

Other Relevant Statutes & Rules

The following acts are unlawful by statute or commission rule. Consult Title 36, Idaho Code, or the 2013-2015 Idaho Fishing Seasons and Rules for exact wording and complete listing.

It Is Unlawful:

- To fish within the posted upstream or downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.
- To refuse to produce license or fish for inspection upon request by a conservation officer.
- To fail to stop and report at check stations established to inspect licenses and fish and game.
- To possess, transport or use as bait any live fish, leeches, frogs, salamanders, waterdogs, or shrimp as bait, except that live crayfish may be used if caught on the body of water being fished.
- To catch any part of another person's bag limit, EXCEPT in the case of license-exempt persons fishing for salmon and steelhead.
- To transport for another or accept as a gift any game fish, unless a statement signed by the taker accompanies the fish, showing the number and kinds, the date taken, the taker's name, address and fishing license number.
- To claim ownership to more wild game or fish taken within the state of Idaho than allowed by established possession limits.
- To ship any fish by commercial carrier unless the outside of the package is marked as to the number and kinds of fish and the package contains a written statement showing the taker's name, address and fishing license number.
- To use seines, dip nets, spears, snag hooks, or any other contrivances in taking any fish from the waters of the state EXCEPT as allowed by Commission regulation. (Note: Tribal fisheries may use gear types other than those allowed in sport fisheries)
- To waste game fish.
- To sell fish without a permit.

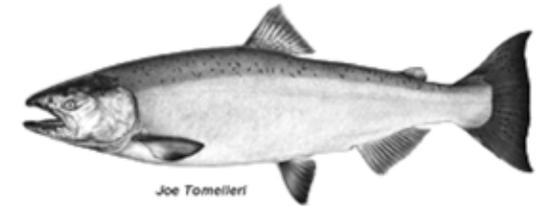
Snagging:

It is unlawful to take or attempt to take salmon by snagging. Snagging shall mean the taking or attempting to take a fish by use of a hook or lure in any manner or method other than enticing or attracting a fish to strike with, and become hooked in its mouth. A salmon that has been hooked anywhere other than its mouth or jaw must be released immediately.

Do salmon naturally return to the Boise River?

No, but they used to. Dams that were built many years ago prevented salmon from migrating upstream to the Boise River. The 2015 fishery is on fish that are being transported from hatcheries in the Snake, Salmon, and South Fork Salmon rivers. They are fish that have been trapped at the hatchery but are in excess of the numbers needed for hatchery broodstock.

IDAHO 2015 Salmon Seasons & Rules Boise River



Salmon in this brochure refer to anadromous (ocean run) Chinook salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*.

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Licenses, Permits and Requirements

Resident Fishing License	\$25.75
Resident Junior (14-17) Fishing License	\$13.75
Resident Salmon Permit (License Required)	\$12.75
Resident Two-Pole Permit	\$13.75
Nonresident Season Fishing License	\$98.25
Nonresident Daily Fishing License	\$12.75
(Each Consecutive day at initial purchase) ...	\$6.00
Nonresident Junior (under 18) Fishing License ..	\$21.75
Nonresident Salmon Permit (License Required)	\$25.75
3-Day Salmon/Steelhead Permit (includes a	
3-Day General Fishing License)	\$37.50
Nonresident Two-Pole Permit.....	\$15.50

- Any person, age 14 and older, must have a valid Fishing License and Salmon Permit in possession to fish for salmon, except Free Fishing Day, June 13, 2015.
- Any person, age 14 and older, who does not qualify as a resident must purchase a Nonresident Season Fishing License and Salmon Permit, a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and Salmon Permit, or a 3-Day Salmon/Steelhead License to fish for salmon.
- To qualify for resident status, a person must be domiciled in the state for at least six months.
- Children (including nonresidents) under the age of 14 may fish without a license and salmon permit provided they are accompanied by the holder of a valid permit and that any salmon 24 inches or more in length kept must be recorded on the permit holder's card and all salmon kept must be counted in the permit holder's legal bag, possession, and season limit.
- Resident children under the age of 14 may purchase their own salmon permit so that they may catch their own limit of salmon.
- Nonresident children under the age of 14 may purchase a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and a salmon permit so that they may catch their own limit of salmon.
- Children (including nonresidents) under the age of 14 may purchase a two pole permit.
- The holder of a valid Idaho Fishing License and Salmon Permit may fish for salmon in the Snake River where it forms the boundary between the states of Idaho and Oregon, subject to the fish and game laws of Idaho, but may not fish from the shoreline, including wading, and may not fish in sloughs or tributaries on the Oregon side. An Oregon license holder has the same rights and restrictions with reference to the Idaho side. Any angler who fishes on the Snake River is entitled to have in possession only the limit allowed by one license regardless of the number of licenses in possession.
- Consult the 2013-2015 Fishing Seasons and Rules brochure for other regulations relating to fishing, license costs and other Department information.

Seasons

The following waters are open to fishing for Chinook salmon during the periods listed. Waters not specifically designated below shall remain CLOSED to fishing for Chinook salmon unless opened by Commission action. ***In all waters open to spring and summer Chinook salmon fishing, the season shall be 7 days a week until the closing date listed, or until further notice, whichever comes first.***

Open June 18 until September 30, 2015.

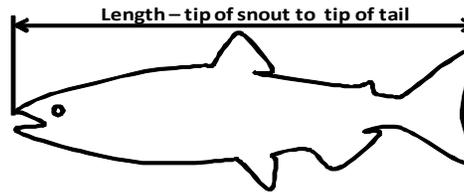
Boise River - from the mouth upstream to the Barber Dam.

Fishing Hours

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

Daily, Possession, and Season Limits

Adult Chinook Salmon are 24 inches or more in length.
Jack Chinook Salmon are less than 24 inches in length.



An angler must cease fishing when they have attained their bag, possession or season limit. Limits in the Boise River are for any Chinook salmon harvested regardless of size.

Daily Limits: Anglers must cease fishing for Chinook salmon when they retain the daily limit of two (2) Chinook salmon regardless of size.

Possession Limit: Anglers must cease fishing for Chinook salmon when they retain the possession limit of Six (6) Chinook salmon regardless of size.

Season Limit: No person may keep more than 20 adult Chinook Salmon statewide during the 2015 season. Anglers must cease fishing for Chinook salmon when they retain their season limit.

Methods of Take

Barbless hooks not required in the Boise River.

Not greater than 5/8 Inch



Hook - Up to 3 points on one shank



Single point hook - One point on one shank

- A It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.

Permit Validation

When an adult salmon (24 inches or more in length) in the Boise River has been hooked, landed and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately:

- Cut out and completely remove one numbered notch from his or her permit; and
- Look up the location code number from the list below and write it in the space provided; and
- Enter in the space provided, the month and day the fish was caught.
- When a salmon is released unharmed, as in catch-and-release fishing, the angler is not required to make an entry on the permit.

RIVER LOCATION CODES	
See Seasons section for full description of fishing boundaries. All of a river section may not be open for Chinook salmon fishing.	
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For example, a salmon kept from the Boise River on June 20 would be entered as:

Fish	Month		Location Code	Month		Location Code	Fish
	Bird	Day		Day	Bird		
1							21
2							22
3							23
4							24
5							25

Jack Chinook Salmon need not be recorded on the permit but count in the daily and possession limits.