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2024 CTUIR Emergency Tributary and mainstem Snake River 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	409	126	0	0	Closed; 7/02/24
Granite Creek	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	Closed; 7/02/24
Imnaha River	968	275	0	0	Closed; 6/28/24
Lookingglass Creek	730	100	0	0*	Closed; 6/24/24
NF John Day River	ERS = <1,000		N/A	40	Open; 4/23/24
Minam River	N/A	366	N/A	14*	Open; 4/23/24
Tucannon River	153	57	0	0	Closed;
Umatilla River	ERS = >1,000		0		Closed; 7/02/24
Upper Grande Ronde	335	72	0	0	Closed; 7/02/24
Wallowa/Lostine Rivers	362	326	0	0	Closed; 6/25/24
Walla Walla River	ERS = <200		0	0	Closed;
Wenaha River	N/A	715	N/A	12*	Open; 4/23/24
Yakima River	ERS = 2,370		0		Closed; 6/30/24

*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 Snake Basin Coordination meeting occurs on a weekly basis to update in-season run estimates to Grande Ronde and Imnaha River subbasins. On July 2, co-managers supported the in-season closures to the respective tributaries. Closed streams are not predicted to meet broodstock and/or escapement goals for that respective stream or where the harvest target has been reached. In addition, river closures are prompted by elevated river temperatures, nearness to spawning period and related stress concerns.

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 on 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.*

MINAM RIVER FISHERY

Spring Chinook returns to the Minam River in 2024 are expected to be about 366 natural adult spring/summer Chinook. A fish harvest target of 14 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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SEASON & LOCATIONS: The area open to fishing by CTUIR tribal members will occur in a 14-mile reach of the upper Grande Ronde River starting at the mouth of Meadow Creek (near Starkey) upstream to the bridge approximately ¼ mile below Vey Meadow (near USFS boundary). The Upper Grande Ronde River fishery will occur seven days per week and continue until harvest target has been reached or until further notice.

WENAHA RIVER FISHERY

Spring Chinook returns to the Wenaha River in 2024 are expected to be about 342 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 12 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, 2024 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, 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 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.

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:



FWC Chair

Date: 7/2/2024



FWC Member

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