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**DFW 78-2025**  
CHAPTER 635  
**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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FILING CAPTION: Closure of Umpqua River Basin to Salmon Angling and Retention

EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/25/2025 THROUGH 11/30/2025

AGENCY APPROVED DATE: 08/22/2025

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

This rule is needed to reduce harvest impacts on hatchery coho salmon in the Umpqua Basin. The harvest of wild and hatchery Chinook and wild coho has already been discontinued or closed and there are no fisheries in the Umpqua for other salmon (sockeye, pink, and chum). The return of Umpqua hatchery coho is expected to be very low this year, so closing the fishery for them will protect the broodstock for the hatchery program and also reduce incidental impacts on Chinook and wild coho salmon.

The closure timing for this fishery was only recently determined. This timing was intended to balance protection needs for Umpqua hatchery coho with some prolonged fishing opportunity on non-Umpqua hatchery coho that have recently been found (through monitoring of the Chinook fishery that has been closed already) to potentially be entering the lowest portions of the Umpqua River (near the ocean). Given that non-Umpqua hatchery coho will no longer be able to be harvested in the ocean and very few Umpqua hatchery coho are expected to return, this fishery is being closed coincident with the closure of ocean hatchery coho fishing. This action is consistent with the provisions of ODFW's Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan.

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:

There is not adequate time to go through normal rulemaking proceedings to modify these rules in a timely manner because this closure must occur immediately.

Failure to adopt these rules could cause serious prejudice to the public interest by depleting hatchery coho salmon, which would result in greater restrictions in future fisheries.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

1. ODFW Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (available on website).

A copy of the rules and the other documents relied upon for this rulemaking [the above document(s)] are available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fish Division, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon 97302-1142. Contact Linda Spansel at 503-947-6233 or linda.d.spansel@odfw.oregon.gov to view by appointment between

the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on normal working days, Monday through Friday.

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AMEND: 635-016-0500

SUSPEND: Temporary 635-016-0500 from DFW 71-2025

RULE SUMMARY: This amended rule closes angling for and retention of all salmon species in the Mainstem Umpqua, Smith, and North Fork Smith rivers in all waters.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-016-0500

Umpqua 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~~August 25 through November 30, the following regulations apply in the Mainstem Umpqua River, Smith River, and North Fork Smith River on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays:¶

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

~~(b) No more than one adult Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and¶~~

~~(c) The Department shall close this fishery when it has determined 500 wild Chinook have been harvested.¶~~

(3) Effective September 14 through October 15, 2024, the following regulations apply in the Mainstem Umpqua River from the mouth to Scottsburg Bridge at RM 27.5:¶

(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; angling for and retention of all salmon is prohibited in the Mainstem Umpqua River, Smith River, and North Fork Smith River. ¶~~

(4) 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