



2024 UMATILLA RIVER PACIFIC LAMPREY FISHERY

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Fish and Wildlife Code of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Fish and Wildlife Commission has the authority to establish emergency regulations for Umatilla ceremonial, subsistence, and commercial fisheries. Pursuant to that authority, the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the following regulations.

Area: Umatilla River and tributaries above the Hwy 30 bridge at Umatilla, except for natural production sanctuary areas above the reservation. Sanctuary areas closed to fishing are: 1) the upper mainstem Umatilla River and its tributaries above the upper reservation boundary (above mouth of Ryan Creek); and; 2) Meacham Creek and tributaries above the paved county road bridge about 1/2 mile up Meacham Creek from its mouth. *NOTE:* Above sanctuary areas are to protect Pacific Lamprey in the basins primary spawning habitat. **For Safety Concerns;** it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take fish from within 25 feet above or below fishways (e.g. adult fish ladders at Threemile Dam, Cold Springs Dam, and Westland Dam, etc.). There shall be no trespassing/walking on/fishing from hatchery facilities such as fish ladder, fish weir, screw trap, etc.

Dates: Open daily from Wednesday April 23 to Friday June 30, 2024. This fishery may close earlier due to low returns or until the harvest target of 350 has been met.

Gear: Hand tools and occupied at all times. No mesh restriction.

Restrictions: No per person bag limit. Subsistence purposes only.

Value of Harvest Data:

Information on the Pacific lamprey harvest and ability and success of Pacific lamprey to remain and spawn in these rivers are important to the Tribe. Tribal harvest monitors will be out monitoring catch and obtaining other biological data. The Fish and Wildlife Commission requests that tribal fishers cooperate with call-in catch reporting and in the field with tribal harvest monitors regarding catch information, location, numbers, etc. This information will help provide a database which fishery managers can utilize for the enhancement of the ceded area populations. Also, the harvest monitor has the permission of the Fish and Wildlife Commission to notify tribal fishers when a specific target has been met. In this case, fishing in that stream would be closed immediately and a public notice would be posted the next work day.

Reporting: Fisher(s) are required to report with the Fisheries Program the dates of harvest and total catch within 72 hours. Catch report may be given by contacting Preston Bronson at (541) 429-7277 or Clifford Stanger at (541) 429-7294. In addition, post season interviews will be conducted to reaffirm Pacific lamprey harvest in the Umatilla River.

Any person, who is a CTUIR tribal member that exercises off-reservation treaty rights shall have in his or her possession a CTUIR tribal identification card. Non-CTUIR tribal members are prohibited from engaging in fishing rights with CTUIR tribal members established by these regulations.

Fish & Wildlife Approval:



Chair, Fish & Wildlife Commission

4/26/24

Date



Member, Fish & Wildlife Commission

4/26/24

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