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SKOKOMISH TRIBE'S 2010 ANNUAL SUMMER/FALL CHINOOK SALMON REGULATIONS F#10-06

1. INTRODUCTION

These regulations shall apply to all commercial fisheries for summer and fall Chinook salmon in the on-reservation portion of the Skokomish River (the full width of the Skokomish River, from the river mouth upstream to the Bonneville Power Administration's power lines), the Skokomish River delta flats, and off-reservation commercial marine catch reporting areas 12, 12B, 12C, 12D and 12H (the Hoodspout hatchery zone which is the area 1,000 feet from the shore between the Hoodspout Marina dock to the dock at Glen Ayr).

2. MANAGEMENT PERIODS

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| 1. Area 9: | June 20 through August 28 |
| 2. Area 12: | July 11 through September 5 |
| 3. Area 12B: | July 11 through September 12 |
| 4. Area 12C, 12D: | July 18 through September 18 |
| 5. Area 82G: | August 1 through September 18 |

3. LAWFUL GEAR

When fisheries are authorized, the following gear types shall be considered lawful gear, unless otherwise specified in an emergency regulation. Set gillnets in the Skokomish River may have a maximum length of 55 fathoms and a minimum stretch mesh of five inches. Marine set nets in Area 12C may have a maximum length of 110 fathoms and a minimum stretch mesh of five inches except after August 1 when the minimum must be seven inches. Marine drift nets in Area 12C may have a maximum length of 330 fathoms and a minimum stretch mesh of five inches except after August 1 when the minimum must be seven inches. Beach seines in Areas 12C and 12H will be explained in the emergency regulations. Regulations for all hand-held gear (hook & line and dip nets) are defined in the Skokomish On-Reservation Treaty Fishing Ordinance.

4. FISHERY AREA SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

I. SKOKOMISH RIVER:

- a. The river is closed for gillnets from the mouth upstream to the State Route 106 bridge.
- b. Beach seines and hand-held gear must release all chum unharmed through October 15th.
- c. No set-net may be placed so that it covers more than 1/3 of the distance across the wetted channel of the river. Set-net lengths or position must be adjusted to conform to this provision when tides or other conditions reduce the amount of water in the channel.
- d. Set-net locations shall only be at fishing sites registered as per the Skokomish On-Reservation Treaty Fishing Ordinance section 7.02.028 (a).
- e. All nets must be lifted at least once every 24 hours.

II. AREA 12C:

- a. All set-nets must be lifted at least once every 24 hours.
- b. No marine set nets may be operated closer than 1,000 feet from any stream or river mouth that is not open to fishing.
- c. Beach seines release chum August 1st through August 31st.

III. AREAS 12C and 12H:

- a. Beach seines, dip nets and hand held gear must release all chum unharmed.

IV. ALL AREAS:

- a. Marine drift or set-nets must not be operated closer than 1,000 feet from any stream or river mouth. Stream mouths are defined as the point where a stream enters the marine area at mean low water. In Area 12, the mouth of Big Beef Creek is defined by the Seabeck Highway Bridge.

5. FISHERIES OPENINGS

- I. Areas 9, 12, 12A, 12B, 12D, 82F are closed to commercial Chinook fishing.
- II. Area 12H opens week beginning July 18th through September 25th. This area does not have a true management period and will operate as a surplus fishery Tuesday and Thursday of each week. Possible in-season modifications with potential extensions beyond September 26th.
- III. Area 9A does not have a true management period and is closed to commercial Chinook fishing.
- IV. Area 82G opens August 2nd through September 18th, no more than four days per week.
- V. An evaluation fishery to assess Summer Chum incidence from the mouth of the Skokomish River to the HWY 106 Bridge may occur during the commercial Chinook salmon fisheries.

6. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Commercial openings in areas not listed in the regulation shall be by emergency regulation. Openings, as well as restrictions, outlined in these regulations may be modified at any time by emergency regulations based on in-season management information. Emergency regulations shall be posted at the Skokomish Tribe fisheries building and the Skokomish Tribe Website. It is the responsibility of the individual fisher to obtain these regulations every week. The Skokomish Tribe intends to fully harvest its share of Chinook salmon.

7. AUTHORITY

These regulations are promulgated by the Skokomish Fish Committee and adopted by the Skokomish Tribal Council under authority of the Skokomish On-Reservation Treaty Fishing Ordinance section 7.02.025.

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