

**Resolution 2023-262**  
**2023 Chief Joseph Dam Tailrace and Mainstem Columbia River Colville  
Tribal Ceremonial and Subsistence Spring Chinook Fishery Regulations**

**Action:**

CCT Members are authorized to selectively fish for hatchery-origin spring Chinook salmon at the Chief Joseph Dam Tailrace and mainstem Columbia River fishing areas.

**Justification:**

This fishery targets non ESA-listed, hatchery-origin Leavenworth (Carson) stock spring Chinook salmon returning to the Chief Joseph Hatchery. The fishery is regulated to avoid significant take of ESA-listed spring Chinook salmon and summer steelhead populations which are included in Upper Columbia River Evolutionarily Significant Units.

To protect ESA-listed endangered spring Chinook and ESA-listed threatened steelhead, this fishery may be closed or otherwise amended by the Colville Tribes Director of Fish and Wildlife (Director) via In-Season Regulation Change.

**Fishery Period:**

This fishery will commence after the conclusion of the Chief Joseph First Salmon Ceremony in May, 2023. Fishery will extend until June 30, 2023, unless closed by the Director.

**Fishery Locations:**

Chief Joseph Dam tailrace fishing area;

North bank (Reservation side) from Chief Joseph Dam spillway to the Hwy. 17 Bridge near Bridgeport, WA.

South Bank (Corps side) from Chief Joseph Dam spillway to the Hwy. 17 Bridge near Bridgeport, WA.

Mainstem Columbia River fishery area:

From the Hwy.17 Bridge near Bridgeport, WA to the confluence of the Okanogan and Columbia Rivers.

**Authorized Gear:**

Hook and line (single hooks, bait allowed), hand dip-nets and hoop-nets. Tangle nets and gill nets are prohibited. Snagging or gaffing is not allowed.

**Special Regulations & Restrictions:**

This fishery targets spring Chinook salmon that do not have an adipose fin (with healed scar). All adipose present (wild) spring Chinook salmon must be released unharmed without removing from the water (in-water release).

- Hatchery spring Chinook (adipose fin absent with healed scar) retention allowed, except for mandatory release of floy-tagged, radio-tagged and or tail-punched Chinook
- Release all wild spring Chinook (adipose fin present)
- Sockeye retention allowed, except release of floy-tagged, radio-tagged and tail-punched sockeye
- Release all steelhead

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- Release all Bull trout
- Release all Sturgeon
- Snagging prohibited
- Tangle nets, gillnets, gaffs and spears prohibited
- Alcohol and illegal drugs (including marijuana products) are prohibited

**Harvest Reporting:**

Harvest information must be provided to Tribal creel clerk and or other authorized Tribal Fish & Wildlife personnel upon request.

**Fishery Access Requirements:**

**North Bank (Reservation side) Chief Joseph Dam spillway to Hwy. 17 Bridge –**

- Tribal anglers must have their Tribal identification (Blue Card) in possession when participating in this fishery
- Open 24-hours per day
- Dogs prohibited, except Service Dogs, if they are “in service”
- Firearms prohibited
- Alcohol and Marijuana products and illegal drugs prohibited
- Swimming prohibited
- Boating prohibited from the dam downstream to the red, boundary marker signs near the Chief Joseph Hatchery.

**South Bank (Corps side) Chief Joseph Dam Spillway to the Hwy. 17 Bridge-**

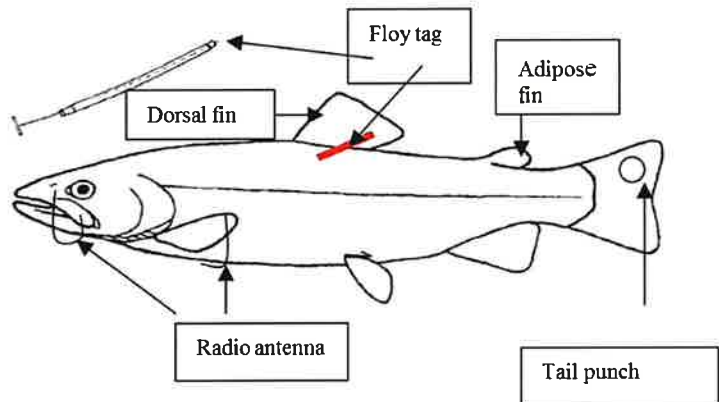
- Fishing permitted ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except no entry through security gates between 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM, Monday – Thursday. Times will be posted at the security station
- All fishers entering the Corps side must present valid, Tribal photo identification at the security station
- All vehicles and hand-carried items are subject to search
- Anglers in possession of prohibited items will be denied entry
- Parking is allowed in the Commons Building parking area
- Traffic lanes must be kept clear

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- Coolers, chairs and other fishing equipment must be kept next to the railing
- Minors under the age of 18 must be supervised by a designated adult
- Dogs prohibited, except Service Dogs, if they are “in service”
- Firearms prohibited
- Alcohol and Marijuana products prohibited
- Illegal drugs prohibited
- Swimming prohibited
- Boating prohibited from the dam downstream to the red, boundary marker signs adjacent to the Chief Joseph Hatchery

**MS-222 Warning:**

Floy-tagged, radio-tagged and tail-punched fish that are caught in this fishery should be released and not eaten. It is unsafe to eat these fish because they are anesthetized with MS-222 (a known carcinogen to humans) in order to implant the tags or otherwise conduct stock assessment research. They are identified with a colored, external floy tag located near the dorsal fin, radio antenna protruding from the mouth or body and/or a small hole (1/4” diameter) in the upper lobe of the tail.



Please report illegal activity to:	CCT Police Dispatch	(509) 634-2472
	USACE Chief Joseph Dam Security	(509) 686-3549

For additional information:	CCT Anadromous Program Manager	(509) 978-8031
	CCT Salmon Harvest Biologist	(509) 634-1741
	CCT CJHM&E Biologist	(509) 634-6177
	Chief Joseph Hatchery	(509) 422-4580