## NOTICE OF EMERGENCY CHANGES TO THE UTAH FISHING GUIDEBOOK OF THE WILDLIFE BOARD FOR THE TAKING OF FISH AND CRAYFISH 2022

I, Justin Shirley, by authority granted in Section 23-14-8 of the Wildlife Resources code of Utah declare an emergency amendment to the 2022 Utah Fishing Guidebook. The following has been amended:

Joe Lay Reservoir, Garfield County

- Limit 8 trout

North Creek, Garfield County: North Creek Reservoir upstream to the confluence of the outlets of Lower Barker and Joe Lay Reservoirs

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North Creek is a major tributary of the Escalante River in Garfield County. North Creek and two of its connected lakes – North Creek Reservoir and Joe Lay Reservoir – will be treated with rotenone in summer 2022 in order to remove fertile, nonnative trout. This project is part of an effort to restore native Colorado River cutthroat trout to North Creek upstream of North Creek Reservoir. The above emergency regulation change is enacted to allow anglers to harvest more fish from the system before the treatment.

Sterile brook trout will be stocked in Joe Lay Reservoir in late summer 2022. No other lakes in the drainage will be affected by the project. Management of fisheries in the North Creek Lakes will continue to follow the Boulder Mountain Sport Fish Management Plan.

These changes are effective immediately and will remain in effect until August 31, 2022. All other rules established in the 2022 Utah Fishing Guidebook remain in effect.

