



COMMUNITY FISHING NOTICE:

NOTICE

Salmon Harvest at Middle Shuswap River and Mabel Lake 2021

What is it?

The salmon fishery is open to members of the: Lower Similkameen Indian Band, Okanagan Indian Band, Osoyoos Indian band, Penticton Indian Band, Upper Nicola Band, Upper Similkameen Indian Band and the Westbank First Nation.

Fraser River Chinook are available for harvest in Mable Lake and at Shuswap Falls.

This year the ONA fisheries department expects a low number of fish to return to the Middle Shuswap River. A small FSC fishery for Nation members will be open.

The fishery is anticipated to start **beginning of August** and end **mid-September**.



Information needed to assist with the management of the fishery

After you go out fishing please contact Howie Wright, ONA (hwright@syilx.org) to let him know the following regarding your fishing trip:

Date(s) fished, start and end time of fishing, number of lines in the water, gear used*, fish kept, fish lost, other fish kept/lost, additional information you want to share, number of people in your party

**** NOTE: Snagging is not recommended***

COMMUNITY FISHING NOTICE: Chinook Head Recovery NOTICE

The Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) Fisheries Research Team is asking for your help in learning more about Chinook Stocks!

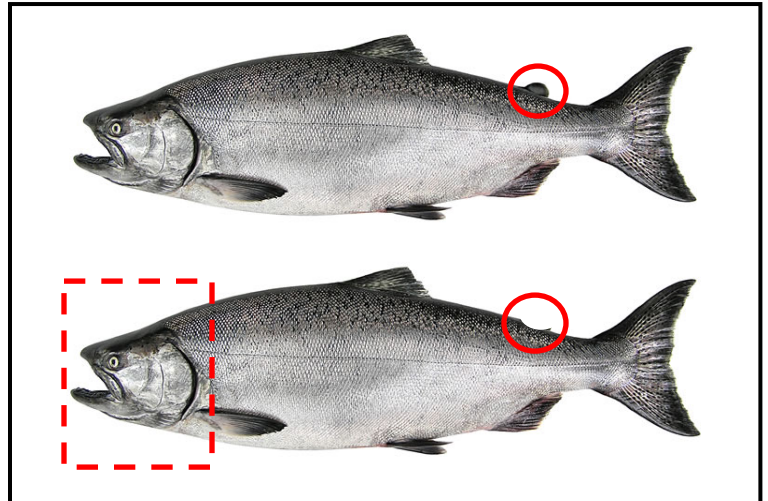
CHINOOK FROM WHERE?

Middle Shuswap River, including Mable Lake and up to Shuswap Falls

HOW TO ENTER/HELP

When you catch a Chinook salmon follow the instructions below:

1. Check to see if the adipose fin is missing, if missing,
2. Remove the salmon's head and put it in a plastic bag.
3. Use a pencil to write catch information on a label and attach to the bag. Include the following information:
 - date, place of capture, gear type and, if possible,
 - the sex and length of the salmon.
4. Freeze the head as soon as possible.
5. Submit the head by contacting Howie Wright for further instructions.



- The adipose fin is a small fin on the salmon's back, just ahead of its tail.
- If this fin is missing, the salmon may have a microscopic coded wire tag in its nose carrying information about the origin of the fish.

Note: Any heads that are not properly bagged and labelled will not be accepted, as this provides information to a specific fish. Heads that are starting to deteriorate or starting to smell will not be accepted as well.

PURPOSE OF HEAD RECOVERY

So that the Okanagan Nation Alliance Fisheries Research Program can learn more about Chinook stocks.

For More Information on this Initiative Contact:

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE CHINOOK HEAD RECOVERY PROGRAM WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A FISHING ROD and REEL DRAWN IN OCTOBER