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 #21-117**

**CLOSURE** of Snake River Basin Spring and Summer Chinook Ceremonial and Subsistence (C&S) Treaty Fisheries for the Specific Fishing Areas Described Below

Effective 6PM (PST), April 27, 2021

**CLEARWATER RIVER SUBBASIN**

**Mainstem Clearwater**  Entire reach of river from confluence with the Snake River upstream to the confluence with the Lochsa and Selway rivers.

**North Fork Clearwater**  Entire reach of river from confluence with the mainstem Clearwater River upstream to the Dworshak Dam.

**South Fork Clearwater**  Entire reach of river from confluence of the South Fork Clearwater River with the Middle Fork Clearwater River upstream to 10 feet below the weirs/traps located on Newsome Creek, Red River, and Crooked River, with the area above the weirs/traps closed to fishing.

**Clear Creek**  Entire reach of river from confluence with the mainstem Clearwater River upstream to 10 feet below the hatchery weir, with area above the weir closed fishing.

**Lochsa River**  Entire reach of river from confluence with Selway River upstream to all tributary areas of the Lochsa River drainage.

**Lolo Creek**  Entire reach of river from confluence with the mainstem Clearwater River upstream to 60 feet below the weir/trap, with area above the weir closed to fishing.

**SALMON RIVER SUBBASIN**

**Middle Fork of Salmon River**  Entire Middle Fork Salmon River drainage is closed to fishing from its confluence with the mainstem Salmon River upstream to all tributaries in this drainage.
Upper Salmon River: the entire Upper Salmon River drainage is closed to fishing from its confluence with the mainstem Salmon River upstream to all tributaries in this drainage.

**GRANDE RONDE RIVER SUBBASIN**

*Grande Ronde River*  Entire reach of the mainstem Grande Ronde from its mouth (confluence with the Snake River) upstream to its upper reaches where fish can migrate to spawn.

**TUCANNON RIVER SUBBASIN**

*Tucannon River*  Entire reach of river from its mouth (confluence with the Snake River) upstream to its headwaters.

**MAINSTEM SNAKE RIVER**

*Snake River*  Entire reach of river from its mouth (confluence with the Columbia River) upstream to Hells Canyon Dam.

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The CLOSURE of spring/summer Chinook returns to the above fishing areas are to support hatchery broodstock and natural spawning, also to protect and conserve these fish that are in low population abundances. This regulation is intended to support the biological needs of these fish and to ensure future adult returns and treaty fisheries.

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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.

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

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