



TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & JUSTIFICATION

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CHAPTER 635

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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FILING CAPTION: Reopen Wild Adult Chinook Fishery in the Snake River

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

Passage of fall Chinook salmon at mainstem Snake River dams has increased and concern over exceeding harvest allocations has been alleviated. So, reverting harvest guidelines as stated in the current edition of the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations is appropriate.

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:

There is insufficient time to initiate the permanent rulemaking process to re-open the fishery by the specified date and time because the salmon run is already occurring.

Fisheries in this area are managed to provide recreational fishing opportunities while meeting species- or stock-specific allocations and remaining within ESA guidelines.

Failure to adopt this rule would cause serious prejudice to the public interest because the public would not be able to harvest these fish when there is an acceptable number of fish to be harvested.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

1. Idaho Department of Fish and Game Fall Chinook Salmon Sport Fishery Proposal.
2. Idaho Department of Fish and Game. 2019a. Fishery Management and Evaluation Plan for the State of Idaho, Washington, and Oregon Anadromous Fish Species Sport Fishing Programs for Directed Adipose-Intact Fall Chinook Salmon Fisheries.
3. Fishery Implementation Plan for 2025 Recreational Coho, Fall Chinook, and Steelhead Fisheries (ODFW).

A copy of the rules and the other documents relied upon for this rulemaking [the above document(s)] are available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fish Division, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon 97302-1142. Contact Linda Spansel at 503-947-6233 or linda.d.spansel@odfw.oregon.gov to view by appointment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on normal working days, Monday through Friday.

SUSPEND: 635-024-0090

SUSPEND: Temporary 635-024-0090 from DFW 88-2025

RULE TITLE: Inclusions and Modifications

RULE SUMMARY: This rule revokes a prior temporary rule that prohibited retention of wild adult Chinook salmon in the Snake River. As a result, harvest of adult wild chinook will revert back to permanent regulations as stated in the current edition of the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations. This change is consistent with actions taken by the State of Idaho.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) The current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for the Snake River Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.
- (2) Effective September 19 through December 31, no retention of wild adult Chinook salmon.
- (3) All other permanent rules for the Snake River Zone, as stated in the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, remain in effect.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 496.162