IN-SEASON ADJUSTMENT TO THE
YUROK TRIBAL FISHING RIGHTS ORDINANCE

NUMBER: 2022-01
EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2022 (9:00 a.m.) through July 23, 2022
SUBJECT: Sturgeon and Spring Chinook Conservation Regulations

The Yurok Tribal Council is concerned that Klamath River sturgeon may be in decline and that the abundance of wild spring Chinook (primarily the Salmon and South Fork Trinity River populations) has been extremely low during recent years. Therefore, the Council has adopted the following regulations as conservation measures:

1. **HOURS/DAYS**
   Gill net fishing is open each week from Friday at 9:00 a.m. to Monday at 9:00 a.m.
   No fishing, except angling, will be allowed from Monday at 9:00 a.m. through Friday at 9:00 a.m., except for Memorial Day weekend, when the fishery will remain open until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31 and for Fourth of July weekend, when the fishery will remain open until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5.

2. **GEAR RESTRICTIONS**
   Set nets may not be used in the chute. Except for set nets, all other permitted gear types may be used in the chute within the restrictions cited in Section 1 above. Drift net fishing with 30-foot (maximum length) throw net will be permitted in the chute below the downstream boundary for 24-hours weekly from Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

3. **BARTERING SPRING SALMON**
   Tribal members may only barter (no sales) up to 5 spring Chinook salmon per week (defined as Sunday through the following Saturday) to other Yurok Tribal members. Tribal Elders/disabled ONLY may give a donation or gratuity to fishers in exchange for up to 5 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 2022.
   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.
   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.

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Joseph L. James, Chairperson      Date

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