

2020-2021 Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing Regulations

(50) Klamath River Basin Regulations.

Anadromous Waters of the Klamath River Basin Downstream of Iron Gate and Lewiston dams. This subsection applies only to waters of the Klamath River Basin that are accessible to anadromous salmonids. This section does not apply to waters of the Klamath River Basin that are inaccessible to anadromous salmon and trout, portions of the Klamath River system upstream of Iron Gate Dam, portions of the Trinity River system upstream of Lewiston Dam, and the Shasta River and tributaries upstream of Dwinnel Dam. Fishing in these waters is governed by the non-anadromous waters of the District General Regulations (see Section 7.00, subsection (a)).

(A) Restrictions and Requirements.

1. Only barbless hooks may be used. (For definitions regarding legal hook types, hook gaps and rigging see Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2.10.)
2. During closures to the take of adult salmon, it shall be unlawful to remove any adult Chinook Salmon from the water by any means.
3. See Section 1.74 for sport fish report card requirements.

(B) General Area Closures.

1. No fishing is allowed within 750 feet of any department fish-counting weir.
2. No fishing is allowed from the Ishi Pishi Road bridge upstream to and including Ishi Pishi Falls from Aug. 15 through Dec. 31. Exception: members of the Karuk Tribe listed on the current Karuk Tribal Roll may fish at Ishi Pishi Falls using hand-held dip nets.
3. No fishing is allowed from Sep. 15 through Dec. 31 in the Klamath River within 500 feet of the mouths of the Salmon, the Shasta and the Scott rivers and Blue Creek.
4. No fishing is allowed from Jun. 15 through Sep. 14 in the Klamath River from 500 feet above the mouth of Blue Creek to 500 feet downstream of the mouth of Blue Creek.

(C) Klamath River Basin Possession Limits.

1. Trout Possession Limits.
 - a. The Brown Trout possession limit is 20.
 - b. The hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead possession limits are as follows:
 - (i) Klamath River - 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.
 - (ii) Trinity River - 4 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.
2. Chinook Salmon Possession Limits.
 - a. Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec from Jan. 1 to Aug. 14 and the Trinity River downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the confluence of the South Fork Trinity River from Jan 1 to Aug. 31: 2 Chinook Salmon.
 - b. Klamath River from Aug. 15 to Dec. 31 and Trinity River from Sep 1 to Dec 31: 6 Chinook Salmon. No more than 3 Chinook Salmon over 23

inches total length may be retained when the take of salmon over 23 inches total length is allowed.

(D) Klamath River Basin Chinook Salmon Quotas.

Klamath River fall-run Chinook Salmon take is regulated using quotas. Accounting of the tribal and non-tribal harvest is closely monitored from Aug. 15 through Dec. 31 each year. Quota areas are noted in subsection (b)(50)(E) with "Fall Run Quota" in the *Open Season and Special Regulations* column.

1. Quota for Entire Basin.

The 2020 Klamath River Basin quota is 1,296 Klamath River fall-run Chinook Salmon over 23 inches total length. The department shall inform the commission, and the public via the news media, prior to any implementation of restrictions triggered by the quotas. (Note: A department status report on progress toward the quotas for the various river sections is updated weekly, and available by calling 1-800-564-6479.)

2. Subquota Percentages.

- a. The subquota for the Klamath River upstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec and the Trinity River is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
 - (i) The subquota for the Klamath River from 3,500 feet downstream of the Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec is 17% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
 - (ii) The subquota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
 - (iii) The subquota for the Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the confluence with the Klamath River is 16.5% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
- b. The subquota for the lower Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec is 50% of the total Klamath River Basin quota.
 - (i) The Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth) will close when 15% of the total Klamath River Basin quota is taken downstream of the Highway 101 bridge.

(E) Klamath River Basin Open Seasons and Bag Limits.

All anadromous waters of the Klamath River Basin are closed to all fishing for all year except those areas listed in the following table. Bag limits are for trout and Chinook Salmon in combination unless otherwise specified.

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Restrictions</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>
1. Bogus Creek and tributaries.	Fourth Sat. in May through Aug. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead.**
2. Klamath River main stem from 3,500 feet downstream of Iron Gate Dam to the mouth.		
a. Klamath River from 3,500 feet downstream of the Iron Gate Dam to the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.	Jan. 1 to Aug. 14.	0 Chinook Salmon 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 220 Chinook Salmon Aug. 15 to Dec. 31, 2020.	2 Chinook Salmon - no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota Exception: Chinook Salmon over 23 inches total length may be retained from 3,500 feet downstream of Iron Gate Dam to the Interstate 5 bridge when the department determines that the adult fall-run Chinook Salmon spawning escapement at Iron Gate Hatchery exceeds 8,000 fish. Daily bag and possession limits specified for fall-run Chinook Salmon apply during this exception.	

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Restrictions</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>
b. Klamath River downstream of the Highway 96 bridge at Weitchpec.	Jan. 1 to Aug. 14.	2 Chinook Salmon 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 648 Chinook Salmon Aug. 15 to Dec. 31, 2020.	2 Chinook Salmon - no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota Exception: Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth). This area will be closed to all fishing after 15% of the Total Klamath River Basin Quota has been taken. All legally caught Chinook Salmon must be retained. Once the adult (greater than 23 inches) component of the total daily bag limit has been retained anglers must cease fishing in the spit area.	
3. Salmon River main stem, main stem of North Fork downstream of Sawyer's Bar bridge, and main stem of South Fork downstream of the confluence of the East Fork of the South Fork.	Nov. 1 through Feb. 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
4. Scott River main stem downstream of the Fort Jones-Greenview bridge to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Sat. in May through Feb. 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**

<i>Body of Water</i>	<i>Open Season and Special Restrictions</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>
5. Shasta River main stem downstream of the Interstate 5 bridge north of Yreka to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Fourth Sat. in May through Aug. 31 and Nov. 16 through Feb. 28.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
6. Trinity River and tributaries.		
a. Trinity River main stem from 250 feet downstream of Lewiston Dam to the Old Lewiston Bridge.	Apr. 1 through Sep. 15. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
b. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat.	Jan. 1 to Aug. 31.	2 Chinook Salmon 10 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 214 Chinook Salmon Sep. 1 to Dec. 31, 2020.	2 Chinook Salmon - no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length. 10 Brown trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota Exception: Chinook Salmon over 23 inches total length may be retained downstream of the Old Lewiston Bridge to the mouth of Indian Creek when the department determines that the adult fall-run Chinook Salmon spawning escapement at Trinity River Hatchery exceeds 4,800 fish. Daily bag and possession limits specified for fall-run Chinook Salmon apply during this exception.	

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c. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat to the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar.	Jan. 1 through Aug. 31.	2 Chinook Salmon 10 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Sep. 1 through Dec. 31.	Closed to all fishing.
d. New River main stem downstream of the confluence of the East Fork to the confluence with the Trinity River.	Sep. 15 through Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
e. Trinity River main stem downstream of the Denny Road bridge at Hawkins Bar to the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River.	Jan. 1 to Aug. 31.	2 Chinook Salmon 10 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 214 Chinook Salmon Sep. 1 through Dec. 31, 2020. This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table.	2 Chinook Salmon - no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length. 10 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
f. Trinity River main stem downstream of the mouth of the South Fork Trinity River to the confluence with the Klamath River.	Jan. 1 to Aug. 31.	0 Chinook Salmon 10 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
	Fall Run Quota 214 Chinook Salmon Sep. 1 through Dec. 31, 2020. This is the cumulative quota for subsections 6.e. and 6.f. of this table.	2 Chinook Salmon - no more than 1 fish over 23 inches total length until subquota is met, then 0 fish over 23 inches total length. 10 Brown Trout 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**

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g. Hayfork Creek main stem downstream of the Highway 3 bridge in Hayfork to the confluence with the South Fork Trinity River.	Nov. 1 through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
h. South Fork Trinity River downstream of the confluence with the East Fork of the South Fork Trinity River to the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom.	Nov. 1 through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**
i. South Fork Trinity River downstream of the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom to the confluence with the Trinity River.	Nov. 1 through Mar. 31.	0 Chinook Salmon. 2 hatchery trout or hatchery steelhead**

(51) Special Order Regarding Take of Chinook Salmon in Anadromous Waters of the Klamath River Basin Downstream of Iron Gate and Lewiston dams.

Notwithstanding subsection (b)(50) of Section 7.40, between Jan. 1 and Aug. 14 on the Klamath River and between Jan. 1 and Aug. 31 on the Trinity River, and South Fork Trinity River, Chinook Salmon may not be taken or possessed except as authorized on the identified segments of rivers as listed in the following table. All other restrictions apply.

Body of Water	Open Season and Special Restrictions	Daily Bag and Possession Limit
(A) Klamath River segment identified in subsection 7.40(b)(50)(E)2.b.	Jul. 1 through Aug. 14	1 Chinook Salmon 2 Chinook Salmon in possession
(B) Trinity River segment identified in subsection 7.40(b)(50)(E)6.b.	Jul. 1 through Aug. 31	1 Chinook Salmon 2 Chinook Salmon in possession
(C) Trinity River segment identified in subsection 7.40(b)(50)(E)6.c.	Jul. 1 through Aug. 31	1 Chinook Salmon 2 Chinook Salmon in possession
(D) Trinity River segment identified in subsection 7.40(b)(50)(E)6.e.	Jul. 1 through Aug. 31	1 Chinook Salmon 2 Chinook Salmon in possession