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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

This rule modifications are needed to reduce harvest impacts on adult wild Chinook Salmon for the period of August 1 through December 31. These actions are consistent with provisions of ODFWs Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) and Rogue Fall Chinook Salmon Plan.

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:

There is not adequate time to go through normal rulemaking proceedings to modify these fisheries in a timely manner. Under the provisions of ODFWs Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (CMP, OAR 635-500-6775), and Rogue Fall Chinook Salmon Plan (OAR 635-500-6650), reductions in estimates of returning fall-run Chinook Salmon are tied to reductions in daily and seasonal bag limits for adult wild Chinook Salmon. These changes are necessary to reduce harvest impacts under conditions of low abundance.

Failure to adopt these rules could cause serious prejudice to the public interest by depleting the fall Chinook salmon fishery which would result in greater harvest restrictions for future fisheries.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

The above documents are available for public inspection in the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fish Division, Second Floor, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE, Salem, Oregon, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on normal working days, Monday through Friday.

AMEND: 635-016-0090

SUSPEND: Temporary 635-016-0090 from DFW 88-2020

RULE TITLE: Inclusions and Modifications

RULE SUMMARY: This amended rules modify bag limits and other measures for harvest of wild salmon in specified Oregon coastal rivers.

RULE TEXT:

(1) The 2020 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for the Southwest Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the 2020 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet.

(2) Effective June 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020, the section of Rogue River in the SW Zone designated as "ODFW markers 1,200 ft below fish ladder entrance markers (RM 157) to Cole Rivers Hatchery Dam", is closed to all angling.

(3) Effective June 10, 2020 through September 30, 2020, the minimum and maximum size limits, as well as the daily and possession bag limits for rainbow trout, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass are suspended for the SW Zone water body known as Howard Prairie Lake/Reservoir located in Jackson County, Oregon.

(4) Effective July 1, 2020, through November 30, 2020, for the Umpqua River, Smith River, and North Fork Smith River, only one (1) adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained per day and five (5) for the period.

(5) Effective July 15, 2020 through October 31, 2020 the following regulations apply in the Coquille River (Mainstem), East Fork Coquille River, Middle Fork Coquille River, North Fork Coquille River, and South Fork Coquille River (mouth to USFS boundary near Powers):

(a) Spears and spear guns may be used to harvest smallmouth bass.

(b) Use of bait is allowed.

(6) Effective August 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, the following regulations apply in the Coos River Basin, Floras Creek/New River, and the Sixes River:

(a) No more than one (1) adult wild Chinook salmon may be taken daily, with a total of five (5) in aggregate for the period.

(b) No more than one (1) adult wild Chinook salmon may be taken from Floras Creek/New River for the period.

(c) Effective October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, the Sixes River is closed to angling from the mouth of Crystal Creek downstream to Hughes House Boat Ramp.

(7) Effective August 1 through December 31, 2020, the following regulations are in effect for the Coquille River Basin:

(a) Retention of adult wild Chinook salmon is prohibited.

(b) All salmon angling is prohibited upstream from the Highway 101 bridge, except Randolph Slough is open to bank angling for hatchery salmon between the markers located at the West and East end of the slough.

(8) Effective August 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, Elk River is closed to the retention of adult wild Chinook salmon.

(9) Effective October 1 through December 31, 2020 in the Chetco River:

(a) No more than one (1) adult wild Chinook salmon may be taken daily; Anglers may not continue to angle (for any species) after harvesting a single adult hatchery or wild Chinook salmon on any day during the period.

(b) No more than two (2) adult wild Chinook salmon may be harvested for the period.

(c) The Chetco River upstream of River Mile 2.2 is closed to angling.

(10) Effective October 1 through December 31, 2020 in the Winchuck River:

(a) No more than one (1) adult wild Chinook salmon may be taken daily; Anglers may not continue to angle (for any species) after harvesting a single adult hatchery or wild Chinook salmon on any day during the period.

(b) No more than two (2) adult wild Chinook salmon may be harvested for the period.

(c) The Winchuck River from Peavine Bridge to the mouth is closed to angling.

(11) All other permanent rules for the Southwest Zone, as stated in the 2020 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, remain in effect.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 496.146, ORS 496.138

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 496.162