



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

NUMBER: 2025-01

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 12, 2025 (12:01 a.m.) through August 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Sturgeon and Spring Chinook Conservation Regulations

The Yurok Tribal Council is concerned about population levels of Klamath River Sturgeon and wild Spring Chinook Salmon. Therefore, the Council has adopted the following regulations as conservation measures:

1. HOURS/DAYS

Gill net fishing is open one day each week from Saturday at 12:01 a.m. to Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

No fishing, except angling, will be allowed from Sunday at 9:00 a.m. through Friday at 11:59 p.m. each week.

2. GEAR RESTRICTIONS

NO set or drift net fishing in the chute at the river mouth. Per the Fishing Rights Ordinance, no snagging of fish is allowed.

3. BARTERING SPRING SALMON

Tribal members may only barter (no sales) up to 2 spring Chinook salmon per week (defined as Sunday through the following Saturday) with other Yurok Tribal members. Tribal elders and disabled members only, may give a donation or gratuity to fishers in exchange for up to 2 spring Chinook salmon per week to help offset the rising cost of boat gas.

4. CLOSURE AREA

No fishing shall be permitted within 1300 feet below Coon Creek Falls.

5. STURGEON REGULATIONS

Each fisher may keep no more than one green or white sturgeon during 2025. Sturgeon cannot be greater than six feet in length, when measured from the tip of the tail to the tip of the snout.

Possession of untagged sturgeon is prohibited. Sturgeon must be tagged when removed from the net, through a hole punched through the dorsal fin near the front edge, and the tag cinched snugly. Fishers can only possess fish tagged with the individually numbered tags issued to them by the Tribe or given them by an elder to catch the elder's fish. Elders need to obtain their own tags and may assign their tags to a particular fisher to catch their fish. Tribal members under 18 years may also obtain a sturgeon tag.

Sturgeon tags can be obtained from fisheries technicians at the Requa fisheries office or on the river, the front desk at the Klamath main office (707-482-1350, ext. 1396), Elizabeth Davis at the Weitchpec office (530-625-4130), Pem-Mey Fuel Mart, Pek-Tah Fuel Mart, and Shoreline Market in Orick.

6. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Penalties for violation of these in season adjustment sections 1, 2, and 4 shall be at level 2, as defined in the Fishing Rights Ordinance, and level 3 for sections 3 and 5.

Joseph L. James, Chairman  
Yurok Tribal Council

4/8/25

Date