



7/22/25

**2025 CTUIR Emergency Tributary Regulations for  
Spring/Summer Chinook Fisheries**

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

Stream	Adult Projections		Treaty Harvest		Open/Closed Fishery Dates
	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	
Catherine Creek	621	207	NA	NA	Closed; 7/22/25
Granite Creek	NA	NA	NA	NA	Closed; 6/26/25
Imnaha River	1,100	373	NA	NA	Closed; 7/10/25
Lookingglass Creek	800	90	NA	NA	Closed; 7/24/25
NF John Day River	ERS = <1,250		N/A	40	Open; 4/23/25
Minam River	N/A	402	N/A	19*	Open; 4/23/25
Tucannon River	120	50	NA	NA	Closed
Umatilla River	ERS = >2,000		275		Closed; 7/22/25
Upper Grande Ronde	484	94	NA	NA	Closed; 6/26/25
Wallowa/Lostine Rivers	773	300	NA	NA	Closed; 7/03/25
Walla Walla River	ERS = <1,000		NA		Closed
Wenaha River	N/A	430	N/A	19*	Open; 4/23/25
Yakima River	ERS = 2,600		NA		Closed; 6/30/25

\*Harvest shared with Nez Perce Tribe

Acronyms:

ERS = Expected Run Size, which includes both hatchery and natural origin adult projections;

TBD = To Be Determined;

N/A = Not Applicable.

Notes:

*Fishing for ESA-listed bull trout & Pacific Lamprey shall be closed on all listed streams at this time except for Pacific Lamprey on the Umatilla River from April 23 through June 30. Fishing for rainbow, mountain whitefish and all other resident fish year around is permitted under permanent regulation.*

In season run information:

The harvest allocation is based on pre-season forecasts and the FWC may adjust the harvest target as additional in-season information becomes available to meet management objectives. Investigation of additional harvest opportunities in NE OR/SE WA will continue throughout the season. Closed streams are due to the low returns, harvest target being met, declining river flows, and increasing water temperatures.

## **NORTH FORK JOHN DAY FISHERY**

The John Day River supports the largest naturally producing spring Chinook run in NE Oregon. The North Fork John Day supports the majority of this production. The John Day River has supported runs ranging from an average of 2,000-4,000 spring Chinook in most recent years. In order to exercise treaty fishing rights while allowing for continued population rebuilding, the John Day River Spring Chinook harvest targets are based on a “not to exceed 5%” of a conservatively estimated adult return. Based on this, a tribal fish harvest target of 40 fish has been set by the FWC.

**SEASON & LOCATIONS:** The area open to fishing by CTUIR tribal members will occur in the mainstem North Fork John Day River with an opening seven days per week and continue until harvest target has been reached or until further notice. All other tributaries in the John Day Basin are CLOSED to spring Chinook fishing. *This closure includes tributaries; Bull Run Creek, the Middle Fork John Day River and upper mainstem John Day River.*

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## **MINAM RIVER FISHERY**

Spring Chinook returns to the Minam River in 2025 are expected to be about 402 natural adult spring/summer Chinook. A fish harvest target of 16 natural fish has been identified by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. A joint CTUIR/NPT tribal fishery will occur this year.

**SEASON & LOCATIONS:** The area open to fishing by CTUIR tribal members will occur in the Minam River starting from the mouth (confluence with Wallowa River) to approximately 2.5 miles upstream. The Minam River will occur seven days per week and will continue until the harvest target has been reached or until further notice.

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## **WENAH RIVER FISHERY**

Spring Chinook returns to the Wenaha River in 2025 are expected to be about 430 natural adult spring/summer Chinook. A joint CTUIR/NPT tribal fishery will occur this year.

**SEASON & LOCATIONS:** The area open to fishing by CTUIR tribal members will occur in the Wenaha River starting from the mouth (confluence with Grande Ronde River) to approximately 2.5 miles upstream. The Wenaha River will occur seven days per week continue or until the harvest target of 19 has been reached.

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**SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS:** It shall be unlawful to place fishing platforms, or to take, molest, injure, or fish for salmon and steelhead within 25 feet of any fish ladder, fishway, or fish bypass pipes associated with irrigation canal fish screening structures.

## **NON-INDIAN TROUT FISHING CLOSURE ON UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION:**

Non-Indian trout fishing in the Umatilla River and tributaries on the Umatilla Indian Reservation - except McKay Creek system - is CLOSED through September 15, 2025 to provide increased protection to spring Chinook.

**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, Lookingglass Creek, Imtwaha Fish Hatchery, etc.). There shall be no trespassing/walking on/fishing from dam and/or hatchery facilities such as fish ladder, fish weir, screw traps, etc.

**VALUE OF HARVEST DATA:**

Information on the tribal spring Chinook harvest and ability and success of spring Chinook 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 tagged/clipped fish, 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. In addition, post-season interviews will be conducted following in summer/early fall, specific to Northeast Oregon tributary harvest. CTUIR tribal fishers are required to report spring/summer Chinook harvest in U&A areas.

**LANDOWNER PERMISSION:**

Fishers are entitled to river access throughout the open river corridors but will need to first inquire with local landowners if private driveway or field access is desired. Any trespass issues resulting from lack of landowner coordination may impact future access opportunities. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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**FWC COMMISSION APPROVAL:**

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