

Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
July 3, 2012
Boise, Idaho

Present in the Director's Office: Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer, Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; Ed Schriever, Fisheries Chief; and Peter Hassemer, Anadromous Fish Manager.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Budge with Commissioners Trevey, Anderson, Hurlock, and Naillon participating

RULES

2012 Chinook Salmon Fishery Proposal Modification of the Upper Salmon River Season

Peter Hassemer presented the proposal to the Commission.

- I. Action requested by Fisheries Bureau on currently open Chinook salmon seasons.
 - A. Open additional areas to Chinook salmon fishing
 1. Upper Mainstem Salmon River
 - a. Ellis Area - The mainstem Salmon River from the posted boundary approximately 100 yards upstream of the mouth of the Pahsimeroi River upstream to the Highway 75 Salmon River bridge approximately 250 yards upstream of the mouth of the East Fork Salmon River.
- II. Items from June Commission action that remain in effect.
 - A. Areas open to fishing
 1. Upper Mainstem Salmon River
 - a. Stanley Area - The mainstem Salmon River from the Highway 75 Salmon River bridge approximately 250 yards upstream of the mouth of the East Fork Salmon River upstream to the posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream of the weir and trap at Sawtooth Hatchery south of Stanley.
 - B. Fishing hours

1. Fishing for Chinook salmon in the Upper Mainstem Salmon River sections is permitted from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM Mountain Daylight time.

C. Limits

1. Upper Mainstem Salmon River
 - a. Daily: Four (4) Chinook salmon, only two (2) of which may be adult Chinook Salmon.
 - b. Possession: Twelve (12) Chinook salmon, only six (6) of which may be adult Chinook Salmon
 - c. Season, statewide: No person may take more than twenty (20) adult Chinook salmon statewide during 2012 salmon seasons occurring prior to September 1, 2012. (Set through March Commission Action)

III. Items set by rule or previous Commission actions that remain in effect for all Chinook salmon seasons.

A. Restrictions pertaining to limits

1. Only Chinook salmon with a clipped adipose fin (as evidenced by a healed scar) may be kept. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.505.06)
2. 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 (fish of any size) daily or possession limit of Chinook salmon, whichever comes first. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.505.04)
3. Only adult Chinook salmon are required to be recorded on the salmon permit. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.503)
4. No person shall have in the field or in transit a hatchery-produced adult anadromous salmon that has been processed by removing the head and tail unless the following conditions are met: 1) the fish has been recorded on the taker's salmon permit; 2) the fish is processed and packaged with the skin naturally attached to the flesh including a portion with a healed, clipped, adipose fin scar and 3) it must be packaged in a manner that the number of fish harvested can readily be determined. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.504.01.a-c)
5. No person shall process salmon until they are ashore and done fishing for the day. No person shall transport processed salmon via boat. Jack salmon may not be processed while in the field or in transit. Any processed salmon count towards an angler's possession limit while in the field or in transit. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.504.02)

B. Definitions pertaining to limits

1. Adult Chinook salmon are defined as any adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon greater than or equal to 24 inches in length. (Set through March Commission Action)
2. Jack Chinook salmon are defined as any adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon less than 24 inches in length. (Set through March Commission Action)
3. Length is defined as the distance from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.004.16)

C. METHODS OF TAKE

- A. It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.505.01)
- B. Only barbless hooks may be used when fishing for Chinook salmon. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.505.01)
- C. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take salmon by snagging. (Set by rule, IDAPA 13.01.11.505.02)

12-50 Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner Naillon seconded a motion to accept the staff recommendation to open additional areas to Chinook salmon fishing. . All Commissioners voted in favor.

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Adjournment

12-51 Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to adjourn. All Commissioners voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Randall C. Budge
Chairman

Virgil Moore
Secretary