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RULE SUMMARY: The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) will review and consider permanent fishing regulations for 2025 salmon angling in the Coquille River (Mainstem from the Hwy 101 bridge upstream to the Hwy 425 bridge at Sturdivant Park. This is a scheduled process in response to annually changing or newly available information on salmon population or stock status, such as adult spawner and hatchery broodstock abundance or forecasts, environmental conditions, and last year's fisheries performance. Department staff has worked to ensure that the available data supports the proposed regulation changes consistent with conservation and management plans and Page 3 of 4 guidance (e.g., the Coastal Coho Conservation Plan [ODFW 2007] and the Coastal Multispecies Conservation and Management Plan [CMP; ODFW 2014]). If the staff proposed seasons are adopted by the Commission, the proposed rules modify existing fishing regulations that are referenced in the 2025 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations and posted on the Department's MyODFW website for the Coquille River (Mainstem) within the SW zone.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-016-0510

Coos-Coquille District

(1) The ~~current~~ annual 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 ~~current~~ annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations. ¶

(2) Effective July 1 through December 31, ~~no more than ten adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in the Coos River, Coos Bay, South Fork Coos River~~ the following regulations apply in the Coos River (mainstem), Coos Bay from the visible tips of jetties upstream to head of tide or other landmarks including: Larson Sough upstream to Sullivan Cr; Palose Cr to Elliot Forest Boundary; Catching Slough to Sumner Rd Bridge; Kentuck, North, Isthmus, Coalbank and Davis sloughs to their tidegates; Shnglehouse Slough; and Pony Slough to Newmark Ave), South Fork Coos River (mouth to head of tide at Dellwood), and Millicoma River (mainstem) in aggregate. ¶

(a) No more than ten adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate. ¶

(b) The daily adult salmon bag limit is three fish in aggregate of which no more than two may be wild and only one of which may be a wild coho salmon. ¶

(3) Effective September 13 through October 10, 2025, the following regulations apply in Coos Bay (from the visible tips of jetties upstream to head of tide or other landmarks including: Larson Slough upstream to Sullivan Cr; Palouse Cr to Elliot Forest Boundary; Catching Slough to Sumner Rd Bridge; Kentuck, North, Isthmus, Coalbank and Davis sloughs to their tidegates; Shinglehouse Slough; and Pony Slough to Newmark Ave)-, Coos River (mainstem), South Fork Coos River (mouth upstream to head of tide at Dellwood), and Millicoma River (mainstem):¶

(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;¶

(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and¶

(c) The daily wild jack coho salmon bag limit is one fish.¶

(4) Effective June 1 through October 31, the following regulations apply in the Coquille River (Mainstem), East Fork Coquille River, Middle Fork Coquille River, North Fork Coquille River, and in the South Fork Coquille River (from the mouth upstream to the USFS boundary near Powers):¶

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

(b) Use of bait is allowed.¶

(5) Effective September 13 through October 15, 2025, the following regulations apply in the Coquille River from Hwy 101 Bridge upstream to the Highway 42S Bridge at Sturdivant Park:¶

(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish;¶

(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period; and¶

(c) The daily wild jack coho salmon bag limit is one fish.¶

(6) Effective September 13 through October 15, 2025, the following regulations apply from the Hwy 101 Bridge upstream to the Hwy 42S bridge at Sturdivant Park:¶

(a) The daily adult salmon bag limit is two fish; and¶

(b) Retention of wild Chinook is prohibited.¶

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

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.162