Overview of the Snake River Spring Chinook Fishery

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3 areas are opened to spring Chinook fishing
- Much of the river is remote. Cannot effectively creel

Smaller fishing areas
- Fishery is usually opened on the peak of the return
- Staggered openings
- Predictable harvest rates
- Accurate harvest estimates
- Cost effective creel surveys
- Get in & Get Out - Limit impacts to wild fish