

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission  
Special Meeting  
June 11, 2012  
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Deputy Director Unsworth, Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer, Mary Boyer, Kathleen Trever, Dallas Burkhalter, Tom Hemker, Jeff Gould, Mike Keckler, Niels Nokkentved, Peter Hassemer, Sam Sharr and Gregg Servheen.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Budge with Commissioners Wright, Trevey, Barowsky, McDermott, Anderson and Power participating.

**RULES**

**2012 Chinook Salmon Fishery for the South Fork Salmon River and the Upper Salmon River**

Peter Hassemer presented the proposal to the Commission. Mr. Hassemer noted that this is a follow up from the May meeting. At the time of the May meeting the fish run was late delaying the season setting.

**SEASONS – CHINOOK SALMON**

**A. Opening Dates**

1. The following areas open to fishing on June 23, 2012 (see Boundary Definitions for a description of each section)
  - a. Mainstem South Fork Salmon River-Lower
  - b. Mainstem South Fork Salmon River-Upper
  - c. Upper Mainstem Salmon River – Stanley Area

**B. Closing Dates**

1. All areas will be closed by closure order signed by the Director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

**FISHING HOURS**

- A.** Fishing for Chinook salmon in the Mainstem South Fork Salmon River Upper and Lower sections is permitted from 5:30 AM to 10:00 PM Mountain Daylight time.
- B.** Fishing for Chinook salmon in the Upper Mainstem Salmon River sections is permitted from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM Mountain Daylight time.

## LIMITS

### A. South Fork Salmon River

1. **Daily:** Four (4) Chinook salmon, only two (2) of which may be adult Chinook Salmon.
2. **Possession:** Twelve (12) Chinook salmon, only six (6) of which may be adult Chinook Salmon.

### B. Upper Mainstem Salmon River

1. **Daily:** Four (4) Chinook salmon, only two (2) of which may be adult Chinook Salmon.
2. **Possession:** Twelve (12) Chinook salmon, only six (6) of which may be adult Chinook Salmon

- C. **Season, statewide:** No person may take more than twenty (20) adult Chinook salmon statewide during 2012 salmon seasons occurring prior to September 1, 2012. (Set through March Commission Action)

### Restrictions pertaining to limits

1. Only Chinook salmon with a clipped adipose fin (as evidenced by a healed scar) may be kept. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.505.06)
2. An angler must cease fishing for Chinook salmon once they have retained their daily, possession, or season limit of adult Chinook salmon or their overall (fish of any size) daily or possession limit of Chinook salmon, whichever comes first. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.505.04)
3. Only adult Chinook salmon are required to be recorded on the salmon permit. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.503)
4. No person shall have in the field or in transit a hatchery-produced adult anadromous salmon that has been processed by removing the head and tail unless the following conditions are met: 1) the fish has been recorded on the taker's salmon permit; 2) the fish is processed and packaged with the skin naturally attached to the flesh including a portion with a healed, clipped, adipose fin scar and 3) it must be packaged in a manner that the number of fish harvested can readily be determined. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.504.01.a-c)
5. No person shall process salmon until they are ashore and done fishing for the day. No person shall transport processed salmon via boat. Jack salmon may not be processed while in the field or in transit. Any processed salmon count towards an angler's possession limit while in the field or in transit. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.504.02)

### **Definitions pertaining to limits**

1. Adult Chinook salmon are defined as any adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon greater than or equal to 24 inches in length. (Set through March Commission Action)
2. Jack Chinook salmon are defined as any adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon less than 24 inches in length. (Set through March Commission Action)
3. Length is defined as the distance from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.004.16)

### **Boundaries**

#### **A. Mainstem South Fork Salmon River – Lower**

From the bridge on Forest Service Road 48 (Lick Creek/ East Fork South Fork Road) where it crosses the mainstem South Fork Salmon River just upstream of the confluence with the East Fork South Fork Salmon River, upstream approximately 18 river miles to the Blackmare Creek pack bridge, accessed from the trailhead at Poverty Flat Campground.

#### **B. Mainstem South Fork Salmon River – Upper**

From Blackmare Creek pack bridge, accessed from the trailhead at Poverty Flat Campground upstream approximately 17 river miles to a posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream from the Idaho Fish and Game South Fork Salmon River weir and trap.

#### **C. Mainstem Salmon River - Stanley Area**

From the Highway 75 Salmon River bridge approximately 250 yards upstream of the mouth of the East Fork Salmon River upstream to the posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream of the weir and trap at Sawtooth Hatchery south of Stanley.

### **METHODS OF TAKE**

- A. It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.505.01)
- B. Only barbless hooks may be used when fishing for Chinook salmon. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.505.01)
- C. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take salmon by snagging. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.505.02)

**12-47** Commissioner Power moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion to accept the staff recommendations for a 2012 chinook salmon fishery for the South Fork Salmon River and the Upper Salmon River. The motion carried unanimously.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Executive Session**

**12-48** Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion to hold an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(c) to discuss land acquisitions. Roll call vote: Ayes: McDermot, Trevey, Barowsky, Wright, Anderson, Power and Budge. Nays (none).

The executive session ended at 9:25 a.m. with no action taken.

**12-49** Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to come out of executive session. All Commissioners voted in favor.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Randall C. Budge  
Chairman

Virgil Moore  
Secretary