

**Resolution 2023-264**  
**Icicle Creek Fishery**  
**2023 Colville Tribal Member, Ps'quosa Ceremonial and Subsistence Spring Chinook**  
**Fishing Regulations**

**Action:**

This Fishery is currently closed due to uncertain spring Chinook return abundance and run-timing to Icicle Creek. The fishery, when opened, will open upon issuance of an In-Season Regulation Change. Contact F&W main office for details at 634-2110.

**Justification:**

This fishery targets ESA-unlisted, Leavenworth (Carson) stock, spring Chinook salmon in excess of the broodstock collection requirements set by staff at the USFWS Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery (LNFH) and upon opening, is open to Wenatchi Band members of The Colville Confederated Tribes, the Ps'quosa people.

**Fishery Period:**

Due to uncertain spring Chinook return abundance and timing to the Columbia River, including the upper Columbia, this fishery will open by In-Season Regulation Change during 2023 in coordination with the Wenatchi Salmon Chief (Salmon Chief), Darnell Sam and in conjunction with the 1<sup>st</sup> Salmon Ceremony for the Icicle spring Chinook fishery. When open, the F&W Director may adjust the weekly fishing periods, or close the fishery entirely, based on in-season, hatchery brood returns. The fishery will extend, at the discretion of the F&W Director, until July 31, 2023.

**Fishing Location:**

Fishing will be open from the LNFH Structure #2 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 channel 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.

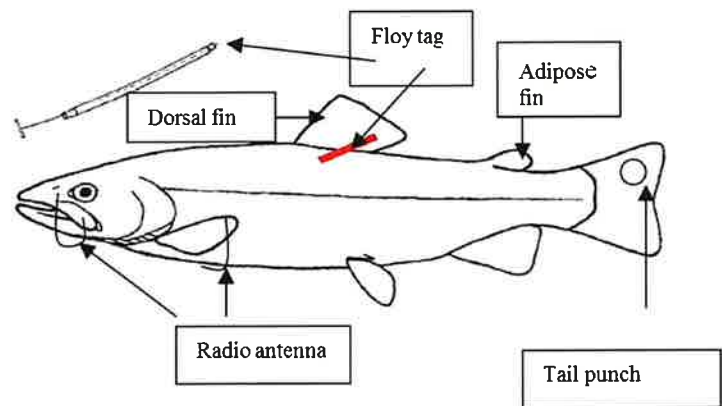
**Special Regulations and Restrictions:**

- 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. Please refer to attached map.
- 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.
- Campfires in designated areas only.

### **Floy Tags, Radio Tags and MS-222:**

Some fish have been tagged for studying the survival and migration patterns of spring and summer Chinook and are identified with a colored external floy tag located near the dorsal fin, a radio antenna, and/or a hole punch in the tail. Fish that have been marked by these methods have been anesthetized with MS-222 and are unsafe to eat for a period of 21 days. Therefore, marked fish that are caught in this fishery should be released immediately. If a fish with a floy tag, radio tag or hole punch in the tail is harvested, *the fish should not be eaten*. If floy tags and radio tags are recovered from harvested salmon, the tags should be turned in to LNFH staff, Tribal creel census clerks, Law Enforcement or authorized Tribal Fish & Wildlife personnel. Please report the tag type and tag code, and the date, location and method of capture.



### **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 CCT Tribal 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 or deposit the harvest catch card in the harvest reporting drop-box located near the fishing site.

### **Additional Information:**

CCT Harvest Biologist

509-634-1741

CCT Fish and Wildlife Department	509-634-2110
CCT Anadromous Program Manager	509-978-8031
CCT Enforcement	509-634-2472

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](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>

Official Leavenworth Hatchery pond counts can be found at:

<http://www.fws.gov/leavenworth/returns.html>

*See attachments: harvest catch card, and information regarding parking, camping, fire building, and 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 Chinook 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 Fish & Wildlife office. Thank you

**Email:**

[michael.ravton@colvilletribes.com](mailto:michael.ravton@colvilletribes.com)

**Fax: (509) 826-0993**

**Jacks are less than 24" in length (fork length)**

Date & Time	Location	Gear Type	# Wild Chinook Adult Harvested	# Wild Chinook Jack Harvested	# Hatchery Chinook Adult Harvested	# Hatchery Chinook Jack Harvested	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.

- **Camping.** Refer to the attached map of the Leavenworth NFH for access routes to fishing and camping locations. 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.
- **Fires.** The Hatchery asks that camp fires be kept at a minimum, preferable one central fire at the designated camping site located on the hatchery side of Icicle creek. Because of fire risks and poor access, we discourage fires from being started at all other locations, especially across the canal bridge (Island).  
-----Do not cut trees or branches-----

You are asked to keep fire suppression gear near the campfire at all times. This includes two, 5-gallon buckets filled with water, shovel, and rake. Maintain river rocks around the perimeter of the fire and remove all debris from the vicinity. Keep the fire a good distance from trees, shrubs, and grass. Don't leave the fire unattended and thoroughly douse the fire before leaving the area.

-----Extinguish cigarettes and cigars-----

- **Parking.** Please do not park vehicles on the bridge over the canal and roadway. There is no parking at Station #2. Access must be kept open at all times for local residents, emergency vehicles and the visiting public. Driving restricted to designated roads only (see Tribal fishing access map below).
- **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.
- **Garbage.** Clean up after yourself. Dispose of all garbage at the provided cans and bin.
- **Portable toilets.** Located at both fishing access sites.

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

509-634-2472

