

## Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Fishing Regulations (50 CFR 32.25)

*Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing at designated times and on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a valid State fishing license and valid refuge fishing permit for all anglers age 16 and older. You must obtain and display a daily refuge fishing badge while fishing.
2. We only allow the use of rod and reel with one hook or lure per line.
3. We only allow catch and release fishing.
4. We only allow barbless hooks.
5. We only allow artificial flies or lures.
6. We prohibit the use of live bait.

The main items of interest in the fishing permit are: (1) a \$3.00 daily fee for licensed anglers 16 years of age and older; (2) fishing is only allowed on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays; and (3) no wading in Lake Ladora until after Memorial Day. This information is also posted on each kiosk near the lakes.

The regulations are clear that “live bait” is prohibited, but there has been some confusion on this matter. “Bait” is anything designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell. “Live bait” is anything living, including but not limited to worms, grubs, crickets, leeches, insects, crayfish, and fish. **We encourage all anglers to stick to artificial flies and lures, but we do not prohibit the use of purchased fish/animal parts or other scented bait.** Digging of worm and/or pursuit of live bait is prohibited on the refuge.