

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Conference Call
June 29, 2018
Director's Office
600 S Walnut
Boise, ID**

Present: Director Moore, Deputy Directors Kiefer and Schriever, Kathleen Trever, Mary Boyer, Chris Sullivan, Roger Phillips and Lance Hebdon.

Greg Schoby and Jon Hansen from the Salmon Region office participated via conference phone.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Derick Attebury with Commissioners Dan Blanco, Blake Fischer, Lane Clezie and Jerry Meyers participating. Commissioners Brad Corkill and Greg Cameron were absent.

SEASON SETTING

Season Setting: 2018 Chinook Salmon Proposals

Lance Hebdon, Anadromous Fishery Manager, presented the proposals (Appendix 51, Exhibit 40) for the following:

Clearwater River Chinook Fishery Proposal

This agenda item concerns a fishery targeting hatchery-origin Chinook Salmon in Section 2 of the Mainstem Clearwater River from the Cherrylane Bridge upstream to the Orofino Bridge.

This section of the Clearwater River from the Cherrylane Bridge to Orofino Bridge was closed at the end of fishing hours on Sunday June 10, 2018 to spread angling opportunity to other communities upriver. Re-opening Section 2 will provide additional opportunity within the existing non-tribal harvest share.

18-47 Commissioner Blanco moved and Commissioner Clezie seconded a motion to approve the proposed Chinook Salmon fishery in the section of the Clearwater River from the Cherrylane Bridge upstream to the Orofino Bridge. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Boise River Chinook Fishery Proposal

Chinook salmon catch rates, angler effort and harvest are slowing dramatically in the Little Salmon river fishery. The Department proposes to trap Chinook Salmon at Rapid River hatchery that are in excess of broodstock needs and within the state harvest share and transport them for release into the Boise River to increase angling opportunity and increase the utilization of the resource.

18-48 Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Blanco seconded a motion to approve the proposed Chinook Salmon fishery in the Boise River. All Commissioners voted in favor.

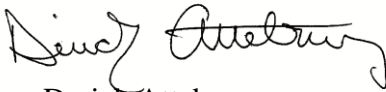
Upper Salmon River Chinook Fishery

This agenda item concerns a fishery targeting hatchery-origin Chinook salmon in the section of the Upper Salmon River from the Colston Corner boat ramp upstream to the posted boundary approximately 50 yards upstream of the mouth of the Pahsimeroi River.

There is currently a harvestable surplus of hatchery Chinook salmon returning to Pahsimeroi Hatchery. Low returns of wild Chinook salmon prevented the fishery opener under our approved Fishery Management Evaluation Plan. Fisheries staff worked with NOAA Fisheries to adjust timing and area of the fishery to minimize impacts to natural populations.

18-49 Commissioner Meyers moved and Commissioner Clezie seconded a motion to approve the Chinook Salmon fishery as proposed. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Adjourn



Derick Attebury
Chairman



Virgil Moore
Secretary