

I GENERAL

A. These regulations apply to Hatcher Lake, Pagosa Lake, Village Lake, Vista Lake, and Lake Forest. **See Hatcher Lake Special Regulations, Sec. VI, Part A.**

B. Vista Lake is not a recreational fishery; it is too shallow to support a fish population.

D. Unless herein stated described as being different, all Colorado state fishing regulations, for the current year, are made a part of the regulatory system on lakes heretofore described by name.

E. Only Members in Good Standing of the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, their renters, their sponsored guests, and time share owners are permitted to fish in the lakes heretofore described by name.

F. The unauthorized introduction of any fish into any lake at Pagosa is strictly prohibited. Such action will result in a \$500.00 fine and loss of fishing and boating privileges for 10 years.

G. Cleaning fish at any lake locations is strictly prohibited.

H. Unless permission is obtained from a lakefront owner please fish only in dedicated common areas around each lake or from a boat. A map of those common areas is available at the Administration Office and at the Recreation Center.

I. Littering is strictly prohibited. All matter foreign to the lake or lakeshore brought by you, must be removed by you. (This includes monofilament line and cigarette butts.)

J. Fishing from private property, without the owner's permission, is deemed trespass and is illegal.

K. Parking or driving on private property, without the owner's permission, is deemed trespass and is illegal.

L. Any person fishing is required to wear their permit badge on their outer clothing garment.

M. Any and all fish which have been taken must be shown upon the request of a PLPOA Conservation Officer.

N. Any permit holder observing or learning of any violation of the provisions of these regulations shall immediately report same to a PLPOA Conservation Officer.

II DEFINITIONS

Membership Classification:

A. OWNER: The Pagosa Lakes property owner, and their family living in that household.

B. RENTER: A tenant living in a rented residence in Pagosa Lakes, including the tenant's family living in that household, may purchase a lake use permit(s) providing the renter retains a rental or lease agreement from a landlord who is an Association Member In Good Standing. Renters must provide proof of residency by showing either a letter from the owner, a copy of the lease, utility bills or other documentation.

C. LIMITATION ON MEMBERSHIP: In the event that a Lot (as defined in the Bylaws of the PLPOA) is owned by a corporation, partnership, joint ownership, or similar arrangement, such entities shall advise the Association of the names of two persons who shall be designated as owners for purposes of purchasing a Fishing Permit.

D. SPONSORED GUEST: A person who is an Association member in good standing (owner) may sponsor guests who may fish upon payment for the appropriate Fishing Permit. The PLPOA member sponsor (owner/renter) must accompany a guest to acquire a guest permit and must sign a sponsor form. Further, the sponsor is liable for all actions of a guest while fishing.

E. THE TIME SHARE OWNER: Time share owners must provide verification of unit use at the time of purchase of the Fishing Permit(s).

III. FISHING PERMIT:

A. 2023 season will open on January 1, 2023 on Lake Pagosa, Village Lake, Hatcher Lake, and Lake Forest and close on December 31, 2023.

B. Permits are not transferable, and any permit alterations will invalidate that permit, which may result in a fine against the original permit holder.

C. Permit shall be carried on the person while fishing, displayed on the outer clothing so as to be visible while fishing.

D. Lost or damaged permits will be reissued for a charge of \$3.00 each.

E. Persons making false statements to obtain a permit invalidate the permit and will lose fishing

privileges for one year.

F. All children 5 years and younger may fish without a permit if accompanied by an adult permit holder but are entitled to only two-thirds limit of fish, (2 Trout, 1 Bass, 1 Catfish, or 3 Crappie) at Lake Pagosa, Village Lake, and Lake Forest. **Please note at Hatcher Lake only, all anglers, regardless of age, are restricted to 1 trout or 1 bass daily.**

IV. VIOLATIONS AND FINES:

Fishing, Boating and Lakes violations are considered to be violations that threaten public safety or health. If the Association determines an authorized user of the lakes has committed a violation, the user will have up to 72 hours to correct the violation or receive a \$500 fine.

The Association will suspend any Owner's or Property's Fishing and/or Boat Use Permit(s), as appropriate for one year for any violation of the rules for Fishing, Boating and Lakes, regardless of whether the violation was a singular event or was an ongoing event and cured within 30 days.

The following is a list of violations subject to a fine or suspension of privileges:

1. Unauthorized introduction of any fish into any lake
2. Providing false information while applying for a permit
3. Cleaning fish on lake or lake shoreline
4. Fishing without a valid PLPOA fishing permit
5. Failure to have valid fishing permit in possession
6. Altering or transferring a permit
7. Refusal to show any or all fish taken to PLPOA Conservation Officer
8. Returning to lake injured fish or continuing to fish after catching the limit
9. Using more than one rod or line
10. Fishing after hours
11. Chumming, using live minnows as bait or using a light to attract fish
12. Using any sort of net to take fish
13. Exceeding the daily bag or possession limits
14. Fishing in a closed or posted area
15. Violation of any boating rule or regulation
16. Use of snowmobile on frozen lakes
17. Swimming in the lakes
18. Littering on PLPOA lake property
19. Using prohibited bait or baits on Lake Hatcher
20. Commercial Guided Fishing Activities are Prohibited

2023 FISHING FEE STRUCTURE

MEMBER/*Sponsored Guest

	Individual	**Family - \$85.00
Season Permit (January 1 – December 31)	\$40.00	
Weekly Permit	\$35.00	
Daily Permit	\$20.00	
Short Term Renter	\$40.00	

Youth Permit (Ages 6-12)

Season - \$20.00 Weekly - \$15.00 Daily - \$10.00

Sponsored Guest

Weekly Permit \$25.00 Daily Permit \$15.00

**Family is defined as three members; each additional family member shall pay \$10 for season permit.

Children 5 and under fish for free if accompanied by an adult permit holder.

V. RELEASING FISH ALIVE IS ENCOURAGED

Trout do not reproduce in our lakes. Bass do. Bass 12"-15" make up brood stock and help control rough fish. The PLPOA highly recommends that harvested bass be in the 15"-18" size class and all others be released. Returning fish to the water is not as simple as it sounds. Fisherman should follow these steps to ensure the best chance of survival for the fish:

A. Use of flies, lures and barbless hooks will greatly improve the successful practice of catch and release. Bait fishing is not conducive to catch and release. If attempting catch and release while bait fishing, a barbless, long-shank #4 hook is recommended.

B. Avoid playing the fish to total exhaustion while attempting to land it.

C. Wet hands before handling fish. Hold fish in the water as much as possible. Handle fish as little as possible when removing the hook and preparing it for release.

D. When removing the hook, do not squeeze the fish or place your fingers in its gills.

E. All injured fish must be kept and not returned to water. Trout that have been kept alive by stringer, container, or basket, shall not be returned to the lakes. Once a limit of a species has been caught, the person who has filled the limit must cease fishing for that species. Once a limit of trout have been caught the person who has filled that limit may no longer fish with bait (due to the high probability of injuring a fish and exceeding bag limit). That person may fish for other species of fish with non-bait flies or lures. No substitution of fish is allowed. "Returning to lake injured fish or fish kept alive by stringer, container or basket", is a violation.

F. When releasing the fish, hold it gently until the fish has re-acclimated. Move the fish slowly back and forth to help it regain and maintain equilibrium.

VI. REGULATORY. VIOLATION OF ANY REGULATIONS IS A FINEABLE OFFENSE.

A. POSSESSION AND SIZE LIMITS:

1. No size limit on any species of fish.

2. All injured fish must be kept and not returned to water.

3. Trout, Channel Catfish, Bass or Crappie that have been kept alive by stringer, container, or basket, shall not be returned to lake.

4. Single Angler Bag Limits: Lake Pagosa, Village Lake, and Lake Forest

Fish Species	Daily Limit
Trout (cut bow, rainbow, brown)	3
Bass	2
*(See New Regulation for Bass below)	
Channel Catfish	2
Crappie	5
White Amur (Grass Carp)	release immediately
All other species	no limit

5. Family Limits: For a family of 3 or more, the daily bag limit will be 9 trout. A family of 2 must comply with the single angler bag limits. This section does not apply to Hatcher Lake where the daily bag limit for all anglers, families or individuals, is 1 trout or 1 bass daily.

2023 Hatcher Lake Special Fishing Regulation: Fishing methods for all anglers at Hatcher Lake only will be with artificial flies and lures only, no baits allowed. Prohibited baits include power bait, worms, salmon eggs, marshmallows, etc. It is highly recommended that all hooks be barbless. The daily bag limit for Hatcher Lake is 1 trout or 1 bass per angler. Children 12 years and under may still use baited hooks but are limited to 1 trout or 1 bass daily. The bait rule will be lifted during the winter ice fishing season for all anglers (encouraging the harvest of yellow perch).

**Due to an under-population of bass in the four lakes as shown by scientific fishery surveys, a catch and release policy will be implemented for all bass during the spring spawning period in the 2023 season. From April 15th, 2023 to June 15th, 2023 all bass must be immediately returned to the water. Barbless hooks, lures and flies are highly recommended during this time for all bass anglers. A \$50 fine per violation will be strictly enforced. Before and after this period, the 2 bass per angler per day limit will be enforced.*

6. "Filling Out" the limit for other members of a fishing party by fisherspersons who have taken their limit is prohibited. You must catch your own fish.

7. Possession limit (at home) is twice the daily bag limit.

B. FISHING METHODS

1. Each person fishing shall use only one personally attended rod or line.

2. No more than one hook shall be allowed for bait fishing anglers. No double or treble hooks will be permitted for baiting. Treble

hooks on a non-baited spinner or lure will be allowed, but crimping or removing barbs is highly recommended. *Please note: Special Fishing Regulation and Methods for Hatcher Lake only described in Section VI part A: Possession and Size Limits.

3. Fishing hours shall be from one hour before sunrise to dark (day-light to dark) on all four lakes.

4. Chumming is not permitted. Live minnows & amphibians (water dogs, frogs, salamanders, etc.) are not allowed as bait. Lights may not be used to attract fish.

5. No catch netting or snagging of fish is allowed. Fishing nets that are used to assist in landing a fish are acceptable. No fishing is allowed in the inlet channels or streams at any time.

C. BOATING.

Note* All boats must be registered before being floated on the Four Association Owned Lakes. Registration available at Pagosa Lakes Offices 230 Port Avenue. Single person inflatable boats (such as float tubes) are exempted. See Boating Regulations Brochure.

Due to the threat of Zebra and Quagga Mussels, certain types of high biological risk boats will no longer be allowed on Association Lakes. All trailered boats must be inspected before a boat registration will be issued.

1. No internal combustion engine-powered boats allowed except for PLPOA and PAWSD employees, while in the performance of their duties.

2. Each boat must have at least one U.S. Coastguard approved wearable type flotation device for each boat occupant. Each boat occupant under the age of 12 must wear a U.S. Coastguard approved wearable type flotation device while the boat is in use on any lake.

3. Each Boat must have at least one usable oar or paddle.

4. All boats must be operated in a safe manner.

5. Homemade rafts or innertubes are prohibited.

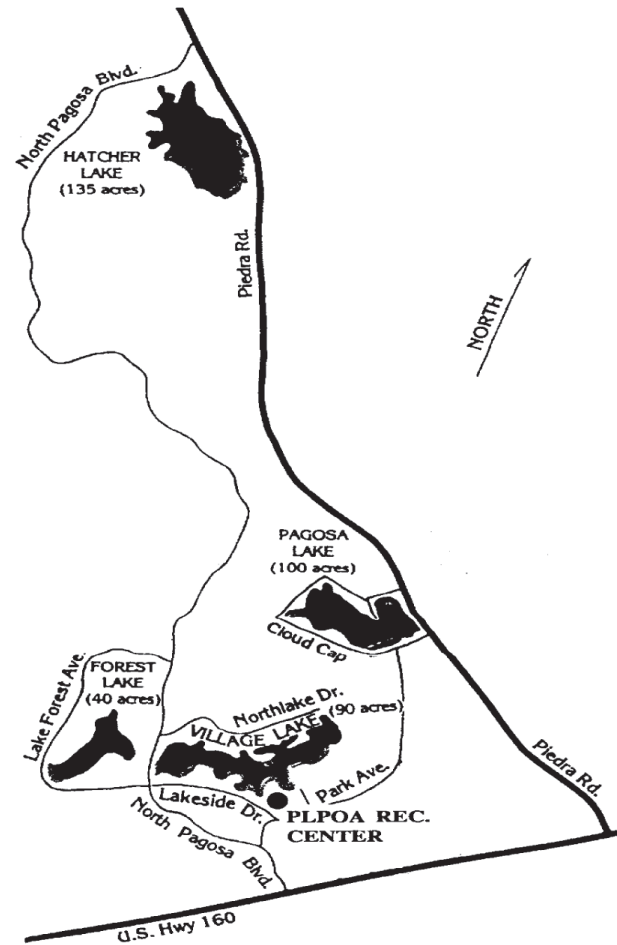
6. Except for lakeshore lot owners, boats must be launched from established boat ramps. If boat is stored at boat ramp or launch area, boat must be chained and locked with a padlock to posts provided. Boats not chained and locked to posts will be impounded.

7. Stand-up Paddle board users are required to either be wearing a flotation life jacket or have it clearly on the board deck at all times. No swimming at any time.

D. SWIMMING: No swimming is allowed in any of the lakes heretofore names.

E. SNOWMOBILING: Is strictly prohibited and is subject to a violation.

F. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION: Violators of provisions of these regulations are subject to loss of lake use privileges and/or fine under the PLPOA Declarations, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and/or criminal charges under one or more of the following statutes: Sec. 18-4-401 (Theft), 18-4-504 (Trespass), 18-4-511 (Littering), and 33-6-116 (Fishing Without Permission).



Lakes Are Patrolled

Please refer to the Neighborhood Rules & Regulations for general fishing rules and limits.

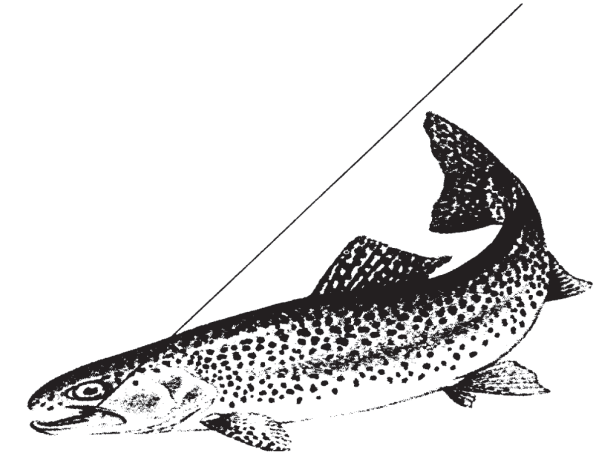
Warning: Colorado game fish transported outside of Pagosa Lakes must be accompanied by PLPOA fishing permit.



PAGOSA LAKES

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Fishing Regulations



Pagosa Lakes 2023 SEASON

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023
LAKES ARE PATROLLED

Fishing Permits are sold at the Pagosa Lakes Recreation Center (970) 731-2051 & Pagosa Lakes Administration Office (970) 731-5635
Report Violations (970) 769-4423

*Please note the Hatcher Lake Special Fishing Regulation for 2022 described in Section VI: Part A, Possession and Size Limits.

Important new Boating Regulations in 2023
See Boating Regulations