



Nez Perce Tribe Fish and Wildlife Commission

2021 Fishing Season Regulation for the Snake River Basin & Subbasin

Pursuant to the Nez Perce Tribal Code Section 3-1-II, 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 21-236

Snake River Basin and its Tributaries

Commercial Treaty Fisheries Fall Season Opening

For Steelhead and Fall Chinook and Coho Salmon

Effective 6AM, August 23, 2021

Unless otherwise promulgated by the NPTFWC

Closure Fall Chinook is 6PM October 15, 2021*

Closure for Coho Salmon is November 19, 2021

Closure for Steelhead is 6PM December 31, 2021

**Tribe may authorize time/area closures to protect spawning fall chinook*

COMMERCIAL GILLNET FISHING AREAS Include the Snake River mainstem from an area upstream of the Lower Granite Dam to the an area downstream of the Hells Canyon Dam, and on the mainstem Clearwater River from its confluence with the Snake River upstream to the east boundary of the 1863 Reservation. (For safety, please obey and pay attention to the signs near the Lower Granite Dam.)

Steelhead, fall chinook and coho salmon caught from other areas using hook-and-line and other fishing gears may also be sold and do not require a permit to do so.

SEASON LENGTH Commercial permit fisheries season for steelhead, fall Chinook, and Coho salmon opens August 23, 2021. Commercial permit season for fall Chinook closes at 6PM October 15, 2021 (may involve time/area closures to protect spawning fish), Coho salmon close November 19, 2021 and for Snake River steelhead at 6PM December 31, 2021, unless otherwise promulgated by the FWC.

These permit fisheries will occur on a weekly basis, to commence on week of Monday, August 23.

Fall season salmon and steelhead fisheries may close due to one of the following conditions being met: hatchery broodstock needs are not projected to be met based on in-season run projections, hatchery or wild fish harvest levels

GEAR TYPES AND FISHING METHODS AUTHORIZED BY A PERMIT There is no mesh size restriction or length restriction for gillnet fishing gear. Additional gear types including, but not limited to, the following could be approved: weirs, traps, seines, hoopnet and scaffolds. These other traditional gear types and methods will be reviewed if proposed for use and may be authorized by the FWC for use.

SANCTUARY No gillnet fishing will be allowed in a 100 yard radius from fish ladder entrance to the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery complex located on the Mainstem Clearwater River near Cherry Lane or in the Clear Creek.

PERMIT USE AND MANDATORY HARVESTING REPORTING Fishers are required to inform the Department of Fisheries Resources Management (DFRM) Harvest program by calling 208-843-7320 before using their permits each week. Fisher and/or assistant fishers must have permit on them while fishing and transporting fish caught during this fishery, as well as supply receipts to fish buyers (for their protection), and their fishing gear shall be well marked with fishers' Tribal identification number.

Catch reports are mandatory and will be submitted to the DFRM Harvest program in written form and/or reported by calling 208-843-7320 by 1PM every Monday that each permit is used, and upon completion of fishing for previous week even if no fish were caught.

ADDITIONAL REGULATON REQUIREMENTS All sections of the Nez Perce Tribal Code and NPT regulations applicable to this fishery shall remain in effect. Nets and gear must be checked regularly (NPT not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged gear). Please catch only what you are able to handle properly. Fishers must have a Nez Perce Tribal enrollment identification card. A Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Point (HACCP) Training Certification, a HACCP Plan and a HACCP Sanitation Plan are also required, and fishers must provide receipts to non-Indian fish buyers.

Mandatory Receipts The following information shall be provided on receipts: 1) Fish Seller's Name and Tribal I.D. number. 2) Name of the fish buyer. 3) Date of sale. 4) Species of fish and where fish was caught. 5) Amount of fish sold or number of pounds sold.

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Permit Required Tribal members choosing to participate in the commercial treaty fishery must apply for, and obtain, a Nez Perce Tribal fish permit for fishing gear and methods that maybe authorized for use in accordance with this season regulation. An application cannot be used as a permit.

A fishing permit may be revoked at the discretion of the NPTFWC for the remainder of the season if Permit holder is non-compliant with existing fishery season regulations and the Nez Perce Tribal Code.

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

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

Respect the water and earth by putting litter in its place, and catch only what you can properly handle. Please help elders and others that cannot fish for themselves.

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

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