



## IN-SEASON ADJUSTMENT 2024-02 TO THE YUROK TRIBAL FISHING RIGHTS ORDINANCE

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 23, 2024

SUBJECT: 2024 Fall Elders' Fishery

Section 17.20.110 of the Yurok Tribal Code (below) permits the Tribe to hold an elder's fishery as a mechanism to provide fish to elders. To encourage the participation of Tribal fishers and increase the supply of fish to elders, the Council has adopted the following adjustments as allowed under YTC 17.20.110(h).

### 17.20.110 Elders' Fishery.

Eligible fishers are generally permitted and encouraged to give fish to elders. The Tribe may establish an Elders' Fishery to provide a mechanism to furnish additional fish to elders. The Elders' Fishery permits authorized eligible fishers to sell fresh Chinook salmon to the Tribe for distribution to elders and disabled Tribal members in accordance with:

- (a) Commercial Certification Required. A fisher must have had the required training (*WATCH VIDEO*) and signed the commercial fisher's contract.
  - (b) Commercial Buoy Required. A fisher must use a commercial buoy (Yellow).
  - (c) Estuary Fish. The fish must be harvested from the estuary.
  - (d) Adult Fish. Donated fish must be adult Chinook.
  - (e) Unclipped Fish. The fisher must not clip the dorsal fin of elders' fish.
  - (f) Commercial Quality Control Standards. The fish must be handled in accordance with the Commercial Fish Quality Control Requirements.
  - (g) Transport of Fish. The fisher making the sale must transport the fish to the buying station at Requa by boat and cannot transport the fish by land.
  - (h) Any additional requirement established by an adjustment. [Ord. 44 § 1311, adopted, 7/23/2015.]
- The Yurok Tribal Code is current through Ordinance 73, and legislation passed through February 11, 2021.

### In-season adjustment:

1. Fishers can watch the required video for certification beginning Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Requa fisheries office.
2. A yellow commercial buoy must be purchased for \$10.
3. During bi-hourly net checks, fish technicians will hand out fishing verification slips. As with a commercial season, you must show this slip to sell fish. Fish must be delivered to the buying station by boat and remain in the water until inspected by a technician if no verification slip has been obtained from a fish tech.
4. The elder's buying station will be located at the fish processing plant located at Requa Resort.
5. The open hours of the buying station will be Friday through Sunday of each week, 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. If fish are caught for the elder fishery outside of those hours, the fish must be maintained in accordance with section f above (bled, belly ice or slushed, etc.) until the fish are able to be brought to the buying station.
6. The number of fall chinook authorized for purchase by the Tribe shall be 500 fish at a price of \$4.00/lb., paid on a bi-weekly basis. Receipts will be issued for fish sold and checks mailed out by the Fiscal Dept. A form W-9 must be filled out by those selling fish at the first fish sale transaction in order to be paid.
7. To provide opportunity to multiple tribal members, the maximum number of fish allowed to be sold by each certified tribal member is 15 per day.
8. Due to staffing, a maximum of 100 fish weekly will be purchased at the buying station.

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8.14.2024

Date