

2020 SPRING CHINOOK SALMON FISHERIES PROPOSAL FOR SEASON SETTING

March 20, 2020

I. SEASONS – CHINOOK SALMON

A. Opening Dates

1. The following areas open to fishing for Chinook Salmon on April 25, 2020

Clearwater River Drainage

- Mainstem Clearwater River- From the Camas Prairie Railroad Bridge at Lewiston to Cherrylane Bridge (no fishing from a boat from Highway 12 Arrow Bridge to Cherrylane Bridge).
- Mainstem Clearwater River- From Pink House Boat Ramp to Five Mile Boat Ramp.
- North Fork Clearwater - From the mouth upstream to Dworshak Dam excluding the perimeter of the Dworshak National Hatchery (no fishing from a boat).
- South Fork Clearwater River - from Nez Perce Tribal Reservation boundary (just downstream of Harpster) to the top of the hole immediately upstream of Mount Idaho Grade Bridge.
- Middle Fork Clearwater River - From the South Fork Clearwater River upstream to the confluence of the Lochsa and Selway rivers.

Salmon River Drainage

- Lower Salmon River- From the Rice Creek Bridge upstream to the uppermost boat ramp at Vinegar Creek (see special restrictions regarding fishing from watercraft).
- Little Salmon River- From the mouth upstream to the US Highway 95 Bridge near Smokey Boulder Road.

Snake River Drainage

- Snake River- From Dug Bar Boat Ramp to Hells Canyon Dam.

B. Closing Dates

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

C. FISHING DAYS

Clearwater River Drainage

- Fishing for Chinook Salmon will open two (2) days per week, Saturday and Sunday.

Salmon River Drainage

- Fishing for Chinook Salmon will be open four (4) days per week, Thursday through Sunday.

Snake River Drainage

- Fishing for Chinook Salmon will be open seven (7) days per week.

D. FISHING HOURS

Fishing for Chinook Salmon is lawful only during the hours shown in the table below.

Dates:	Pacific Daylight Time		Mountain Daylight Time	
	Begin	End	Begin	End
April 25 to May 31	5:00 AM	9:00 PM	6:00 AM	10:00 PM
June 1 to July 31	4:30 AM	9:00 PM	5:30 AM	10:00 PM
July 31 to August 9	5:00 AM	9:00 PM	6:00 AM	10:00 PM

II. LIMITS

A. Daily and Possession Limits

Mainstem Clearwater River, North Fork Clearwater River, Middle Fork Clearwater River and South Fork Clearwater River.

- Daily = Four (4) Chinook Salmon, only one (1) may be an adult
- Possession = Twelve (12) Chinook Salmon, only three (3) may be adults

Salmon River, Little Salmon River, and Snake River

- Daily = Four (4) Chinook Salmon, only one (1) may be an adult
- Possession = Twelve (12) Chinook Salmon, only three (3) may be adults

B. Season Limit, Statewide

No person may take more than ten (10) adult Spring or Summer Chinook Salmon statewide during 2020 salmon seasons occurring prior to August 9, 2020.

C. Definitions pertaining to limits

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

III. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

A. Clearwater River

1. Mainstem

Fishing from the shoreline along the perimeter of Dworshak National Fish Hatchery is prohibited.

2. North Fork

The mouth of the North Fork Clearwater River is defined as a straight line between the posted signs located at the Clearwater Hatchery outlet culvert on the west side and at the tip of land below the Dworshak Hatchery on the east side. 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 approximately 150 yards upstream from the mouth of the North Fork Clearwater River to 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.

3. South Fork

Only single-pointed barbless hooks are allowed while fishing for salmon in the South Fork Clearwater River.

B. Lower and Little Salmon rivers

Fishing from any watercraft is prohibited within 30 yards of the west shoreline of the Salmon River from the Riggins City Park boat ramp upstream to a posted boundary approximately 50 yards upstream of the mouth of the Little Salmon River. Fishing from any watercraft is also prohibited in the Little Salmon River from the mouth upstream approximately 200 yards to a posted boundary.