

2023 Colville Tribal Member Okanogan & Columbia River Ceremonial and Subsistence Summer/Fall Chinook Fishery Regulation

Justification

This selective fishery targets hatchery-origin (adipose fin clipped) ESA-unlisted Upper Columbia River (UCR) summer/fall Chinook salmon. The run pre-season forecast is sufficient to support tribal harvest for the 2023 season. The fishery may be closed or otherwise amended by the Colville Tribes' Director of Fish and Wildlife (Director) in order to comply with CCT's yearly harvest allocation of summer Chinook, the CCT goals for summer Chinook conservation (hatchery broodstock and spawn escapement) or to avoid significant take of ESA-listed, threatened Upper Columbia River (UCR) steelhead.

Fishery Location/Period/Gear

Location: Okanogan River

Okanogan River from the Hwy 97 Bridge in the Columbia River confluence area near Brewster, WA, to the international border with Canada near Oroville, WA, except fishing is prohibited from 400 feet below Zosel Dam to the log boom 200 feet upstream of Zosel Dam.

Period:

July 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023, unless closed by the Director.

Authorized Gear:

Multi-strand tangle nets, hook and line (bait allowed), hand dip nets and hoop nets.

- Tangle nets: mesh size- 3" or greater stretched, net length not to exceed one-half (1/2) the wetted river width, or 100 feet, whichever is less. Mesh size may be amended by the Director via In-Season Regulation Change

Location: Columbia River

Mainstem Columbia River from the Hwy 17 Bridge in Bridgeport, WA, to the Hwy 97 Bridge upstream of the Okanogan River confluence area.

Period:

July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, unless closed by the Director. The fishery may be extended into October, at the discretion of the Director, depending on the level of incidental take of ESA listed summer steelhead.

Authorized Gear:

Multi-strand tangle nets, hook and line (bait allowed), hand dip nets and hoop nets.

- Tangle nets: mesh size- 3" or greater stretched, net length not to exceed one-half (1/2) the wetted river width, or 100 feet, whichever is less. Mesh size may be amended by the Director via In-Season Regulation Change

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Special Regulations/Restrictions:

- Release all wild Chinook (adipose fin present)
- Release all Bull trout and sturgeon
- Release all wild steelhead (adipose fin present)
- Release all hatchery steelhead (adipose fin absent with healed scar), unless concurrent with an authorized hatchery steelhead fishery, except release floy-tagged, radio-tagged and tail-punched steelhead
- Coho retention allowed
- Hatchery-origin Chinook (adipose fin absent) retention allowed, except release of floy-tagged, radio-tagged and tail-punched Chinook
- Sockeye retention allowed except release of floy-tagged, radio-tagged and tail-punched Sockeye
- Snagging prohibited
- Gillnets prohibited
- Gaffs and spears prohibited
- All tangle nets must be registered at the Nespelem Fish and Wildlife Office
- All tangle nets must display net registration tag (tag provided during net registration)
- Tangle nets must be checked for fish every twenty minutes and may not be left unattended
- Tangle nets that are fished between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to a boat. If the net is attached to a boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required
- Snagging prohibited from Scaffolds. Hook and line fishing from Scaffolds allowed (bait allowed), except scaffolds priority to hoop and dip net fishing
- Parking at Colville Tribal Fish Hatchery fishery area in designated areas only
- Alcohol and illegal drugs (including marijuana products) prohibited at the Colville Tribal Fish Hatchery fishery area
- Quiet hours at the Colville Tribal Fish Hatchery fishery area 10 pm–8 am
- Cleaning of fish at the Colville Tribal Fish Hatchery fishery area prohibited

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Harvest Reporting:

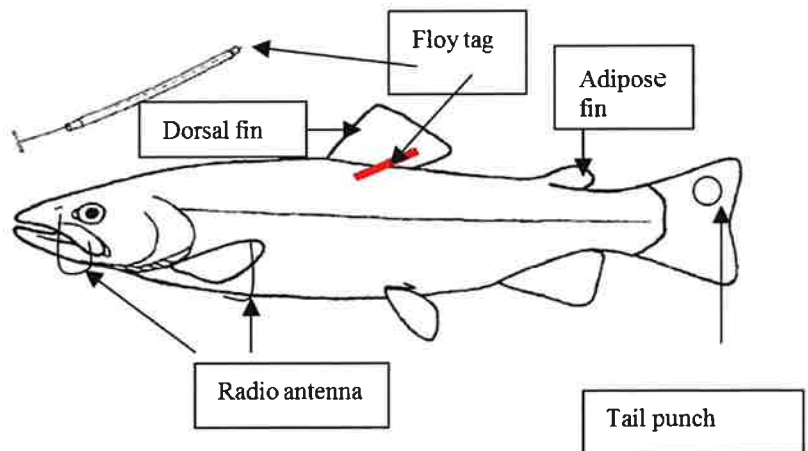
- All fishers will record the number of fish encountered on a Salmon Harvest Report Form. Information will include date of fishing effort, number of adult Chinook harvested, number of jack Chinook harvested (less than 62 cm or 24 in); number of wild Chinook released; number of Sockeye harvested and or released; number of wild steelhead released, number of hatchery steelhead (adipose fin absent) harvested or released, number of sturgeon released and number of Bull trout released.
- Harvest information must be provided to Tribal creel clerks and other authorized Tribal Fish & Wildlife personnel upon request.

All fish that are encountered must be recorded on a Salmon Harvest Report Forms and submitted to Fish & Wildlife on a weekly basis and no later than October 31, 2023. Harvest Report Forms can be e-mailed to Abraham.Best@colvilletribes.com, faxed to (509) 826-0993, or provided to Tribal Creel Clerks. Salmon Harvest Report Forms can also be obtained at and returned to the following CCT Fish & Wildlife locations:

- Government Center in Nespelem
- St. Mary's Mission office in Omak (25B Mission Road)
- Inchelium
- Chief Joseph Hatchery

MS-222 Warning:

Floy-tagged, radio-tagged and tail-punched fish that are caught in this fishery should be released and not eaten. It is unsafe to eat these fish because they are anesthetized with MS-222 (a known carcinogen to humans) in order to implant the tags or otherwise conduct stock assessment research. They are identified with a colored, external floy tag located near the dorsal fin, radio antenna protruding from the mouth or body and/or a small hole ($\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter) in the upper lobe of the tail.



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In case of emergency:

Call 911

Please report illegal activity to: Tribal Police Dispatch

(509) 634-2472

For additional information:

F&W Main Office – Nespelem
Salmon Harvest Biologist
Anadromous Program Manager

(509) 634-2110
(509) 634-1741
(509) 978-8031

Fish Passage Center Salmon Counts:

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

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2023 CCT Salmon Harvest Report Form

Name: _____

CCT competes for harvest opportunities with other fishermen in the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean. Documenting CCT salmon harvest demonstrates tribal interest in harvest opportunities and helps maintain future harvest allocations. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form and return by email, fax, or by dropping off at a local Tribal Fish & Wildlife office. Thank you

Email: Abraham.best@colvilletribes.com Fax: (509) 826-0993 Jacks are less than 62 cm or 26" in fork length

Date & Time	Location	Gear Type (include net registration number)	# Wild Chinook Released	# Sockeye Harvested	# Hatchery Chinook Adult Harvested	# Hatchery Chinook Jack Harvested	Other Released (specify species and number)	Tags? (type, color and tag number)

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Tribal Member Registration Form For Chinook & Sockeye Salmon Tangle Nets

INSTRUCTIONS

Each net must be registered individually with the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Department at the Nespelem Fish and Wildlife Office.

Information from this form will help the Department determine harvest rates, stock identification, and will provide a means for the Tribal creel census taker to contact you. Net fisheries are opened by in season regulation on a yearly basis and are subject to Emergency Closure. Remember to read the regulations for information pertaining to net fisheries. All net fishers are required to report catch/release data. You can register for both Sockeye and Chinook fisheries by circling the two species below by "Fishing for".

IDENTIFICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Enrollment Number: _____

Enrollment Date: _____

Net Registration Number: _____

Signature: _____

TARGET SPECIES

Fishing for (*circle*):

Sockeye

Chinook
