Other Relevant Statutes & Rules

The following acts are unlawful by statute or commission rule. Consult Title 36, Idaho Code, or the 2022-2024 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.
• 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.
• To sell fish without a permit.

Snagging

It is unlawful to take or attempt to take salmon by snagging. Snagging shall mean the taking or attempting to take a fish by use of a hook or lure in any manner or method other than enticing or attracting a fish to strike with, and become hooked in its mouth. A salmon that has been hooked anywhere other than its mouth or jaw must be released.

Tribal fisheries also occur in Idaho. They are governed by Tribes and have different rules than Idaho sport fisheries. Please be respectful of these different fishing traditions.

Licenses, Permits and Requirements

Resident Salmon Permit $15.25
Resident Price Locked Salmon $12.75
Nonresident Salmon Permit (License required) $25.75

License Required for Salmon Permit

To purchase a salmon permit, residents and nonresidents must also buy a fishing license which requires the Access/Depredation fee. To check prices for the appropriate licenses and fees, contact a license vendor or visit idfg.idaho.gov/buy

• Any person age 14 and older must have a valid Fishing License and Salmon Permit in possession to fish for salmon, except Free Fishing Day, June 11, 2022.
• 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 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.
• Resident children under the age of 14 may purchase their own salmon permit so that they may catch their own limit of salmon.
• Nonresident children under the age of 14 may purchase a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and a salmon permit so that they may catch their own limit of salmon.
• Children (including nonresidents) under the age of 14 may purchase a two-pole permit.
• Consult the 2022-2024 Fishing Seasons and Rules for other regulations relating to fishing, license costs and other Department information.
The following waters are open to fishing for Chinook Salmon during the periods listed. Waters not specifically designated below shall remain CLOSED to fishing for Chinook Salmon unless opened by Commission action.

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### Seasons

- **South Fork Salmon River:** From the posted boundary at Jackie Creek bridge upstream to the posted boundary about 100 yards below the South Fork Salmon River fish weir and trap.
- **Upper Salmon River:** From the posted boundary just upstream of the mouth of the North Fork Salmon River upstream to the posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream of the weir and trap at Sawtooth Fish Hatchery south of Stanley.
- **Lochsa River:** From Lowell Bridge upstream to Twin Bridges immediately upstream from the confluence of Crooked Fork and Colt Killed creeks.

#### Closing Dates:
Areas will be closed by Closure Order signed by the Director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game or at the end of fishing hours on August 7, 2022, whichever comes first.

### Fishing Hours

- **South Fork Salmon River and Upper Salmon River:** Fishing is permitted from 4:30 AM to 9:00 PM.
- **Lochsa River:** Fishing is permitted from 4:30 AM to 9:00 PM.

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### Methods of Take

- **Barbless Hook:** Up to 3 points on one shank.
- **Single-Pointed Hook:** One point on one shank.

#### Daily, Possession, and Season Limits

**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, or the IDFG website: [https://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/chinook/rules](https://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/chinook/rules)

#### South Fork Salmon River and Upper Salmon River:
- **Daily Bag Limit:** four (4) adipose fin clipped salmon per day, only two (2) may be adults.
- **Possession Limit:** twelve (12) adipose fin clipped salmon of which no more than six (6) may be adults.

#### Lochsa River:
- **Daily Bag Limit:** four (4) salmon per day, only two (2) may be adults.
- **Possession Limit:** twelve (12) salmon of which no more than six (6) may be adults.

#### Harvest Rules

- **No person shall:**
  - Have 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 take's salmon permit.
    2. The fish is processed and packaged with the skin naturally attached to the fish.
    3. The fish is processed and packaged in a manner that the number of fish harvested can readily be determined.

#### Permit Validation

- **When an adult Chinook Salmon has been hooked, landed and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately:**
  - Cut out and completely remove one numbered notch from the permit; and
  - Look up the location code number from the list below and write in the space provided; and
  - Enter in the space provided, the month and day fish was kept.

**Note:**
- When a salmon is released unharmed, as in catch-and-release fishing, the angler is not required to make an entry on the permit.
- Anglers may retain salmon less than 24 inches in length as part of their bag and possession limit but are not required to record them on their permit.

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**Methods of Take**

- **Barbless Hook:** Up to 3 points on one shank.
- **Single-Pointed Hook:** One point on one shank.

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**Daily Bag Limit:** It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.

#### Releasing Fish

- **Any salmon that is landed and not reduced to possession must be released. Anglers should strive to minimize handling and stress on each fish caught and released.**