually to support a put-grow and take fishery.
3. Nutria #4 – Cool water fishery. The lake is 14 miles northeast of the Zuni Pueblo. At full capacity, the lake is 88 surface acres. The lake is recharged by seasonal runoff from Rio Nutria. Therefore, the water levels fluctuate year by year. Rainbow trout and Channel Catfish are stocked annually to support a put-grow and take fishery when conditions are favorable.
4. Nutria #2 – Cool water fishery. The lake is 11 miles northeast of Zuni Pueblo. At full capacity, the lake is 418 surface acres. The lake is recharged by seasonal runoff from Rio Nutria. Therefore,

water levels fluctuate year by year. Rainbow Trout and Channel Catfish are stocked annually to support put and take fishery when conditions are favorable.

5. Blackrock reservoir — Cool water fishery. The lake is located 4 miles northeast of Zuni Pueblo. At full capacity, the lake is 436 surface acres. The lake is recharged by seasonal runoff from the Zuni River; therefore water levels fluctuate year to year. Rainbow trout and Channel catfish are stocked annually to support a put and take fishery when conditions are favorable.

Boating Rules & Regulations

- The use of a gas-powered motor on any Zuni Lake is prohibited unless authorized by the Zuni Fish & Wildlife Department.
- Only battery powered trolling motors are allowed on Zuni Lakes.
- All persons in canoes, kayaks, or rafts must wear a personal flotation device while the vessel is underway.
- Children 12 years and younger must always wear a personal flotation device.
- A boating license is required for canoes, kayaks, rafts, paddleboards, etc.
- Each vessel must carry a flotation device in good condition for each person on board and oars/paddle.
- Boating while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited.
- Clean, drain, and dry your boat and gear to stop aquatic invasive species.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Aquatic Invasive species (AIS) are any nonnative plants, animals, or pathogens that can harm our aquatic bodies, environment, and the economy. The Zuni Fish & Wildlife Department works with the U.S Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission to help stop the spread of AIS.

How You Can Help:

- Remove mud and aquatic plants from boats, trailers, gear including waders, wader boots, life jackets, oar/paddle, etc.
- Pull drain plugs and empty live wells.
- Air and sun-dry boat compartments & equipment.
- Transfer of live fish from one waterbody to another is unlawful.
- AIS threats posed in New Mexico:
 - New Zealand Mud Snails
 - Zebra Mussels – moss balls sold in pet stores were recently discovered to contain invasive Zebra mussels. If you recently made a purchase of moss balls from any pet store, online, or any other source please visit the New Mexico Department AIS webpage: <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/fishing/fishing-regulations/aquatic-invasive-species/> or call NM AIS Coordinator: (505) 629-9867.

PENALTIES

Violation of any provision of this Code or any regulation or proclamation issued there under by the Zuni Tribal Council shall, unless otherwise designated, be a class B offense, a civil offense and may in addition to any other prescribed penalties be punishable by revocation of fishing, hunting, trapping licenses, confiscation and forfeiture of all equipment. The provisions for penalties herein shall apply to all persons, both members and non-members of the Tribe alike, unless otherwise provided herein. At the time an arrest is made and/or citation issued for violation of this code, the officer may confiscate any fishing equipment (i.e. game fish, boat, tackle box, rod(s), personal floatation devices, etc.), weapons or hunting equipment (i.e. game meat, decoy, day pack(s), game camera(s), etc.) or paraphernalia as reasonably appears to have been involved in the commission of the violation for which the arrest or citation was made and shall give the person from whom such things are taken an itemized receipt for all such confiscated items. The court, when hearing the case concerning the alleged violation(s) may, in addition to any other penalty imposed upon finding of guilt, order the forfeiture to the Department of all or part of the confiscated items.

The Zuni Indian Reservation is Tribal Land and is not open to unauthorized public use. All visitors are expected to abide by all Fish and Wildlife Department and other Tribal Regulations. Please see Section on hiking for additional Rules and Regulations. This proclamation will remain in effect until a subsequent proclamation is approved.

PROCLAMATION:

APPROVED /

DISAPPROVED

Arden Kucate - Head Councilman
Arden Kucate, Governor of Zuni Pueblo

4/30/25

Date

Authorized License Vendor locations

Speedway Store & Gas Station

1189 NM-53 Zuni, NM 87327
(505)782-4416

Halona Marketplace

1276 NM-53 Zuni, NM 87327
(505)782-4547

Phone Numbers:

Emergency

911

Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department

(505) 782-5851

Zuni Open Space Department

(505)782-7224

Zuni Police Dispatch

(505) 782-4493/4494

Zuni BIA Fire Dispatch

(505) 782-3375/3355

**REPORT ILLEGAL HUNTING & FISHING
ACTIVITIES**

24 hours/7 day a week

Zuni Police Dispatch

Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Zuni Fish & Wildlife Department

Zuni Open Space Department

For any questions or additional
information.

Contact:

Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department

#20 Conservation Dr.

P.O. Box 339

Zuni, New Mexico 87327

Phone: (505) 782-5851

Open: M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Visit us on the Web:

<https://zunifishandwildlife.org/>

**Big Game Proclamation Map
with BIA Roads
Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department**

