

Resolution 2023-263

2023 Colville Tribal Member, Ps'quosa Icicle Creek Ceremonial and Subsistence Coho Fishery Regulation

When open, this fishery is open to members of The Colville Confederated Tribes, the Ps'quosa people.

Justification:

This fishery targets non ESA-listed Coho salmon in excess of the broodstock collection requirements necessary to support the Mid-Columbia Coho Reintroduction Program and spawn escapement to the Wenatchee Basin and Icicle Creek.

Fishery Period:

Due to uncertain Coho returns to the Columbia River, including the upper Columbia, this fishery **is currently closed**. If sufficient coho return to Icicle Creek to warrant a fishery, it would be opened by In-Season Regulation Change during 2023. When open, in coordination with the Wenatchi Salmon Chief (Salmon Chief), Darnell Sam, the F&W Director may modify the fishery period (close or extend) by Fishery Rule Change based on in-season escapement analysis and impacts to steelhead and bull trout. The fishery will extend, at the discretion of the F&W Director, until November 30, 2023.

Fishing Location:

Fishing on Icicle Creek in the tribal-only area will be open from the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery spillway downstream to the white triangular sign located on a tree on the left bank of Icicle Creek, approximately 500 feet below the hatchery ladder entrance. Fishing in the hatchery ladder is prohibited. Expanded fishing area in Icicle Creek may be authorized at the discretion of the F&W director through an In-season Regulation Change.

Authorized Gear:

Legal fishing gears include hoop nets, dip nets, or rod and reel with bait or lures having single hooks (more than one single hook may be attached to the line). Double or treble hooks are prohibited. Use of gill nets, tangle nets, lead nets, weirs and basket traps is prohibited. Snagging is not allowed.

Special Regulations and Restrictions:

All fishers must have in their possession a valid CCT identification card indicating Wenatchi band membership.

It shall be unlawful to place fishing platforms or to harass or injure salmon or steelhead within 30 feet of any fish ladder, fishway or fish bypass pipe associated with irrigation canal fish screening structures.

It shall be unlawful to obstruct or interfere with the fishing by any other fishers at the Ps'quosa Fishery or to disturb or remove any scaffolding or other fishing structures.

Use of boats or other floating device in the tribal-only fishing area is prohibited.

Any fish parts not utilized by the fisher must be returned to the water. Fish carcasses and entrails may not be deposited in garbage receptacles or left on the stream bank.

Alterations to the stream flow or stream banks are prohibited.

Alcohol, marijuana products and illegal drugs are prohibited.

Vehicle access on the island is restricted to paved roads only. Parking is allowed only in designated areas. Access roads must be kept open at all times for local residents, emergency vehicles and the visiting public.

No camping is allowed on the island. No camping other than nights of fishing. If fishing occurs on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, then camping is allowed Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights only.

Bull Trout and Steelhead:

Bull trout and steelhead caught in this fishery **must be released unharmed** and reported to creel personnel, hatchery staff and or Tribal enforcement officers.

Harvest Reporting:

All fishers will provide catch information upon request to LNFH staff, any creel census clerk, Law Enforcement or authorized Tribal Fish & Wildlife personnel.

All fishers must also, on a weekly basis, return a completed salmon harvest catch card to CCT F&W.

Additional Information:

CCT Harvest Biologist	509-634-1741
CCT Anadromous Program Manager	509-978-8031
CCT Enforcement	509-634-2472
CCT Fish and Wildlife Director	509-634-2113

Fish counts at Columbia River dams can be found on the Fish Passage Center website:

http://www.fpc.org/currentdaily/HistFishTwo_7day-ytd_Adults.htm

Icicle Creek streamflow conditions can be found on the Washington State Department of Ecology website:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrx/wrx/flows/station.asp?sta=45B070#block2>

See attachments for a harvest catch card and information regarding fishing access at the hatchery complex.

2023 CCT Ps'quosa Icicle Harvest Report Form

Name:

It is important that the Colville Tribes document and report our harvest to demonstrate the need and interest from tribal membership for harvest opportunity. CCT is competing for harvest opportunity with other fishermen in the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean. If the membership can demonstrate the need and ability to harvest salmon it will be easier to maintain the CCT harvest allocation in the future. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form and return by email, fax, or by dropping off at a local F&W office. Thank you

Email:

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Fax: (509) 826-0993

Date & Time	Location	Gear Type	# Coho Harvested	# Chinook Harvested	# Hatchery Steelhead Released	# Wild Steelhead Released	Other Released (specify species and number)	Tags? (type, color and tag number)

Guidance for Tribal fishers while accessing Icicle fishing grounds located on Leavenworth NFH property.

- **Access-** Refer to the attached map of the Leavenworth NFH for access routes to fishing area. No camping on the island. No camping other than nights of fishing. If fishing occurs on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, then camping is allowed Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights only. Be respectful of Hatchery neighbors. Quiet hours are from 10pm to 6am.
- **Parking-** Please do not park vehicles on the bridge over the canal and roadway. Access must be kept open at all times for local residents, emergency vehicles and the visiting public. Driving restricted to paved roads only.
- **Access through the Hatchery housing road.** Please follow posted vehicle speed limits at all times. Young children and pets live and play in the area, potentially at any time.
- **Speed limit.** 10 miles per hour or less while on hatchery property. The hatchery attracts a high number of visitors each day and most use trails across the bridge.
- Driving restricted to paved roads only. Parking allowed only in designated areas. Access roads must be kept open at all times for local residents, emergency vehicles and the visiting public.
- **Garbage.** Clean up after yourself. Pack It In – Pack It Out.

If you have questions about the above guidance, please contact tribal law enforcement:

509.634.2472

