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**2026 Draft 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	293	161	NA	NA	Closed July 28, 2026
Granite Creek	N/A	N/A	N/A	NA	Closed June 18, 2026
Imnaha River	NA	NA	NA	NA	Closed July 2, 2026
Lookingglass Creek	704	71	96*	3*	Closed July 28, 2026
NF John Day River	ERS = <1,250		N/A	NA	Closed July 28,, 2026
Minam River	N/A	392	N/A	NA	Closed July 28, 2026
Tucannon River	NA	NA	NA	NA	Closed May 27, 2026
Umatilla River	ERS = >1,750		NA		Closed July 28, 2026
Upper Grande Ronde	NA	NA	NA	NA	Closed May 27, 2026
Wallowa/Lostine Rivers	NA	NA	NA	NA	Closed July 2, 2026
Walla Walla River	ERS = <1,000		NA		Closed June 30, 2026
Wenaha River	N/A	308	N/A	NA	Closed July 28, 2026
Yakima River	ERS = 2,300		Adequate returns to support a fishery.		Closed June 30, 2026

*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 24 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 inseason harvest updates and FWC may adjust the harvest target according to in-season information 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.

Currently, tributary returns are expected to be similar 2025, which was below the 10-year average. This places an increased emphasis on broodstock, and escapement needs for our future runs.

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, 2026 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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