

Seasons

The following waters are open to fishing for salmon during the periods listed. Waters not specifically designated below shall remain CLOSED to fishing for salmon unless opened by Commission action.

The following area opens June 26, 2020 – 3 days per week; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, until further notice:

Upper Salmon River: From the posted boundary at the South Butte boat ramp approximately 3 miles west of Clayton, upstream to the posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream of the weir and trap at Sawtooth Fish Hatchery (approximately 38 river miles).

Closing Dates:

Areas will be closed by Closure Order signed by the Director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Fishing Hours

Fishing is permitted from 5:30 AM to 10:00 PM Mountain Daylight Time

Methods of Take

Only barbless hooks may be used

Not greater than 5/8 Inch



Hook - Up to 3 points on one shank



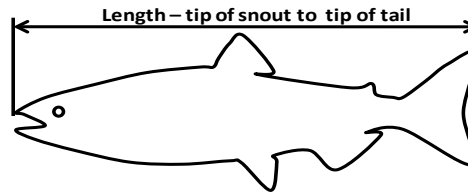
Single point hook - One point on one shank

- It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.
- 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.

Daily, Possession, & 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: (<http://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/chinook>)

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



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 in possession, of which no more than six (6) may be adults.
- Season Limit:** No person may take more than ten (10) adult Chinook Salmon statewide during 2020 salmon seasons occurring prior to August 9, 2020.

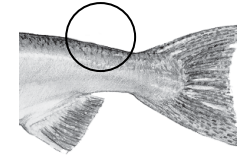
“Possession limit” in all waters open to fishing shall apply to salmon while in the field or being transported to the final place of consumption or storage.

Anglers may not fish in waters having special limits while in possession of fish in excess of those limits. (For example: an angler may not fish in a river section with a daily bag limit of one adult salmon if they have harvested one or more adult salmon in another river section with the same or higher adult bag that day.)

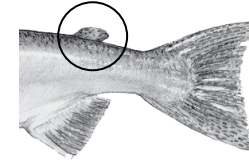
Tribal Fisheries

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

Harvest Rules



- Only salmon with an adipose fin that has been clipped as evidenced by a healed scar may be harvested.



- Chinook Salmon with an intact adipose fin **MUST** be immediately released

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 the portion with a healed, clipped, adipose fin scar; 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.

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.

Releasing Fish

Any salmon that is landed or 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 to maximize their chance to survive.

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 it in the space provided; and
- Enter in space provided, the month and day fish was caught.
 - When a salmon is released unharmed, as in catch-and-release fishing, the angler is not required to make an entry on the permit.
 - While anglers may retain salmon less than 24 inches in length as part of their bag and possession limit they are not required to record them on their permit.

For example, a salmon greater or equal to 24 inches in length kept from the Upper Salmon River in the section from Valley Creek to Sawtooth Weir on June 26 would be entered as:

Fish	Bird	Month	Day	Location Code	Month	Day	Location Code	Fish	Bird
1		6	26	19				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.

Upper Salmon River

From the posted boundary at the South Butte boat ramp near Clayton, upstream to the posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream of the weir and trap at Sawtooth Fish Hatchery..... 19

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

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 13, 2020.
- 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.

IDAHO 2020 Chinook Salmon Seasons & Rules

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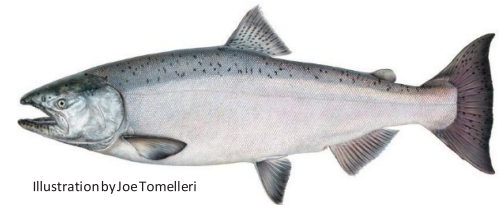


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Salmon in this brochure refer to anadromous (ocean run) Chinook Salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*.

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