

## It Is Unlawful:

The following acts are unlawful by statute or commission rule. Consult Title 36, Idaho Code, or the 2011-2012 Idaho Fishing Seasons and Rules for exact wording and complete listing.

- To fish within the posted upstream or downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.
- To refuse to produce license or fish for inspection upon request by a conservation officer.
- To fail to stop and report at check stations that have been established to inspect licenses and fish and game.
- To possess, transport or use as bait any live fish, leeches, frogs, salamanders, waterdogs, or shrimp as bait, except that live crayfish may be used if caught on the body of water being fished.
- To catch any part of another person's bag limit, EXCEPT in the case of license-exempt persons fishing for salmon and steelhead.
- To transport for another or accept as a gift any game fish, unless a statement signed by the taker accompanies the fish, showing the number and kinds, the date taken, the taker's name, address and fishing license number.
- To claim ownership to more wild game or fish taken within the state of Idaho than allowed by established possession limits.
- To ship any fish by commercial carrier unless the outside of the package is marked as to the number and kinds of fish and the package contains a written statement showing the taker's name, address and fishing license number.
- To use seines, dip nets, spears, snag hooks, or any other contrivances in taking any fish from the waters of the state EXCEPT as allowed by Commission regulation. (Note: Tribal fisheries may use gear types other than those allowed in sport fisheries)
- To waste game fish.
- To sell fish without a permit.
- To fish in any waters while having fish in possession which violate rules for those waters.

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## Licenses, Permits and Requirements

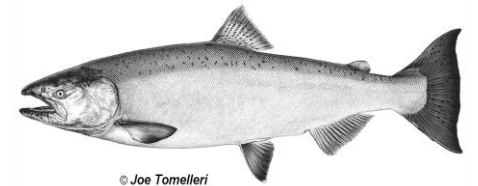
Resident Fishing License .....	\$25.75
Resident Junior (14-17) Fishing License .....	\$13.75
Resident Salmon Permit (License Required) .....	\$12.75
Resident Two-Pole Permit .....	\$13.75
Nonresident Fishing License .....	\$98.25
Nonresident Junior (under 18) Fishing License .....	\$21.75
Nonresident Salmon Permit (License Required) .....	\$25.75
3-Day Salmon/Steelhead Permit (includes a 3-Day General Fishing License) .....	\$37.50
Nonresident Two-Pole Permit .....	\$15.50

- Any person, age 14 and older, must have a valid Fishing License and Salmon Permit in possession to fish for salmon, except Free Fishing Day, June 11, 2011.
- Any person, age 14 and older, who does not qualify as a resident must purchase a Nonresident Season Fishing License and Salmon Permit, a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and Salmon Permit, or a 3-Day Salmon/Steelhead License to fish for salmon.
- To qualify for resident status, a person must be domiciled in the state for at least six months.
- Children (including nonresidents) under the age of 14 may fish without a license and salmon permit provided they are accompanied by the holder of a valid permit and that any salmon greater than 24 inches total length kept must be recorded on the permit holder's card and all salmon kept must be counted in the permit holder's legal bag, possession, and season limit.
- Resident children under the age of 14 may purchase their own salmon permit so that they may catch their own limit of salmon.
- Nonresident children under the age of 14 may purchase a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and a salmon permit so that they may catch their own limit of salmon.
- Children (including nonresidents) under the age of 14 may purchase a two pole permit.
- The holder of a valid Idaho Fishing License and Salmon Permit may fish for salmon in the Snake River where it forms the boundary between the states of Idaho and Oregon, subject to the fish and game laws of Idaho, but may not fish from the shoreline, including wading, and may not fish in sloughs or tributaries on the Oregon side. An Oregon license holder has the same rights and restrictions with reference to the Idaho side. Any angler who fishes on the Snake River is entitled to have in possession only the limit allowed by one license regardless of the number of licenses in possession.
- Consult the 2011-2012 Fishing Seasons and Rules brochure for other regulations relating to fishing, license costs and other Department information.

# IDAHO 2011 Chinook Salmon Seasons & Rules

(EFFECTIVE JULY 24)

## South Fork Salmon River Upper Salmon River



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Salmon in this brochure refers to anadromous (ocean run) Chinook salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*.

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**Tribal fisheries also occur in Idaho. They are governed by the Tribes and have different rules than Idaho sport fisheries. Please be respectful and honor these different fishing traditions.**

## Seasons

These waters are open to fishing for salmon during the periods listed. Waters not specifically designated below remain **closed** unless opened by Commission action.

**Open June 25- CLOSED at end of fishing July 20:**

### SOUTH FORK SALMON RIVER:

**Mainstem South Fork River -Lower:** from the bridge on Forest Service Road 48 (Lick Creek/East Fork South Fork Road) where it crosses the mainstem South Fork Salmon River just upstream of the confluence with the East Fork South Fork Salmon River, upstream approximately 16 river miles to a posted boundary approximately one mile upstream from Fourmile Campground (approximately two miles downstream from Poverty Flat Campground)

**Open June 25 - CLOSED at end of fishing July 28:**

**Mainstem South Fork River -Upper:** from a posted boundary approximately one mile upstream from Fourmile Campground (approximately 2 miles downstream from Poverty Flat Campground) upstream approximately 17 river miles to a posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream from the Idaho Fish and Game South Fork Salmon River weir and trap.

### UPPER SALMON RIVER:

**River section 17-Ellis Area:** from the cable car crossing at the USGS flow station about 150 yards downstream of Island Park in the City of Salmon, upstream to the posted boundary approximately 20 yards above the mouth of the Pahsimeroi River in Ellis.

**Open July 2 until further notice:**

### UPPER SALMON RIVER:

**River Section 16 – Salmon Area:** From the posted boundary by the private bridge crossing located approximately 1.5 miles upstream from the confluence of the main Salmon River and North Fork Salmon River upstream to the posted boundary by the cable car crossing at the USGS flow gauging station, about 150 yards downstream of Island Park in Salmon.

## Fishing Hours

### SOUTH FORK SALMON RIVER:

Fishing is permitted from 5:30 AM to 10:30 PM MDT time.

### UPPER SALMON RIVER:

Fishing is permitted from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM MDT time.

## Daily, Possession, & Season Limits

**NOTE: Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) may implement in-season changes in bag and possession limits that differ from those shown here. For updated seasons and limits information consult a license vendor, an IDFG office, or the IDFG website: ([http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/fish/rules/chinook\\_seasons/](http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/fish/rules/chinook_seasons/))**

**Adult Chinook salmon** are 24 or more inches in length.  
**Jack Chinook salmon** are less than 24 inches in length.

**South Fork Salmon River prior to July 20 and the Upper Salmon River Sections 16 and 17- Ellis and Salmon Areas**

- **Daily Limit:** 6 salmon per day (no more than 2 may be an adult). Anglers must cease fishing for salmon for the day when they retain 6 salmon or 2 adult salmon, whichever comes first.
- **Possession Limit:** 18 salmon in possession (no more than 6 may be adults). Anglers must cease fishing for salmon when they possess 18 salmon or 6 adult salmon, whichever comes first. "Possession limit" applies to salmon while in the field or being transported to the final place of consumption or storage.

### Statewide

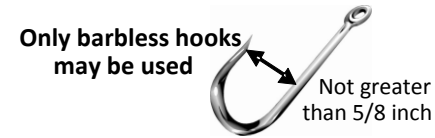
- **Seasonal Limit:** No person may take more than 20 adult Chinook salmon statewide during 2011 salmon seasons occurring prior to September 1, 2011. Anglers must cease fishing for salmon when they retain their season limit.

### Snagging:

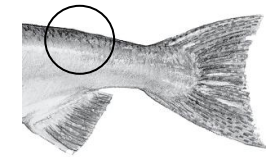
**It is unlawful to take or attempt to take salmon by snagging. Snagging shall mean the taking or attempting to take a fish by use of a hook or lure in any manner or method other than enticing or attracting a fish to strike with, and become hooked in its mouth. A salmon that has been hooked anywhere other than its mouth or jaw must be released.**

## Methods of Take

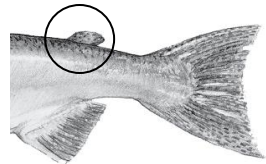
- A. Only barbless hooks not greater than 5/8 inch between the point and shank may be used when fishing for salmon. Bending the barb down to the shank of a single, double, or treble hook will meet the barbless requirement.



## Harvest Rules



- A. **Only Chinook salmon with a clipped adipose fin (as evidenced by a healed scar) may be kept.**



- B. **Chinook salmon with an unclipped adipose fin MUST be released unharmed.**

- C. No person shall have in the field or in transit any salmon from which the head or tail has been removed (Unless the fish has been commercially filleted and the intact carcass accompanies the fillets in transit).
- D. All salmon that are hooked, landed and reduced to possession shall be counted in the limits of the person hooking the fish.
- E. All salmon that are reduced to possession must be killed immediately after landing.

## Releasing Fish

Any salmon with an intact adipose fin that is landed or any salmon that is landed but not reduced to possession must be released. You can do your part to increase the survival of released fish by following these stress reducing practices:

- Use proper size tackle to land the fish quickly.
- Use barbless hooks to ease hook removal
- Use nets with non-abrasive
- Do not handle the fish with dry hands.
- Do not squeeze the fish.
- Do not touch or hold fish by the gills, gill covers, or the eyes.
- Leave the fish in the water while removing the hook.
- If the hook is too deep to be easily removed, cut the

## Permit Validation

When an adult Chinook salmon has been hooked, landed and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately:

- Cut out and completely remove one numbered notch from the permit.
- Look up the location code number from the list below and write it in the space provided.
- Enter in the space provided, the month and day fish was caught.

Anglers may retain jack Chinook salmon. Jack Chinook salmon are part of the daily bag and possession limit but anglers are not required to record them on their permit.

*For example, a salmon greater or equal to 24 inches length kept from the South Fork Salmon River on June 26 would be entered as:*

Fish	Bird	Month	Day	Location Code	Month	Day	Location Code	Fish	Bird
1		6	26	21					21
2									22
3									23
4									24
5									25

**REMOVE NOTCH COMPLETELY!**

### RIVER LOCATION CODES

*See Seasons section for full description of fishing boundaries. All of a river section may not be open for salmon fishing.*

#### South Fork Salmon River

Mainstem -Lower .....21  
Mainstem-Upper .....21

#### Upper Salmon River

Salmon Area ..... 16  
Ellis Area ..... 17