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TINGLEY BEACH SEES NEW BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT CHANGES FOR TROUT

ALBUQUERQUE -- The number of anglers using the lakes at Albuquerque's Conservancy Park (Tingley Beach) has increased considerably since the park's reconstruction. To more equitably distribute fish among anglers, the State Game Commission, with input from City of Albuquerque, has changed **the bag limit from 5 trout to 4 trout and the possession limit from 10 trout to 4 trout** for the Children's and Central Ponds.

The new regulations went into effect June 15, 2009.

"In an effort to more equitably distribute the limited number of fish that are stocked into the lakes, we feel that a reduction in the bag and possession limit is appropriate," said Rebecca Houtman, the city's curator at Tingley Beach. "However, the southernmost pond will remain catch-and-release only."

Tingley Beach is one of the most popular fishing spots in the Albuquerque area. Trout are stocked in the ponds during the winter months and catfish during the summer months.