



**TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & JUSTIFICATION  
**DFW 100-2025**  
CHAPTER 635  
**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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FILING CAPTION: Umatilla River Fall Adult Chinook Salmon Closed to Retention

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/18/2025 THROUGH 12/31/2025

AGENCY APPROVED DATE: 10/17/2025

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**NEED FOR THE RULE(S):**

Inseason Chinook returns to the Umatilla basin are significantly lower than usual and expected, and broodstock collection numbers to maintain the hatchery program are severely short of goals. At the same time, the relative harvest of Chinook that are returning is fairly high. This rule is needed to reduce harvest impacts on Chinook salmon in the Umatilla River in order to prioritize the remaining Chinook for broodstock collection for the hatchery program. This will be accomplished by not allowing ("closing") the retention of adult Chinook salmon.

**JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:**

There is not adequate time to go through normal rulemaking proceedings to modify this rule in a timely manner before the specified date because the fish run and fishery season are currently happening and would be over before a normal rulemaking process could occur.

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

Failure to adopt this temporary rule could cause serious prejudice to the public interest by negatively impacting the population of salmonids which would result in greater restrictions for future fisheries.

**DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:**

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.

AMEND: 635-019-0090

RULE TITLE: Inclusions and Modifications

RULE SUMMARY: This amended rule closes the recreational harvest of Chinook salmon in the Umatilla River from the

Hwy 730 bridge to Threemile Dam.

RULE TEXT:

(1) The current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for the Northeast Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

(2) Effective October 18, 2025 through November 30, 2025, the Umatilla River from the Hwy 730 bridge upstream to Threemile Dam is closed to the retention of adult Chinook.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 496.162