

Tribal Members,

The following table is the pit tag based inseason estimate at Lower Granite Dam and the projected harvest shares thru **Wednesday June 22, 2022** for the 2022 NPT Snake River Basin Spring/Summer Chinook treaty fisheries. These are preliminary numbers and will continue to fluctuate the next several weeks depending upon the fish counts.

Snake Basin Adults associated with PIT groups as of 6/22/2022			
Release Group	Lower Granite Estimate	Broodstock Need (US v OR)	Estimated Harvestable Share Above Lower Granite Dam
Dworshak	4,470	1,034	1,718
Kooskia	2,396	529	934
CFH-Selway	773	278	119
CFH-Red River	1,093	765	164
CFH-Clear Creek	2,069	443	813
CFH-NF Clearwater	2,187	0	1,093
NPTH (ad-clipped)	691	342	229
Total Clearwater River (Springers)	13,680	3,391	5,071
Powell (Summers)	710	422	144
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Hells Canyon	0	0	0
Total Snake River	0	0	0
Rapid River	9,454	2,286	3,584
Little Salmon	0	122	-61
RR and LS Combined	9,454	2,408	3,523
Sawtooth	1,783	1,057	363
Yankee Fork	498	0	249
Pahsimeroi	1,788	664	562
McCall SFSR	2,883	943	970
Total Salmon River	16,406	5,072	5,667
Catherine Creek	428	101	18
Imnaha River	1,088	282	104
Lookingglass Creek	819	150	204
Lostine River	720	160	56
Upper Grande Ronde	123	97	2
Total NE Oregon	3,178	790	384
TOTAL	33,974	9,675	11,266

The following table is our NPT Snake Basin harvest estimates thru 6/22/2022:

Nez Perce Tribe Harvest Estimates as of:

6/22/2022

Preliminary Inseason

Summary Estimates of Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon Harvest/ESA Take in Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries in

Fishery / Drainage	Ad Clipped Chinook Salmon		Unclipped Chinook Salmon		Ja
	Caught	Kept	Caught	Kept	
Clearwater River & Tributaries					
North Fork Clearwater River	352	352	0	0	
Clear Creek	268	268	3	3	
South Fork Clearwater River	0	0	0	0	
Selway	13	13	40	40	
Lochsa River	0	0	0	0	
Clearwater River drainage total	633	633	43	43	
Rapid River & Little Salmon					
Rapid River	531	531	0	0	
Little Salmon River	74	74	0	0	
Total	605	605	0	0	
South Fork Salmon River					
Mainstem South Fork	0	0	0	0	
South Fork Salmon River Total	0	0	0	0	
Idaho Total	1,238	1,238	43	43	
Imnaha River	0	0	0	0	
Lookingglass Creek	35	35	0	0	
Lostine River	0	0	0	0	
Tucannon River	0	0	0	0	
Subtotal	1,273	1,273	43	43	

Nez Perce treaty fisheries are managed according to the following:

- As is the case every year, in 2022 the number of adult spring/summer chinook that return to each river and the harvest that it will support will vary river-by-river—some areas will have more fish available than other rivers (see below for “Report on Key Treaty Fisheries”);
- The length of the fishing season will vary river-by-river, some tributaries will likely close fairly quickly, while others may remain open for longer duration; and
- Per Tribal Law, fisheries are always “open until closed.”
- For justification to close tributary fisheries, one of the following triggers must be met:

- Tributary fisheries will remain open until one of the following conditions result: tributary-specific harvest goal is reached, wild spring/summer Chinook impact levels are attained, or natural spawning begins, whichever comes first”

Report on Key Nez Perce Treaty Fisheries

The following information describes the preliminary harvest goals for specific rivers based on current in season run projections where available. Each river reported has the identified harvest goal, current estimate of number of fish harvested, and the number of fish left to be harvested (harvest remaining). This year’s run is coming in larger than preseason projections, and is expected to be much larger with significantly more harvest opportunity than the previous five (2017-2021) years.

- **Clearwater River System**

- Hatchery Harvest Goal = 5,071 fish
- Estimated Harvest = 633 fish
- Harvest Remaining = 4,438 fish
- **NOTE:** Commercial Sales open on Clearwater. For 2022, the NPT has negotiated a IDFG closure in the North Fork of the Clearwater on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays of each week. During these days no IDFG sport fishers will be fishing in the North Fork and tribal members will have exclusive access to the river from the base of Dworshak Dam to the confluence of the North Fork with the mainstem of the Clearwater River. **We strongly encourage tribal members to take full advantage of this IDFG closure and NO SPORT FISHERY in the North Fork on MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY every week.**

- **Rapid River/Little Salmon River**

- Hatchery Harvest Goal = 3,523 fish
- Estimated Harvest = 605 fish
- Harvest Remaining = 2,918 fish
- **NOTE:** This fishery has been slow the last couple of weeks due to the flooding and high water conditions. Water is currently receding and this fishery has picked up substantially. Expect **VERY GOOD** fishery opportunity the next couple of weeks as the fish held up by high water begin to convert to the fishery.

- **Lookingglass Creek**

- Harvest Goal = 12 Wild + 204 Hatchery = 216 fish
- Estimated Harvest = 0 Wild + 35 Hatchery = 35 fish
- Harvest Remaining = 12 Wild + 169 Hatchery = 181 fish
- **NOTE:** Expect this fishery to continue to pick up this week as high flows have subsided. This run has come in above preseason forecast expectations. ODFW opened a sport fishery June 10, 2022.
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- **Tucannon River**

- Hatchery Harvest Goal = 1 fish
- Estimated Harvest = 0 fish

- Harvest Remaining = 1 fish
 - **NOTE:** The returns to this system continue to be chronically low and the FWC may need to consider a closure in the near future.
- **South Fork Salmon River**
 - Harvest Goal = 130 Wild + 970 Hatchery = 1,100 fish
 - Estimated Harvest = 0 Wild + 0 Hatchery = 0 fish
 - Harvest Remaining = 130 Wild + 970 Hatchery = 1,100 fish
 - **NOTE:** For 2022, the NPT has negotiated with IDFG a closure of the state fishery below Phoebe Creek/Jakie Bridge. This closure will allow tribal members exclusive access to that section of the river throughout the entire season. We are hoping this will improve overall harvest, and access to the early high fish quality portion of the run. Again, we strongly encourage tribal members to take full advantage of this IDFG closure below Phoebe Creek/Jakie Bridge to access these fish. Expect fish to begin arriving to the fishery in the next week.
- **Lostine/Wallowa Rivers**
 - Harvest Goal = 14 Wild + 56 Hatchery = 70 fish
 - Estimated Harvest = 0 Wild + 0 Hatchery = 0 fish
 - Harvest Remaining = 14 Wild + 56 Hatchery = 70 fish
 - **NOTE:** ODFW considering a fishery in 2022. Lostine weir trapped their first fish last Thursday on June 16, 2022.
- **Imnaha River**
 - Harvest Goal = 17 Wild + 104 Hatchery = 121 fish
 - Estimated Harvest = 0 Wild + 0 Hatchery = 0 fish
 - Harvest Remaining = 17 Wild + 104 Hatchery = 121 fish
 - **NOTE:** ODFW considering a fishery in 2022. Weir was installed today and is fishing, as of Wednesday June 22, 2022.

Fisheries that are closed

- **NONE AT THIS TIME.**

Gillnet Fishery

- **FWC took action on June 9, 2022 to open Ceremonial, Subsistence, and Commercial Gillnet fishery on the Mainstem Clearwater River effective June 13, 2022. Fishery runs Monday 6am through Thursday 6 pm of each week until closed. Permit Required.**
- **To date we have only documented 1 unclipped adult harvested in this fishery.**

Commercial Sales

- **FWC took action to open Commercial Sales on the Clearwater River System opening at 9PM on Monday June 13, 2022.**

- **FWC took action to open Commercial Sales on the entire Snake Basin opening at 6AM on Friday June 24, 2022.**

If there are any questions concerning NPT treaty spring/summer chinook fisheries Jack Yearout can be reached at 208-621-4638 or extension 4638, or you can reach Joe Oatman at 208-621-3730 or extension 3730.

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