



Nez Perce Tribe Fish and Wildlife Commission

2021 Fishing Season Regulation for the Snake River Basin and its Tributaries

Pursuant to the Nez Perce Tribal Code Section 3-1-11, the Nez Perce Tribe Fish and Wildlife Commission has the authority to promulgate annual and seasonal hunting and fishing regulations and prescribe the manner and methods which may be used in taking fish and wildlife. Pursuant to that authority, the Nez Perce Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the following fishing regulation for the Nez Perce Tribe.

NEZ PERCE TRIBE
Fishing Season Regulation NPTFWC #21-118
Snake River Basin Spring and Summer Chinook
Ceremonial and Subsistence (C&S) Treaty Fisheries Opening for the
Specific Fishing Areas Described Below
Season Open Until Closed

The following subbasins reflect key tributary areas where the Nez Perce Tribe will prioritize harvest based upon forecasted returns of adult spring and summer Chinook salmon.

All tributary fishing areas NOT listed in this regulation will be CLOSED per NPTFWC regulation #21-117.

CLEARWATER RIVER SUBBASIN

Selway River Area from mouth of Selway River upstream to upper reaches where fish can migrate to spawn.

SALMON RIVER SUBBASIN

Rapid River/Little Salmon River Area of the Little Salmon River from its mouth upstream to upper reaches where fish can migrate, and on the Rapid River from its mouth upstream to 60 feet below the hatchery trap on Rapid River, with area above the weir closed to fishing.

South Fork Salmon River Area open to fishing would include the South Fork Salmon River from its mouth (confluence with the Salmon River) upstream to 10 feet below the weir (RM 72), with area above the weir closed to fishing.

Secesh River Area open on Secesh River will be from its mouth (confluence with South Fork Salmon River) upstream to upper reaches where fish can migrate to spawn.

East Fork South Fork/Johnson Creek Area open to fishing on the East Fork South Fork Salmon River is from its confluence with South Fork Salmon River upstream to Johnson Creek and on Johnson Creek from its mouth upstream to 10 feet below the weir, with area above the weir closed to fishing.

IMNAHA RIVER SUBBASIN*

Imnaha River Prior to weir installation the area open to fishing on the Imnaha River will be from confluence with mainstem Snake River upstream to upper reaches of the river where fish can migrate to spawn—after the weir is installed, the upper most area open to fishing will be up to 10 feet below the weir, with area above the weir closed to fishing.

*Prior to weir installation fishing area will include the area of the Blue Hole and other areas located above the Gumboot weir.

GRANDE RONDE RIVER SUBBASIN

Lostine/Wallowa Rivers Area open includes the reach of the Wallowa River from its confluence with Minam River upstream to the confluence with the Lostine River; then from the mouth of the Lostine River upstream to 10 feet below the end of the permanent concrete sill and weir structure, with area above the weir closed to fishing.

Lookingglass Creek Area open to fishing for Lookingglass Creek will be from its mouth upstream to 10 feet below the adult trap, with area above the trap closed to fishing.

Minam River Area open on Minam River will be from mouth (confluence with Wallowa River) upstream to upper reaches where fish can migrate to spawn.

Wenaha River Area open on Wenaha River will be from its mouth (confluence with Grande Ronde River) upstream to upper reaches where fish can migrate to spawn.

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Season Length Tributaries ceremonial and subsistence fishing seasons are “open until closed” by Tribal regulation. Nez Perce Tribe Fish and Wildlife Commission hereby authorizes the closure of tributary fisheries when one of the following conditions result: tributary-specific harvest goal is reached, wild spring and summer Chinook impact levels are attained, or natural spawning begins, whichever comes first.

Harvest Reporting Tribal members participating in the treaty fishery are encouraged to regularly report their catch to Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources Management Harvest Monitoring Program staff members. This will help in managing our spring and summer Chinook fisheries in a responsible and timely manner.

Gear Types and Fishing Methods Fishing methods permitted for use by tribal members may include, but is not limited to, the following traditional fishing gear: gaff, dip net, hoopnet, bow, spear, scaffold, and hook and line.

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All Nez Perce fishing regulations and sections of the Nez Perce Tribal Code pertaining to this fishery remain in effect. Not complying with these regulations may be cause for civil or criminal penalties per the Nez Perce Tribal Code.

If you have fishing enforcement concerns, please contact the Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources Management Conservation Enforcement at 208-843-7143 or toll free 1-877-790-3474.

For additional information on Nez Perce Tribe fishing regulations, please contact the Fish and Wildlife Commission office at 208- 843-9376.