

# IDAHO 2017

## Fall Chinook Salmon

### Seasons & Rules



### Snake River

### Mainstem Clearwater River

### Lower Salmon River



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**Salmon** in this brochure refer to anadromous (ocean run) Chinook Salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*.

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**NOTE:** Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) may implement in-season changes to seasons or limits. For updated seasons and limits information consult a license vendor, an IDFG office, the IDFG salmon fishing hotline [\(855-287-2702\)](tel:855-287-2702)

or the IDFG website: <http://idfg.idaho.gov>

# Seasons

The following waters are open to fishing for fall Chinook Salmon during the periods listed. Waters not specifically designated below shall remain CLOSED to fishing for or targeting of fall Chinook Salmon unless opened by Commission action. ***In all waters open to fall Chinook Salmon fishing, the season shall be 7 days a week until the closing date listed, or until further notice, whichever comes first.***

**Opening Date:** August 18, 2017

## **SNAKE RIVER:**

- From the Washington / Idaho border to Hells Canyon Dam.

## **MAINSTEM CLEARWATER RIVER:**

- From a line at the mouth (from a posted sign on the north bank to the western-most point on the south bank) upstream approximately 1.7 miles to the Highway 12 Memorial Bridge.

## **LOWER SALMON RIVER:**

- From its mouth upstream approximately 0.75 miles to Eye of the Needle Rapids.

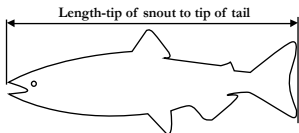
## **Closing Dates:**

- Clearwater River, Salmon River and the portion of the Snake River downstream of Cliff Mountain Rapids (River Mile 246.7 about 1.1 miles downstream of Hells Canyon Dam). October 31, 2017 or upon notice.
- Snake River from Hells Canyon Dam downstream about 1.1 miles to Cliff Mountain Rapids (River Mile 246.7). November 17, 2017 or upon notice.

## **Daily, Possession, and Season Limits**

Anglers meeting license and permit requirements may retain only adipose fin clipped adult Chinook Salmon but may retain adipose fin clipped or unclipped jack Chinook Salmon

**Adult Chinook Salmon** are 24 or more inches in length.  
**Jack Chinook Salmon** are less than 24 inches in length



**Daily Limit:** Six (6) adult fall Chinook Salmon. No daily limit on jack fall Chinook salmon.

**Possession Limit:** Eighteen (18) adult fall Chinook Salmon. No possession limit on jack fall Chinook Salmon.

**Season:** There is no limit on the number of Chinook Salmon that an angler may harvest during the 2017 salmon season after August 17, 2017. An angler who fills their permit may purchase an additional permit.

# Fishing Hours

Fishing for fall Chinook Salmon is permitted 24-hours a day during the designated season and locations.

## Permit Validation

When an adult Chinook Salmon has been hooked, landed and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately.

- A** Cut out and completely remove one numbered notch from the permit; and
- B** Look up the location code number from the list below and write it in the space provided; and
- C** Enter in the space provided, the month and day fish was caught.

### RIVER LOCATION CODES

**See Seasons section for full description of fishing boundaries. All of a river section may not be open for salmon fishing.**

#### Snake River

WA / ID Border Upstream to Salmon River.....01  
 Salmon River upstream to Hells Canyon Dam.....02

#### Clearwater River

Posted boundary at mouth upstream to Highway 12 to Memorial Bridge.....03

#### Lower Salmon River

From its mouth upstream approximately 0.75 miles to Eye of the Needle Rapids.....10

*For example, an adult salmon kept from the Snake River downstream of the Blue Bridge on September 6 would be entered as:*

Fish	Bird	Month	Day	Location Code	Month	Day	Location Code	Fish	Bird
1		9	06	01				21	
2								22	
3								23	
4								24	
5								25	

**REMOVE NOTCH COMPLETELY!**

Anglers may retain jack Chinook Salmon with or without the adipose fin intact. Jack Chinook Salmon are not part of the daily bag and possession limit, and anglers are not required to record them on their permit.

When a salmon is released (not reduced to possession), the angler is not required to make an entry.

# Methods of Take

Only barbless hooks may be used

Not greater than 5/8 inch



- A** It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.
- B** Only barbless hooks may be used when fishing for salmon. Bending the barb(s) down to the shank of a single, double, or treble hook will meet this requirement.

## Harvest Rules



- A** Adult Chinook Salmon with a clipped adipose fin (as evidenced by a healed scar) may be kept. Both clipped and unclipped jack Chinook Salmon may be kept.



- B** Adult Chinook salmon with an unclipped adipose fin **MUST** be released. Jack Chinook Salmon with an intact adipose fin intact may be kept.

- C** No person shall have in the field or in transit a hatchery-produced adult anadromous salmon that has been processed by removing the head and tail unless the following conditions are met:
1. the fish has been recorded on the taker's salmon permit;
  2. the fish is processed and packaged with the skin naturally attached to the flesh including a portion with a healed, clipped, adipose fin scar; and
  3. it must be packaged in a manner that the number of fish harvested can readily be determined. No person shall process salmon until they are ashore and done fishing for the day. No person shall transport processed salmon via boat. Jack salmon may not be processed while in the field or in transit. Any processed salmon count towards an angler's possession limit while in the field or in transit.
- D** All salmon that are hooked, landed and reduced to possession must be killed immediately after landing and shall be counted in the limits of the person hooking the fish.

## Other Relevant Statutes & Rules

The following acts are unlawful by statute or commission rule. Consult Title 36, Idaho Code, or the 2016-2018 Idaho Fishing Seasons and Rules for exact wording and complete listing.

### It Is Unlawful:

- To fish within the posted upstream or downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.
- To refuse to produce license or fish for inspection upon request by a conservation officer.
- To fail to stop and report at check stations established to inspect licenses and/or fish and game.
- To possess, transport or use as bait any live fish, leeches, frogs, salamanders, waterdogs, or shrimp, except that live crayfish may be used if caught on the body of water being fished.
- To catch any part of another person's bag limit, EXCEPT in the case of license-exempt persons fishing for salmon and Steelhead.
- To transport for another or accept as a gift any game fish, unless a statement signed by the taker accompanies the fish, showing the number and kinds, the date taken, the taker's name, address and fishing license number.
- To claim ownership to more wild game or fish taken within the state of Idaho than allowed by established possession limits.
- To ship any fish by commercial carrier unless the outside of the package is marked as to the number and kinds of fish and the package contains a written statement showing the taker's name, address and fishing license number.
- To use seines, dip nets, spears, snag hooks, or any other contrivances in taking any fish from the waters of the state EXCEPT as allowed by Commission regulation. Note: Tribal fisheries may use gear types other than those allowed in sport fisheries).
- To waste game fish.



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## Licenses, Permits and Requirements

Resident Fishing License.....	\$25.75
Resident Junior (14-17) Fishing License.....	\$13.75
Resident Salmon Permit (License Required).....	\$12.75
Resident Two-Pole Permit.....	\$13.75
Nonresident Fishing License.....	\$98.25
Nonresident Daily Fishing License.....	\$12.75
(Each consecutive day at initial purchase)....	\$6.00
Nonresident Junior (under 18) Fishing License...	\$21.75
Nonresident Salmon Permit (License Required)	\$25.75
3-Day Salmon/Steelhead Permit (includes a 3-Day General Fishing License).....	\$37.50
Nonresident Two-Pole Permit.....	\$15.50

- Any person, age 14 and older, must have a valid Fishing License and Salmon Permit in possession to fish for salmon.
- Any person, age 14 and older, who does not qualify as a resident must purchase a Nonresident Season Fishing License and Salmon Permit, a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and Salmon Permit, or a 3-Day Salmon\Steelhead License to fish for salmon.
- To qualify for resident status, a person must be domiciled in the state for at least six months.
- Children (including nonresidents) under the age of 14 may fish without a license and salmon permit provided they are accompanied by the holder of a valid permit and that any salmon kept that is 24 or more inches in length must be recorded on the permit holder's card and all salmon kept must be counted in the permit holder's legal bag, possession, and season limit.
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- Children (including nonresidents) under the age of 14 may purchase a two pole permit.
- The holder of a valid Idaho Fishing License and Salmon Permit may fish for salmon in the Snake River where it forms the boundary between the states of Idaho and Washington or Idaho and Oregon, subject to the fish and game laws of Idaho, but may not fish from the shoreline, including wading, and may not fish in sloughs or tributaries on the Washington or Oregon side. Washington or Oregon license holders have the same rights and restrictions with reference to the Idaho side. Any angler who fishes on the Snake River is entitled to have in possession only the limit allowed by one license regardless of the number of licenses in possession.
- Consult the 2016-2018 Fishing Seasons and Rules for other regulations relating to fishing, license costs and other Department information.