

7/20/22

**2022 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	458	164	20	2	Closed, July 11
Granite Creek	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	Closed, July 11
Imnaha River	957	576	116*	25*	Open
Lookingglass Creek	819	152	204*	12*	Closed, July 21
NF John Day River	ERS = <1,000		N/A	25	Closed, July 18
Minam River	N/A	507	N/A	25*	Open
Tucannon River	58	63	0	0	Closed
Umatilla River	ERS = 3,000		570		Closed, July 18
Upper Grande Ronde	376	85	7	1	Closed, July 8
Wallowa/Lostine Rivers	778	867	122*	48*	Open
Walla Walla River	ERS = <200		0	0	Closed
Wenaha River	N/A	462	N/A	21*	Open
Yakima River	ERS = 3,500		Adequate returns to support a fishery.		Closed June 26, 2022

*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. 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.

Currently, tributary returns are expected to be similar 2021, which was below the 10 year average. This places an increased emphasis on broodstock and escapement needs for our future runs.

IMNAHA RIVER FISHERY

Spring Chinook returns to the Imnaha River in 2022 are expected to be about 576 natural and 957 hatchery fish. Tribal fish harvest target of 25 natural and 116 hatchery fish have been set by the FWC. A joint CTUIR/NPT fishery will occur this year and the fish harvest targets are the total available fish for both tribes. The FWC may adjust the harvest target as additional in-season information becomes available. As of July 8, a total of 3 hatchery origin adults have been harvested in the Imnaha River.

SEASON & LOCATIONS: The area open to fishing by CTUIR tribal members will occur in the Imnaha River from the mouth up approximately 55 miles to below the fish weir near the mouth of Gumboot Creek. Primary spawning areas above the fish weir will remain closed to spring Chinook fishing. The Imnaha River fishery will occur seven days per week and continue until the harvest target has been met or until further notice.

LOOKINGGLASS CREEK FISHERY

Fish condition is poor calling for the Lookingglass Creek fishery to be closed on July 21 at 8PM.

MINAM RIVER FISHERY

Spring Chinook returns to the Minam River in 2022 are expected to be about 375 natural adult spring/summer Chinook. A fish harvest target of 19 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.

WALLOWA/LOSTINE RIVER FISHERY

Spring Chinook returns to the Wallowa/Lostine River in 2022 are expected to be about 867 natural and 778 hatchery fish. Tribal fish harvest target of 48 natural and 122 hatchery fish have been set by the FWC. A joint CTUIR/NPT fishery will occur this year and the fish harvest targets are the total available for both tribes. The FWC may adjust the harvest target as additional in-season information becomes available.

SEASON & LOCATIONS: The area open to fishing by the CTUIR tribal members will occur in the Wallowa River from its confluence with the Minam River upstream to the confluence with the Lostine River; then a 0.75 mile reach from the mouth of the Lostine River upstream to below the weir/adult trap. Primary spawning areas above the fish weir will remain CLOSED to spring/summer Chinook fishing. The Wallowa/Lostine fishery will occur in seven days per week and will continue until the harvest target has been met or until further notice.

WENAHA RIVER FISHERY

Spring Chinook returns to the Wenaha River in 2022 are expected to be about 462 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 21 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, 2022 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.

Contacts/questions:

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COVID-19 Safety Reminders:

The CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) and Incident Command (IC) encourages you to practice your treaty rights by following the COVID-19 “Stay safe, Stay Healthy” preventative measures:


1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
2. Wear face coverings and cover coughs and sneezes;
3. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet whenever possible;
4. Stay home if you are sick;
5. Keep groups comprised of no more than eight (8) direct family members, from no more than two (2) households;
6. Clean your tools, equipment and/or gear with sanitizer, particularly if/when you have to share.

Additional information:

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There's been a CTUIR COVID-19 Resource website established @ <https://www.ctuircovid.info/> and CRITFC has a website for tribal fisher to reference @ <https://www.critfc.org/safe-fishers-safe-fisheries> and <https://www.critfc.org/blog/fishery/covid-safe-harvest-sales-workshop>.

FWC COMMISSION APPROVAL:



FWC Chair
Date: July 20, 2022



FWC Member
Date: July 20, 2022