About the Blue Ribbon Fisheries program

Blue Ribbon waters will provide Utah's over 400,000 anglers with quality angling experiences in exquisite settings. These are environmentally productive waters that sustain healthy fish populations. Blue Ribbon waters preserve a wonderful part of fishing culture and provide an economic boost to local communities. (Download a presentation about the public benefits of the Blue Ribbon fisheries.)

The Blue Ribbon Fisheries Program is overseen by the Blue Ribbon Fisheries Advisory Council. The program was designed to:

- Identify and designate Blue Ribbon fisheries throughout Utah
- Enhance the aquatic habitat and recreational setting of Blue Ribbon fisheries
- Protect Blue Ribbon fisheries through collaborative efforts between government agencies and private entities
- Promote Blue Ribbon fisheries to anglers from all over

What makes a Blue Ribbon fishery?

Whether you're seeking a memorable—and trophy-worthy—catch, pursuing a unique species, or you appreciate a solitary setting and pristine habitat, you should visit Utah's Blue Ribbon fisheries.

Blue Ribbon fisheries are waters that provide highly-satisfying fishing and outdoor experiences for diverse groups of anglers and enthusiasts.

Blue Ribbon status indicates that a water has been reviewed by Utah Division of Wildlife Resources biologists and the Advisory Council and has:

1. Fishing quality
2. A quality outdoor experience
3. Quality fish habitat
4. Economic benefits

Download the list of ranking criteria.

To plan a trip to a Blue Ribbon water, visit our access information page. You can search for the fishery that will provide you with the most satisfying fishing experience.