

2019 CLEARWATER RIVER FALL CHINOOK SALMON FISHERY PROPOSAL

I. SEASONS

A. Opening Dates

1. **Clearwater River** - from its mouth upstream to Memorial Bridge: *August 24, 2019.*
2. **Clearwater River** – from Memorial Bridge upstream to the confluence of the Middle Fork Clearwater and South Fork Clearwater rivers: *Upon approval of NOAA ESA take permit.*
3. **North Fork Clearwater River** – from mouth to Dam: *Upon approval of NOAA ESA take permit.*

B. Closing Dates

Closure to fishing at midnight on October 13, 2019 or may close earlier by emergency order of the Director.

C. Fishing Days

1. **Clearwater River** - from its mouth upstream to Memorial Bridge: Fishing will occur 7 days a week.
2. **Clearwater River** – from Memorial Bridge upstream to the confluence of the Middle Fork Clearwater and South Fork Clearwater rivers: Fishing will occur 4 days a week (Thursday through Sunday).
3. **North Fork Clearwater River** – from mouth to Dam: Fishing will occur 4 days a week (Thursday through Sunday).

II. LIMITS

A. Bag (Daily):

1. Prior to NMFS Permit: Six (6) adipose fin-clipped adult fall Chinook Salmon.
2. Upon approval of NMFS permit: Six (6) fall Chinook Salmon, only one (1) may have an adipose fin.

B. Possession:

1. Prior to NMFS Permit: Eighteen (18) adipose fin-clipped adult fall Chinook Salmon.
2. Upon approval of NMFS permit: Eighteen (18) adult fall Chinook Salmon, only three (3) may have an adipose fin.

C. Season: There is no limit on the number of adult fall Chinook Salmon that can be harvested during the fall Chinook season (all adult Chinook Salmon that are harvested must be recorded on a salmon permit).

D. Jack fall Chinook Salmon: Anglers can retain any jack fall Chinook Salmon (adipose-clipped or unclipped) if they have a valid salmon permit. There are no

daily bag, possession or season limits for jack fall Chinook Salmon. Anglers are not required to record jack fall Chinook Salmon on their salmon permit.

III. Definitions Pertaining to Limits

- A. Adult Chinook Salmon** – Adult Chinook Salmon are 24 or more inches in length.
- B. Jack Chinook Salmon** – Jack Chinook Salmon are less than 24 inches in length.
- C. NMFS Permit**- Approval by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) of the Snake River Fall Chinook Fisheries Management and Evaluation Plan (FMEP) submitted by IDFG, WDFW, ODFW as meeting the criteria required by the limit 4 of the 4(d) rule.