

2022 CCT Tribal Member Upper Columbia & Okanogan River Steelhead Fishing Regulations

The Fishery is currently **closed** due to low and uncertain Steelhead returns to the Columbia River, including the Upper Columbia and may be open upon an In-Season Regulation Change.
Contact F&W main office for details at 634-2110.

Fishing Locations -

- **Okanogan River:** The Mainstem Okanogan River will be open to steelhead fishing from the Hwy 97 Bridge at the Okanogan River confluence area near Brewster WA to the Hwy 97 Bridge near Oroville, WA.
- **Columbia River:** The Columbia River Mainstem will be open to steelhead fishing from Chief Joseph Dam to the Hwy 97 Bridge upstream of the Okanogan River Confluence area.
- **Similkameen River:** The Similkameen River is closed to Tribal fishing.

Fishery Period -

- The fishery will remain **closed** unless the CCT Director of Fish and Wildlife opens the season by an In-season Regulation Change.
- The 2022 steelhead fishing season will be opened by an Emergency Rule Change in October, 2022, if enough steelhead return to the basin to warrant a fishery opening.

Harvest Restrictions-

- Only hatchery-origin steelhead are allowed to be harvested (adipose fin missing with healed scar).
- Mandatory retention of hatchery-origin steelhead.
- All natural-origin steelhead (wild fish with adipose fin present) must be released unharmed without removal from the water.

Any steelhead with a floy tag or one or more holes punched in the caudal fin (tail) must be released unharmed.

Gear Restrictions -

- **Okanogan River:** Hook and line (barbless, single hook, artificial lure or fly only, no bait allowed), hoop nets and hand dip nets. *Snagging or gaffing fish not allowed.*
- **Columbia River:** Hook and line (barbless, single hook, bait allowed), hoop nets and hand dip nets. *Snagging or gaffing fish not allowed.*

All fishers are required to provide Colville Tribal or Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife personnel with catch information upon request.