



YUROK TRIBE 2023 FALL FISHERY HARVEST RULES (Summarized for Posting)

The Yurok Tribal Council is concerned that the abundance of Klamath River Fall Chinook salmon are in significant decline, as evidenced by the extremely low returns during recent years. Since 2014, the minimum number (40,700) of adult natural origin Chinook salmon spawners, the amount needed to maximize sustained yield, did not return in seven of the eight fall seasons. Biologists predict only 23,614 adult natural origin salmon will return in 2023, the second-lowest estimate since 1997.

SEASON: August 6 through November 25, 2023.

TOTAL SUBSISTENCE QUOTA: ZERO Chinook salmon. Steelhead angling only.

METHODS: Fishing with any type of net (gill or dip) is prohibited. An angling (fishing rod and reel) fishery will be allowed for the harvest of steelhead (unclipped or clipped). Snagging of any kind is prohibited by the Fishing Rights Ordinance.

If a Chinook salmon is caught incidentally while angling for steelhead and the fish is bleeding from the gills or has other serious injuries caused by landing of the fish, and it is apparent that the fish will die if released – the Chinook salmon may be retained for subsistence use. Fishers must report all such incidental harvest within 24 hours by notifying a fisheries technician or calling (707) 482-1350 (extension 1413) and leaving a message listing date, all fish harvested, and number of poles fished.

OPEN DAYS AND HOURS: Angling open seven days each week for 24 hours each day.

ELDER'S / DISABLED FISHERY: Due to the forecasted low returns, as well as consultation with the Culture and Natural Resource Committees, and the membership meeting, the Tribe will not operate this fishery.

TRIBAL GUIDE PROGRAM: Due to the forecasted low returns, as well as consultation with the Culture and Natural Resource Committees, and the membership meeting, the Tribe will not allocate salmon for this fishery.

FISH KILL CLOSURE: The Yurok fishery will be closed immediately if there is a determination by the YTFP that a fish kill has begun.

NETS PROHIBITED ON OR NEAR RIVER: No nets may be within 100 feet of the river, on shore or in boats. Such nets are subject to confiscation by Public Safety with no return. Penalties for violation shall be at level 2, as defined in the Fishing Rights Ordinance.

Refer to 2023 Fall Harvest Mgmt. Plan and the Yurok Fishing Rights Ordinance for full rules and regulations.