

2024 CHINOOK SALMON FISHERY PROPOSAL FOR THE LOCHSA RIVER

JUNE 12, 2024 IDFG COMMISSION MEETING

I. SEASON – SUMMER CHINOOK SALMON

A. Opening Date and Fishing Boundary

The following area opens to fishing for Chinook Salmon on June 20, 2024:

Lochsa River – from Lowell Bridge upstream to Twin Bridges immediately upstream from the confluence of Crooked Fork and Colt Killed creeks.

B. Closing Dates

Areas will be closed by Closure Order signed by the Director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, or on August 10, 2024, whichever comes first.

C. Fishing Days

Fishing for Chinook Salmon in the Lochsa River will be open seven (7) days per week.

D. Fishing Hours

Fishing for Chinook Salmon in the Lochsa River is permitted from 4:30 AM to 9:00 PM Pacific Daylight time.

II. LIMITS

A. Daily and Possession Limits

- **Daily** = Four (4) Chinook Salmon, only two (2) of which may be adults.
- **Possession** = Twelve (12) Chinook Salmon, only six (6) of which may be adults.
- Both adipose clipped and unclipped adults and jacks may be harvested in the Lochsa River.

B. Other rules

Anglers must cease fishing for all Chinook Salmon (including jacks) once they have retained their daily, possession or season limit of adult Chinook Salmon or their overall daily, possession, or season limit of Chinook Salmon of any size, whichever comes first.

C. Season Limit, statewide

No person may take more than ten (10) adult Chinook Salmon statewide during 2024 salmon seasons occurring prior to August 10, 2024 (set through March Commission Action).

D. Definitions pertaining to limits

- Adult Chinook Salmon are defined as any Chinook Salmon greater than or equal to 24 inches in length.
- Jack Chinook Salmon are defined as any Chinook Salmon less than 24 inches in length.

III. USE OF BAIT

A. Fishing with bait for Chinook Salmon is allowed on the Lochsa River.