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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.

Other Relevant Statutes & Rules

The following acts are unlawful by statute or commission rule. Consult Title 36, Idaho Code, or the 2019-2021 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.

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 8, 2019.
- 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 2019-2021 Fishing Seasons and Rules for other regulations relating to fishing, license costs and other Department information.

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Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon Seasons & Rules



Middle Fork Clearwater River



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



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Seasons

The following area is open to fishing for Chinook Salmon during the period listed. Waters not specifically designated below shall remain CLOSED to fishing for Chinook Salmon unless opened by Commission action. Areas will close to Chinook Salmon fishing at the end of fishing hours on August 11, 2019 or may close earlier by emergency order of the Director.



Open June 13, 2019 - 7 days per week until further notice

Middle Fork Clearwater River: from the Nez Perce Reservation boundary (near mile post 79 on US Highway 12) upstream to the confluence of the Lochsa and Selway rivers.

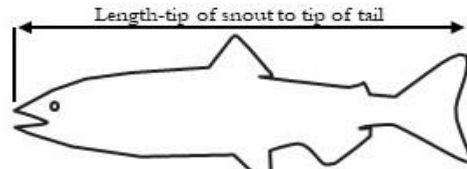
Fishing Hours

Middle Fork Clearwater River: Anglers may fish for Chinook Salmon in the Middle Fork Clearwater River from 4:30am to 9:00pm Pacific Daylight Time

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, the IDFG salmon fishing hotline (855-287-2702) or the IDFG website: (<https://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/chinook/rules>)

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



Middle Fork Clearwater River:

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

Season Limit (all waters): No person may take more than ten (10) adult Chinook Salmon statewide during 2019 salmon seasons occurring prior to August 11, 2019.

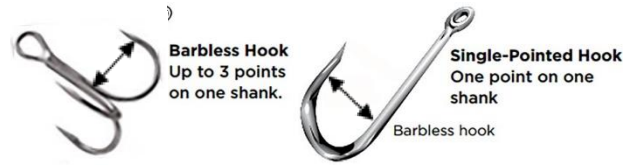
“Possession limit” shall apply to salmon while in the field or being transported to the final place of consumption or storage.

Anglers may not fish for Chinook Salmon in any river section while in possession of Chinook Salmon that match or exceed the bag or possession limits for that section.

Anglers must cease fishing for all Chinook Salmon (including jacks) once they have retained their daily, possession or season limit of adult Chinook Salmon.

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

Methods of Take



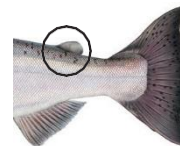
- A** It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.
- B** Only barbless hooks may be used when fishing for salmon. Bending the barb(s) down to the shank of a single, double, or treble hook will meet this requirement.

Harvest Rules

- A** **Chinook Salmon with a clipped or unclipped adipose fin may be kept**



Salmon with a clipped adipose fish may be kept.



Salmon with an unclipped adipose fish may be kept.

- B** 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 or the adipose fin; and
 3. the fish 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.
- C** 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.

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 harvested.

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 jack salmon less than 24 inches in length as part of their bag and possession limit but they are not required to record them on their permit.

For example, a salmon equal to or greater than 24 inches in length kept from the Middle Fork Clearwater River on June 22 would be entered as:

Fish	Bird		Month	Day	Location Code	Month	Day	Location Code	Fish	Bird
	1	2								
1			6	22	6				21	
2									22	
3									23	
4									24	
5									25	

REMOVE NOTCH COMPLETELY!

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

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