

**FALL CHINOOK SALMON FISHERY PROPOSAL
JULY 14, 2021**

I. SEASONS –FALL CHINOOK SALMON

A. OPEN DATES AND BOUNDARIES

Fishing for Fall Chinook Salmon in the following areas will open August 18.

- **Clearwater River** from the mouth upstream to the South Fork of the Clearwater.
- **Middle Fork Clearwater River** from the mouth upstream to Clear Creek.
- **South Fork Clearwater River** from the mouth upstream to the confluence of Red and American rivers.
- **Snake River** from the Idaho/Washington Border upstream to Hells Canyon Dam.
- **Salmon River** from the mouth upstream to the Little Salmon River.

Fishing for Fall Chinook Salmon in the following area will open September 1.

- **North Fork Clearwater River** from the mouth upstream to Dworshak Dam.

B. CLOSING DATES

- **Clearwater River** from Memorial Bridge to Orofino Bridge will close at midnight October 14, 2021, or may close earlier by emergency order of the Director.
- **All other areas open to Fall Chinook Salmon fishing** will close at midnight October 31, 2021 or may close earlier by emergency order of the Director.

C. FISHING DAYS

Fishing for Fall Chinook Salmon will be open 7 days/week.

II. LIMITS

A. DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

- **Daily** = Three (3) Adult Fall Chinook Salmon, no limit on Jack Fall Chinook Salmon
- **Possession** = Nine (9) Adult Fall Chinook Salmon

B. OTHER RULES

Anglers must cease fishing for Fall Chinook Salmon (including Jacks) once they have retained their daily or possession limit of Adult Fall Chinook Salmon.

C. SEASON LIMIT

There is no Season Limit on Fall Chinook Salmon.

D. DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO LIMITS

- Adult Fall Chinook Salmon are defined as Fall Chinook Salmon greater than or equal to 24 inches in length.
- Jack Fall Chinook Salmon are defined as Fall Chinook Salmon less than 24 inches in length.

E. Anglers may harvest Fall Chinook Salmon with or without an adipose fin.

III. OTHER RULES

- A.** Fishing is prohibited in the Clearwater River between posted boundaries about 100 yards upstream and downstream from the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Ladder and extending into the river channel 50 yards. Fishing from the shoreline or wading along the perimeter of Dworshak National Fish Hatchery is prohibited. Fishing from motorized watercraft is prohibited from the Clearwater River Bridge at Orofino upstream to the mouth of Clear Creek from September 1 – December 31.
- B.** Fishing from the shoreline or wading along the perimeter of Dworshak National Fish Hatchery is prohibited. Fishing from any watercraft or wading is prohibited between the posted line about 150 yards upstream from the mouth of the North Fork Clearwater River and the Ahsahka Highway 7 Bridge. When fishing from the Ahsahka Highway 7 Bridge, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take any fish downstream of the railroad bridge. Fishing from the railroad bridge is prohibited.
- C.** Only single-pointed barbless hooks are allowed when fishing for steelhead or salmon in the South Fork Clearwater River.