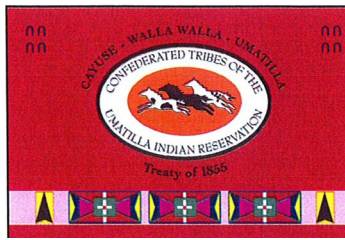


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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: February 14, 2023  
TO: CTUIR Fishers  
FROM: CTUIR FWC  
SUBJECT: Ceremonial and Subsistence Fishery

The 2023 forecasts for Upriver spring Chinook is 198,600 and Snake River spring/summer Chinook is 85,900 with the remainder of the run returning to mid-Columbia tributaries. The preseason forecast for 2022 was 122,900 and actual returns ended up at 185,200. At this time, the Treaty Tribes are discussing the total allocation of adult spring Chinook towards ceremonial permits for 2023. Tributary returns are expected to be similar to 2022 placing emphasis on broodstock and natural spawning objectives.

**Ceremonial Permit Process:**

The CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission has initiated the 2023 Ceremonial and Subsistence fish permit process. Fishers will be reimbursed for the fishing service (level of effort and operation of personal equipment) they provide with receipts required for vehicle/boating gas, oil and ice expenses incurred while fishing for CTUIR. The FWC does not reimburse for lost/stolen nets/hoops/poles or other gear, or boat or vehicle repairs. Fishers must volunteer the fish (the product of their fishing service) to CTUIR and therefore will not be paid for C&S fish. It is the position of the FWC that fishers are paid for fish only during Columbia River commercial fishing seasons. The FWC continues to encourage all fishers (gillnet, platform and hook/line) to assist in the procurement of Chinook throughout the year to the FWC for ceremonial purposes.

If you are interested in Ceremonial and Subsistence fishing for the CTUIR FWC this spring, please submit a written letter stating your interest by not later than 4PM, April 7, 2023. Please indicate who will be the lead fisher, list any additional fisher helpers and location of gillnet sites. Submit letter of interest to Clifford Stanger, at [cliffordstanger@ctuir.org](mailto:cliffordstanger@ctuir.org) or by mail to Clifford Stanger, Fisheries Program, 46411 Timine Way, Pendleton, OR 97801, or you may drop off the letter at the Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Program. The FWC will be making the decisions on the letters of interest and issuing 2023 C&S permit on March 28 and April 11, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the FWC members at 541-276-3165 or Clifford Stanger at Ext. 7249. Please submit your e-mail address to Clifford Stanger at 541-429-7249, if you would like to receive fishery announcements via e-mail.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission and Tribal Fisheries Program would like to thank all those who successfully fished and volunteered for C&S fishery. We look forward to continued Tribal Member participation and of course a safe and successful fishery.