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Officers Assist with Scofield Reservoir Gill Net Project to Examine Health of Fishery

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Carbon County conservation officers, biologists and dedicated hunters worked together in harsh weather conditions on May 19th to pull gill nets from one of Utah's most popular trout fisheries. Recent changes in fishing regulations have Scofield Reservoir in transition.

Fishery biologists are attempting to utilize predatory tiger trout to control the chub population in the reservoir and their efficiency in doing so was of particular interest to UDWR staff. An inability to control the chub population would threaten the long-term viability of other species of trout in the lake.

While the snow made for a wet day of work, biologists were optimistic with the large size of numerous tiger trout found in the nets. The opportunity to assist in the gillnetting project provided UDWR law enforcement personnel a 'first-hand' look at the status of the fishery, which is integral to their ability to adequately explain management practices when they interact with the public while performing their duties.

Scofield's regulations include an aggregate four trout limit; no more than 2 cutthroat and tiger trout may be held under 15 inches and only one of the two may be over 22 inches. All cutthroat and tiger trout between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released. Officers remind anglers to always check the current regulations before heading out to their favorite fishery.



Employees with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and members of the Dedicated Hunter Program remove fish gill netted from Scofield Reservoir on May 19th, 2011