

**Meeting Date:** July 14, 2021

**Agenda Item No. 5I**

**Agenda Item:** Season Setting, Fall Chinook Salmon  
Fisheries

**Bureau Chief Approval:** LH

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**Background:**

This agenda item concerns the season setting for a fishery targeting fall Chinook Salmon returning to the Snake River, Salmon River, and Clearwater River basin.

Staff will present updated forecasts of the fall Chinook Salmon run which indicate sufficient abundance to allow sport fisheries.

Specific boundaries will be described in a separate season proposal.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:**

Idaho Statute 36-104(b)2 gives the Commission the authority to make a rule or proclamation establishing seasons and methods for the taking of fish. Fishing Rules are provided in IDAPA 13.01.11

**Public Involvement Process:**

Public meetings were held in Lewiston and Orofino in June and a public outreach effort via email and web surveys was conducted to gather input on the proposed fisheries.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Approve staff recommendation

**Justification:**

Salmon and steelhead mitigation hatcheries were built to mitigate or compensate for fishing opportunity lost as a result of hydropower development. The proposed seasons would provide anglers the opportunity to fish for returning adult Coho salmon produced at Idaho mitigation hatcheries.