

2019 CHINOOK SALMON FISHERY PROPOSAL FOR THE MIDDLE FORK CLEARWATER RIVER

JUNE 13, 2019 IDFG COMMISSION MEETING

I. SEASONS – CHINOOK SALMON

A. Opening Dates

The following areas open to Chinook Salmon fishing on June 13, 2019:

- **Middle Fork Clearwater River** - from the Nez Perce Reservation boundary (near mile post 79 US Highway 12) upstream to the confluence of the Selway and Lochsa rivers.

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

Fishing for Chinook Salmon in the Middle Fork Clearwater River will be open seven (7) days a week.

D. Fishing Hours

Fishing is permitted from 4:30 AM to 9:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time

II. LIMITS

A. Daily and Possession Limits:

- **Daily** = Four (4) Chinook Salmon, only two (2) of which may be adults.
- **Possession** = Twelve (12) Chinook Salmon, only six (6) of which may be adults.

B. Other rules:

Anglers must cease fishing for all Chinook Salmon (including jacks) once they have retained their daily, possession or season limit of adult Chinook Salmon or their overall daily, possession, or season limit of Chinook Salmon of any size, whichever comes first.

C. Season Limit, statewide

No person may take more than ten (10) adult Chinook Salmon statewide during 2019 salmon seasons occurring prior to August 13, 2019. (Set through March Commission Action)

D. 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. LIMITS PERTAINING TO HARVEST OF UNMARKED FISH

- A. Anglers may retain any Chinook Salmon with or without an intact adipose fin in the Middle Fork Clearwater River Chinook Salmon Fishery.

IV. USE OF BAIT

- A. Fishing with bait for Chinook Salmon is allowed on the Middle Fork Clearwater River