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**2023 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:

Stream	Adult Projections		Treaty Harvest		Open/Closed Fishery Dates
	Hatchery	Natural	Hatchery	Natural	
Catherine Creek	524	239	0	0	6/01/23; Closed
Granite Creek	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	6/30/23; Closed
Imnaha River	954	350	100*	7*	7/08/23; Closed
Lookingglass Creek	500	120	101*	10*	6/21/23; Closed
NF John Day River	ERS = <1,000		N/A	30	6/30/23; Closed
Minam River	N/A	573	N/A	30*	7/08/23; Closed
Tucannon River	80	20	0	0	Closed
Umatilla River	ERS = >2,000		275		7/10/23; Closed
Upper Grande Ronde	760	162	0	0	6/01/23; Closed
Wallowa/Lostine Rivers	544	262	54*	8*	6/30/23; Closed
Walla Walla River	ERS = <200		0	0	Closed
Wenaha River	N/A	715	N/A	41*	7/08/23; Closed
Yakima River	ERS = 5,500		Adequate returns to support a fishery.		6/30/23; Closed

* Treaty harvest share

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. Fishing for rainbow, mountain whitefish and all other resident fish year around is permitted under permanent regulation. Steelhead fishing is closed due to proximity of the spawning season and presence of kelts in the river systems.

In season run information:

The Snake Basin Coordination meeting occurs on a weekly basis to update in-season run estimates to Grande Ronde and Imnaha River subbasins. On July 5, co-managers maintained the in-season expected returns to the Imnaha River and Wallowa/Lostine Rivers. Closed streams are not predicted to meet broodstock and/or escapement goals for that respective stream or where the harvest target has been reached.

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, 2023 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, etc.). There shall be no trespassing/walking on/fishing from dam and/or hatchery facilities such as fish ladder, fish weir, 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 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 late summer/early fall; specific to Northeast Oregon tributary harvest.

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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