



CONFEDERATED TRIBES  
of the  
*Umatilla Indian Reservation*  
**Fish & Wildlife Commission**  
P.O. Box 638  
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

**PUBLIC NOTICE – PROPOSED REGULATIONS  
FALL/WINTER 2008-2009**

**UMATILLA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES  
COHO, FALL CHINOOK, STEELHEAD FISHERIES  
AND BULL TROUT CLOSURE**

Pursuant to Chapter 2, Sections 7 & 8 of the Wildlife Code of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Fish and Wildlife Commission has the authority to establish regulations for Umatilla ceremonial, subsistence, and commercial fisheries. Pursuant to that authority, the Fish and Wildlife Commission were polled on September 26, 2008 and proposes the following change to regulations for Umatilla tribal fishers. These regulations are proposed to be adopted as the final 2008-2009 regulations, and comments will be accepted for 30 days. Comments may be directed to the Fish and Wildlife Commission at the DNR Fisheries Program, P.O. Box 638, Pendleton, OR 97801 (541) 276-4109. The adoption of final regulations will consider comments received.

**Species and Season:**

**Open for Coho and Fall Chinook jacks** September 26, 2008 through November 30, 2008.

**Open for Steelhead** September 26, 2008 through April 15, 2009 (closed April 1<sup>st</sup> for locations above Cayuse).

**Closed for Fall Chinook adults and Bull Trout.**

**Fishing Locations:**

The entire Umatilla River and tributaries is open. However, pursuant to the Wildlife Code of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Chapter 7 Section 34.F, it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take fish from within 100 feet above or below fishways (e.g. adult fish ladders at Three Mile Dam, Cold Springs Dam and Westland Dam, etc).

**Specific Location Regulations:**

- o ***Below Three Mile Dam:*** Coho Salmon (all), Chinook Salmon Jacks (less than 24 inches), and hatchery reared steelhead (without adipose fin) may be kept. All wild steelhead (with adipose fin) and fall chinook adults shall not be kept and must be returned to the river unharmed.
- o ***Above Three Mile Dam:*** Same as above but wild steelhead can be kept.
- o ***Protection for Steelhead spawning:*** The mainstem Umatilla River and tributaries above Cayuse Bridge shall be closed April 1, 2009 to protect steelhead spawners.

**Fishing Gear:**

Hook and line, dipnets, and hoop nets only (no gillnets allowed). Dipnets are limited to a maximum hoop circumference of 12 feet and a maximum mesh of 4 inches. Hoop nets are limited to a maximum hoop circumference of 16 feet and a maximum mesh of 4 inches. If hoop or set nets are secured by attachment ropes, they shall not create safety issues by channel blockage or interfere with boat navigation.

**Fishing Methods:**

Tribal fishers shall be allowed to build scaffolds on the Umatilla River below Three Mile Dam. The CTUIR considers fishing locations as Tribal, and specific sites shall not be registered by individual tribal members. Fishers shall be required to provide opportunity for others to fish by trading off fishing each time a fish is caught and kept if there are other fishers waiting to fish the same site.

**No Allowable Sales:**

It shall be **UNLAWFUL** to sell coho, jack fall chinook and steelhead.

**Monitoring and Enforcement:**

The CTUIR will monitor the tribal fishery to obtain specific harvest information. Cooperation from Tribal fishers is appreciated.

The CTUIR Fisheries Program will coordinate with and seek assistance of the Tribal Police Officers to provide regulation enforcement throughout the fishing season.

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**FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION APPROVAL:**

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