



IN-SEASON ADJUSTMENT TO THE YUROK TRIBAL FISHING RIGHTS ORDINANCE

NUMBER: 2018-01

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 7, 2018 (9:00 a.m.) through July 28, 2018

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. 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, when the fishery will remain open until 9:00 a.m. on the following Tuesday and July 4th when the fishery will open at 9:00 a.m. July 4 through 9:00 a.m. July 5.
2. Tribal members may only barter up to 5 spring Chinook salmon per week (defined as Sunday through the following Saturday) to Yurok Tribal members and other Indians.
3. All white sturgeon must be released.
4. No fishing shall be permitted within 1300 feet below Coon Creek Falls.
5. Each fisher may keep no more than two green sturgeon during 2018. 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 to them by an elder or disabled person to catch the elder/disabled's fish. Tags can be obtained from the fish counters, Jami McCovey at the Klamath office, or Elizabeth Davis at the Weitchpec office. Possession of untagged sturgeon is prohibited. Elders need to get their own tags and may assign their tags to a particular fisher to catch their fish. Tags issued in previous years are no longer valid.
6. Penalties for violation of these inseason adjustment sections 1, 3, and 4 shall be at Level 2 as defined in the Fishing Rights Ordinance, and level 3 for sections 2 and 5.



Thomas O'Rourke, Chairperson
Yurok Tribal Council



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