

## Other Relevant Statutes & Rules

The following acts are unlawful by statute or commission rule. Consult Title 36, Idaho Code, or the 2016-2018 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.

### How you can help protect salmon habitat

- Where available use improved trails and stairs to access the river.
- Heed signs to stay off rehabilitated areas near the river.
- Avoid building campfires between the river and road except at developed campgrounds or when using fire pans.
- Pack out all trash.

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## Licenses, Permits and Requirements

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| 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.
- 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 2016-2018 Fishing Seasons and Rules brochure for other regulations relating to fishing, license costs and other Department information.

# IDAHO 2016 Chinook Salmon Seasons & Rules

## South Fork Salmon River and Upper Salmon River

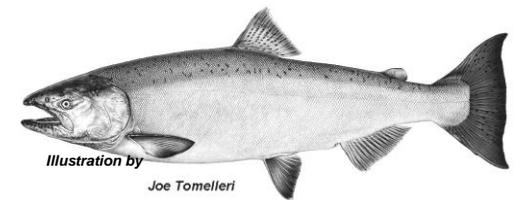


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**Salmon** in this brochure refer to anadromous (ocean run) Chinook Salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*.

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## Seasons

The following waters are open to fishing for salmon during the periods listed. Waters not specifically designated below shall remain CLOSED to fishing for salmon unless opened by Commission action. In all waters open to salmon fishing, the season shall be 7 days a week until further notice.

### Open June 18 until further notice:

**Upper Salmon River:** from the Copper Mine boat ramp approximately 2.5 miles upstream of the mouth of the Middle Fork Salmon River upstream to the posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream of the weir and trap at Sawtooth Hatchery south of Stanley.

**South Fork Salmon River:** 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 32 river miles to a posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream from the Idaho Fish and Game South Fork Salmon River weir and trap.

### Closing Dates:

Areas will be closed by Closure Order signed by the Director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

## Fishing Hours

**Upper Salmon River:** Fishing is permitted from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM Mountain Daylight time.

**South Fork Salmon River:** Fishing is permitted from 5:30 AM to 10:00 PM Mountain Daylight time.

## Methods of Take

### Only barbless hooks may be used

Not greater than 5/8 Inch



**Hook - Up to 3 points on one shank**



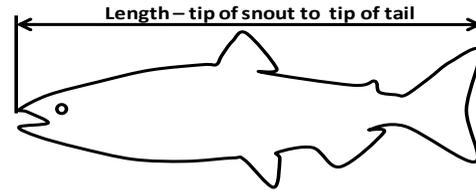
**Single point hook - One point on one shank**

- It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.
- Only barbless hooks may be used when fishing for salmon. Bending the barb(s) down to the shank of a single, double, or treble hook will meet this requirement.

## Daily, Possession, & Season Limits

**NOTE: Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) may implement in-season changes to seasons or limits. For updated seasons and limits information consult a license vendor, an IDFG office, the IDFG salmon fishing hotline (855-287-2702) or the IDFG website: (<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/fish/?getPage=110>)**

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



### All Waters

- Daily Bag Limit:** The combined daily bag limit for all waters that are listed as open to salmon fishing is four (4) salmon per day, only two (2) may be adults.
- Possession Limit:** 12 salmon in possession of which no more than six (6) may be adults. "Possession limit" shall apply to salmon while in the field or being transported to the final place of consumption or storage.
- Season Limit:** No person may take more than twenty (20) adult Chinook Salmon statewide during 2016 salmon seasons occurring prior to September 1, 2016.

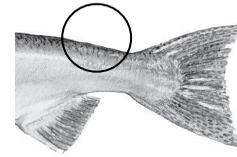
Anglers may not fish in waters having special limits while in possession of fish in excess of those limits. (For example: an angler may not fish in a river section with a daily bag limit of one adult salmon if they have harvested one or more adult salmon in another river section with the same or higher adult bag that day.

Anglers must cease fishing for salmon once they have retained their daily, possession or season limit of adult salmon or their overall daily, possession or season limit of fish of any size, whichever comes first.

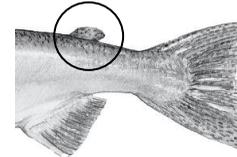
## Snagging

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.

## Harvest Rules



- Hatchery Chinook Salmon may be kept if the adipose fin has been clipped as evidenced by a healed scar



- Chinook Salmon with an unclipped adipose fin **MUST** be released

C. 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. 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.

D. All salmon that are hooked, landed and reduced to possession must be killed immediately after landing and shall be counted in the limits of the person hooking the fish.

## Releasing Fish

**Any salmon with an intact adipose fin that is landed or any salmon that is landed but not reduced to possession must be released. Anglers should strive to minimize handling and stress on each fish caught and released to maximize their chance to survive.**

## Tribal Fisheries

**Tribal fisheries also occur in Idaho. They are governed by the Tribes and have different rules than Idaho sport fisheries. Please be respectful of these different fishing traditions.**

## Permit Validation

When an adult Chinook Salmon has been hooked, landed and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately:

- Cut out and completely remove one numbered notch from the permit; and
- Look up the location code number from the list below and write it in the space provided; and
- Enter in space provided, the month and day 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.
  - While anglers may retain salmon less than 24 inches in length as part of their bag and possession limit they are not required to record them on their permit.

*For example, a salmon greater or equal to 24 inches length kept from the South Fork Salmon River on June 22 would be entered*

| Fish | Bird | Month | Day | Location Code | Month | Day | Location Code | Fish | Bird |
|------|------|-------|-----|---------------|-------|-----|---------------|------|------|
| 1    |      | 6     | 22  | 21            |       |     |               | 21   |      |
| 2    |      |       |     |               |       |     |               | 22   |      |
| 3    |      |       |     |               |       |     |               | 23   |      |
| 4    |      |       |     |               |       |     |               | 24   |      |
| 5    |      |       |     |               |       |     |               | 25   |      |

**REMOVE NOTCH COMPLETELY!**

## RIVER LOCATION CODES

*See Seasons section for full description of fishing boundaries. All of a river section may not be open for salmon fishing.*

### South Fork Salmon River

Forest Service Road 48 bridge across the South Fork Salmon upstream to the Idaho Fish and Game South Fork Salmon River wier..... 21

### Upper Salmon River

Mouth of the Middle Fork Salmon River to the mouth of the North Fork Salmon River..... 15  
 Mouth of the North Fork Salmon River upstream to the mouth of the Lemhi River ..... 16  
 Mouth of the Lemhi River to mouth of the Pahsimeroi River ..... 17  
 Mouth of the Pahsimeroi River to the mouth of the East Fork Salmon River..... 18  
 Mouth of the East Fork Salmon River to the posted boundary about 100 yards upstream to the posted boundary about 100 yards downstream of the weir and trap at Sawtooth Hatchery ..... 19