



# Nez Perce Tribe Fish & Wildlife Commission

## 2026 Ceremonial Salmon Request for a Group

**DEADLINE for SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS is 4PM, Friday, MARCH 27, 2026.**

Ceremonial salmon is for recognized Nez Perce ceremonies when predominantly Nez Perce people are in attendance within the reservation boundaries. This application is for established groups that request many salmon, plus requests that occur more than once a year by a group. NP Groups include, but are not limited to, established NP events, organizations, religious groups, powwow dinners, and NP departments/programs (referred to as 'Group' for this application).

1. Name of NP Group: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Individual Group Representative Responsible: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
*Above individuals will be contacted and available to receive the salmon when they arrive.*
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_
- a. **Number of Salmon Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_ Location of ceremony/event dinner(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Exact location where salmon will be stored (address): \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Does Group need to store fish with the FWC freezer? Check one: YES -  or NO -
- c. Date(s) Serving Salmon: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Head Fisher Requested—Must be Nez Perce *(if left blank fisher will be assigned)*: \_\_\_\_\_

### TERMS OF ACCEPTING CEREMONIAL SALMON for a GROUP

- **Group** agrees that all salmon will be used for the Groups' intended purpose(s) named in this application. Per the Tribal Code §3-1-48 (a) (3) & (7) **SELLING CEREMONIAL SALMON IS PROHIBITED**. Selling ceremonial salmon may result in a citation and may prevent the group and/or individuals from receiving ceremonial salmon for three years from the date the application was approved. No sales of salmon include, but not limited to, monetary or reciprocated transfer of cooked or uncooked salmon (e.g., salmon dinner included with registration fee, fund raisers, etc.)
- **Group** representative(s) accepting the Ceremonial Salmon must understand the 'Proper Care of Ceremonial Salmon' or ask the FWC for guidance.
- **Group** MAY be responsible for costs to fisher for obtaining ceremonial salmon. [Those costs include but are not limited to fisher's costs (boat & gear upkeep, ice for packing fish, gas to transport fish, processing fish and food/lodging for fisher & their assistants while fishing). Group will be notified if costs will be associated with receiving ceremonial salmon, and it will be based on a per fish allocation. Cost is between Fisher & Group.]
- **Groups** ought to encourage their group members to fish (during open seasons) to assist in supplying some of the salmon needs during tributary fishery or request fish from the DFRM Fisheries Buy Back project (208-843-7320).

*The applicant hereby agrees on behalf of the Group to the terms set forth in this document for receiving ceremonial salmon.*

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN APPLICATION TO:** Nancy McAllaster, FWC Office, PO Box 365, 315 'B' Street, Lapwai, ID 83540  
E-mail: nancymac@nezperce.org FAX: 208/843-7381

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| <b>FOR FWC USE ONLY:</b> Date completed application received: _____ by: _____<br>Number of fish approved: _____ Head Fisher: _____<br>Name & Date Group Representative(s) received the 'Proper Care of Ceremonial Salmon' training: _____ |
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