

2019 SPRING CHINOOK SALMON FISHERIES PROPOSAL FOR SEASON SETTING

March 13, 2019

I. SEASONS – CHINOOK SALMON

A. Opening Dates

1. The following areas open to fishing for Chinook Salmon on April 27, 2019

Clearwater River Drainage

- Mainstem Clearwater River- From the Camas Prairie Railroad Bridge upstream to the Highway 12 Arrow Bridge.
- Mainstem Clearwater River- From Pink House Boat Ramp upstream to Greer Bridge
- North Fork Clearwater - From the mouth upstream to Dworshak Dam excluding the perimeter of the Dworshak National Hatchery at Ahsahka (see special restrictions regarding angling from shore and watercraft).
- South Fork Clearwater River - From the bridge just downstream from Harpster Grade to the top of 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.

B. Closing Dates

Areas will close to fishing at the end of fishing hours on August 11 or may close earlier by emergency order of the Director.

C. FISHING DAYS

Clearwater River Drainage

- Open 2 days each week.
- Fishing for Chinook Salmon will be open Saturday and Sunday only.

Salmon River Drainage

- Open 4 days each week.
- Fishing for Chinook Salmon will be open Thursday through Sunday only.

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 27 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 11 | 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 and Little Salmon River

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

B. Season Limit, Statewide

No person may take more than ten (10) adult Spring or Summer Chinook Salmon statewide during 2019 salmon seasons occurring prior to August 11, 2019.

C. Definitions pertaining to limits

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