

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
July 7, 2011
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Deputy Director Jim Unsworth; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; and Sam Sharr, Fisheries Anadromous Coordinator.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Wright with Commissioners McDermott, Trevey, Barowsky, Budge, and Anderson participating. Commissioner Power was excused.

MISCELLANEOUS

Welcome Newly Appointed Commissioner Kenny Anderson

Deputy Director Unsworth and the Commission welcomed new Commissioner Kenny Anderson. Commissioner Anderson reported that he is looking forward to serve on the Commission.

RULES

Spring Chinook Salmon Fisheries: Propose Changes to the Daily and Possession Limits in the Lower Salmon and Little Salmon Rivers.

The proposal (Appendix 44, Exhibit 64) is to increase the daily bag limit to six Chinook, only three of which may be adults, and 18 in possession, only nine of which may be adults. Only Chinook salmon with a clipped adipose fin (as evidenced by a healed scar) may be kept. An angler must cease fishing for Chinook salmon once they have retained their daily, possession, or season limit of adult Chinook salmon or their overall daily or possession limit of Chinook salmon, whichever comes first. Adult Chinook salmon are defined as any adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon greater than or equal to 24 inches in length.

11- 58 Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion to adopt the staff recommendations as described. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Proposal for a 2011 Chinook Salmon Fishery in the Boise River

Mr. Sharr presented the proposal to the Commission.

I. SEASONS:

Boise River

1. Season Dates: JULY 16 through SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.

II. FISHING HOURS:

Boise River

1. Fishing for Chinook salmon in the Boise River is permitted 24-hours a day during the designated season.

III. LIMITS:

Boise River

1. Daily = Two (2) salmon
2. Possession = Six(6) salmon

There are no separate limits for adults and jack Chinook salmon in the Boise River. All Chinook salmon regardless of size (adults and jacks) kept must be counted in the daily, possession and season limit and must be recorded on the angler's salmon permit.

Restrictions Pertaining to Limits

1. Anglers must cease fishing for Chinook salmon when they retain two (2) salmon for the day.
2. Anglers must cease fishing for Chinook salmon when they possess 6 salmon..
3. No person may keep more than 20 Chinook salmon statewide during seasons occurring before September 1, 2011 or more than 40 Chinook salmon in the 2011 calendar year. Note that anglers in the Boise River must include all Chinook kept in their season limit, regardless of size.
4. In the Boise River Chinook salmon retained must be carded regardless of size.

IV. BOUNDARIES:

Boise River from its mouth upstream to Barber Dam.

V. METHODS OF TAKE:

1. It is unlawful to use any hook larger the 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.
2. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take salmon by snagging.

11-59 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Trevey seconded a motion to open a Chinook salmon season on the Boise river. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 am

Wayne Wright
Chairman

Virgil Moore
Secretary