

Okanogan & Columbia Rivers – Sockeye Salmon Fishery

2017 CCT Tribal Member Fishing Regulations

Justification

This fishery targets ESA-unlisted Okanogan Sockeye salmon. The Okanogan Sockeye pre-season run projection to the Columbia River mouth is approximately 137,000 fish. The harvest agreement between the Colville Tribes and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife provides a CCT harvest allocation of approximately 13,700 fish. The Sockeye fishery may be modified by In-season Regulation Change if counts at Priest Rapids Dam and Wells Dam indicate the necessity.

This fishery is regulated to avoid significant take of ESA-listed Upper Columbia River (UCR) steelhead needed for spawn escapement and broodstock. To protect ESA-listed threatened UCR steelhead, this fishery may be closed or otherwise amended by the Colville Tribes' Director of Fish and Wildlife (Director).

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, 2017 through August 31, 2017, unless closed by the Director.

Authorized Gear:

Tangle nets, hook and line (bait allowed), hand dip nets and hoop nets. Gill nets prohibited.

- Tangle nets: mesh size- 3" – 4½" stretched, length not to exceed one-half (½) the wetted river width, or 100 feet, whichever is less.

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:

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Authorized Gear:

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Special Regulations/Restrictions:

- Sockeye retention allowed, except release of floy-tagged, radio-tagged and tail-punched Sockeye
- Hatchery Chinook (adipose fin absent) retention allowed, except release of floy-tagged, radio-tagged and tail-punched Chinook
- Release all wild Chinook (adipose fin present)
- 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
- Release all bull trout
- Release all sturgeon
- 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
- 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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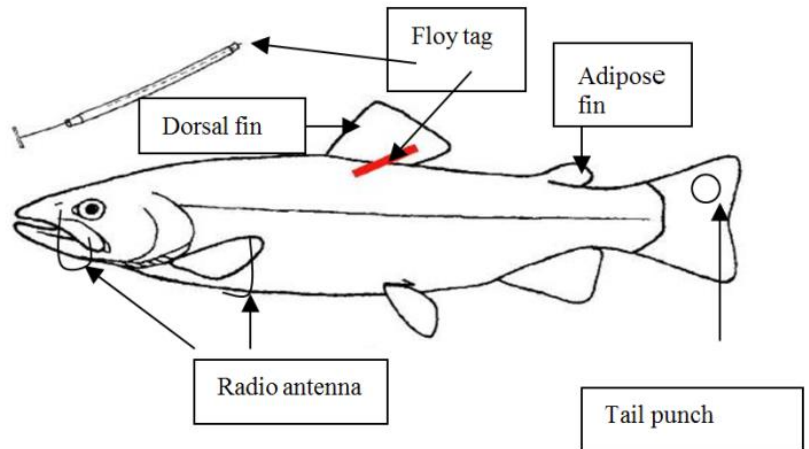
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Harvest Reporting:

- All fishers will record the number of fish encountered on a salmon catch card. Information will include date of fishing effort; number of sockeye harvested; number of adult Chinook harvested, number of jack Chinook harvested (less than 26 inches); number of wild Chinook released; number of steelhead encountered 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 salmon that are harvested must be recorded on a salmon catch card and submitted to Fish & Wildlife on a weekly basis. All catch cards are to be returned to Fish & Wildlife no later than October 31, 2017.

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 (1/4" diameter) in the upper lobe of the tail.



In case of emergency:

Call 911

Please report illegal activity to: Tribal Police Dispatch

(509) 634-2472

For additional information:

Anadromous Program Manager
Salmon Harvest Biologist

(509) 978-8031
(509) 422 7434

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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
