

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
July 1, 2009**

Present in the Director's Office: Director Cal Groen, Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General; Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director- Policy; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; Virgil Moore, Deputy Director; Jim Unsworth, Deputy Director; Ed Schriever, Fisheries Chief; Mike Keckler, Communications Chief; Pete Hassemer, Anadromous Fish Manager; Clive Strong and Steve Strack, Attorney General's office.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Wright with Commissioners Randy Budge Cameron Wheeler, Fred Trevey, Tony McDermott and Gary Power participating. Commissioner Robert Barowsky was excused.

MISCELLANEOUS

Motion to Adopt the Amended Agenda as Posted

09-57 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Trevey seconded a motion TO ADOPT THE AMENDED AGENDA AS POSTED. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

REPORT

Chinook Fisheries Spring Run Update

Ed Schriever, Chief of Fisheries, provided a brief update on the Chinook fisheries spring run that have all been closed at this time. Mr. Schriever reported that these fisheries achieved a harvest of 5,423 adults in the Clearwater, Main Salmon and Little Salmon Rivers and Hells Canyon of the Snake River. He noted that there were 10,331 jacks harvested.

RULES

2009 Chinook Fisheries for the Upper Salmon River
2009 Chinook Salmon Fisheries for the Boise River

Ed Schriever, Chief of Fisheries, presented the Department recommendations for the 2009 Chinook Fisheries for the Upper Salmon River and the 2009 Chinook Salmon Fisheries for the Boise River (Appendix 42, Exhibit 53).

2009 Chinook Fisheries for the Upper Salmon River Proposal

This proposal changes the daily and possession limits for one section of the Chinook salmon fishery in the Upper Salmon River that was approved by the Commission in May. It allows for retention of Chinook salmon less than 24 inches total length in the section of the Upper Salmon River fishery that extends from the town of Salmon upstream to the mouth of the Pahsimeroi River.

SEASONS:

UPPER SALMON RIVER

SEASON DATES: JULY 1 until further notice

Mainstem Salmon River - Town of Salmon to Pahsimeroi River (see boundary definitions)

FISHING HOURS:

Fishing for Chinook salmon is permitted from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM Mountain Daylight time.

LIMITS:

Daily = 6 (no more than two (2) may be greater than or equal to 24 inches total length)

Possession = 18 (no more than six(6) may be greater than or equal to 24 inches total length)

- Only Chinook salmon with a clipped adipose fin (as evidence by a healed scar) may be kept.
- Anglers must cease fishing for Chinook salmon for the day when they retain six(6) salmon, or two (2) salmon greater than or equal to 24 inches total length, whichever comes first.
- Anglers must cease fishing for Chinook salmon when they possess 18 salmon or six (6) salmon greater than or equal to 24 inches total length, whichever comes first.
- No person may keep more than 40 Chinook salmon greater than or equal to 24 inches total length statewide during the 2009 Chinook salmon season. Anglers must cease fishing for Chinook salmon when they retain their season limit.
- Only Chinook salmon greater than or equal to 24 inches total length need to be carded.

BOUNDARIES:

Mainstem Salmon River - Town of Salmon to Pahsimeroi River: from the cable car crossing at the USGS flow gauging station, about 150 yards downstream of Island Park in Salmon, upstream to the posted boundary at the mouth of the Pahsimeroi River.

METHODS OF TAKE:

- A. Only barbless hooks may be used when fishing for Chinook salmon.
- B. It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch.
- C. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take salmon by snagging.

09-58 Commissioner Power moved and Commissioner Trevey seconded a motion TO ACCEPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE THE SALMON LIMITS FROM THE CITY OF SALMON TO PAHSIMEROI RIVER. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

2009 Chinook Salmon Fisheries Proposal for the Boise River Proposal

SEASONS:

Boise River

Season Dates: JULY 2 through SEPTEMBER 6 or until further notice whichever comes first.

FISHING HOURS:

Fishing for Chinook salmon in the Boise River is permitted 24-hours a day during the designated season.

LIMITS:

There are no separate limits for adults and jack Chinook salmon in the Boise River. All Chinook salmon (adults and jacks) kept must be counted in the daily, possession and season limit and must be recorded on the angler's salmon permit.

Daily = Two (2) salmon

Possession = Six(6) salmon

- Anglers must cease fishing for Chinook salmon when they retain two (2) salmon for the day.
- Anglers must cease fishing for Chinook salmon when they possess 6 salmon..
- No person may keep more than 40 Chinook salmon statewide during the 2009 season. Anglers must cease fishing for Chinook salmon when they retain their season limit. Note that anglers in the Boise River must include all Chinook kept in their season limit, regardless of size.
- In the Boise River both adult and jack Chinook Salmon must be carded.

BOUNDARIES:

Boise River from its mouth upstream to Barber Dam.

METHODS OF TAKE:

- It is unlawful to use any hook larger the 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.
- It is unlawful to take or attempt to take salmon by snagging.

09-59 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion TO ACCEPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2009 CHINOOK SALMON FISHERIES FOR THE BOISE RIVER. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Executive Session

09-60 Commissioner Power moved and Commissioner McDermott seconded a motion TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE SECTION 67-2345(1)(F) LITIGATION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

09 -61 Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner McDermott seconded a motion TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Adjournment

The executive session ended at 8:50 a.m. with no official action taken. The executive session discussion was on pending litigation regarding wolves.

Wayne Wright M.D.
Chairman

Cal Groen
Secretary