2020 Emergency Regulations for Spring/Summer Chinook Treaty Fisheries for CTUIR Tribal Members updated as of July 2, 2020

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Fish and Wildlife Code of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Fish and Wildlife Commission has the authority to establish regulations for Umatilla ceremonial, subsistence, and commercial fisheries. **NOTE: An emergency closure may occur if there is a change in predicted run size or the harvest targets are met.**

HARVEST ASSESSMENT
The Snake Basin Coordination meeting occurs on a weekly basis to update in-season run estimates to Grande Ronde and Imnaha River subasins. On June 16, co-managers downgraded expected returns to the Wallowa/Lostine River and maintained projections to the Imnaha River (see table below).

TRIBUTARY SPRING/SUMMER CHINOOK FISHING STATUS
OPEN: Imnaha River and North Fork John Day River.
CLOSED: Streams that are not predicted to meet broodstock and/or escapement goals for that respective stream or where the harvest target has been reached.

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<th>Status &amp; Fishery Dates</th>
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IMNAHA RIVER FISHERY

Spring Chinook returns to the Imnaha River in 2020 are expected to be about 264 natural and 1,122 hatchery fish. Tribal fish harvest target of 3 natural and 92 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 2, there’s approximately 24 hatchery and 2 natural fish harvest remaining.

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.

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 20 fish has been set by the FWC. As of July 2, there’s approximately 10 remaining to harvest.

SEASON & LOCATIONS: The area open to fishing by CTUIR tribal members will occur in the mainstem North Fork John Day River with 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.

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, 2020 to provide increased protection to spring Chinook.

GENERAL RESTRICTIONS
Please note: Fishing for ESA-listed bull trout and Pacific Lamprey shall be closed.

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.

COVID-19 Safety Reminders
The CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission encourages you to safely practice your treaty rights with consideration for COVID-19, including the following:

CTUIR Standards
1. Practice social distancing of 6 feet whenever possible;
2. Limit groups to 25 people or less; and
3. Wash your hands frequently.

Recommendations:
We also encourage you to:
1. Fish with direct family members with which you reside if possible; and
2. Clean your fishing equipment with sanitizer, particularly if/when you have to share equipment or gear.

**OPTIMIZING THE QUALITY OF YOUR CATCH:**
Fishers are encouraged to harvest fish early while flesh quality is high and before increasing temperatures create more stress on fish.

**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.

**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.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**
Please contact Jeremy Wolf, Chairman, Fish and Wildlife Commission (429-7382) or Gary James, Fisheries Program Manager (429-7285), Preston Bronson, Harvest Manager (429-7277) for questions or concerns regarding the above regulations or information presented.

**FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION APPROVAL:**

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Chairman, Fish and Wildlife Commission  Member, Fish and Wildlife Commission

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July 2nd, 2020  July 2, 2020
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