



## IN-SEASON ADJUSTMENT TO THE YUROK TRIBAL FISHING RIGHTS ORDINANCE

**NUMBER:** 2021-01

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 18, 2021 (9:00 a.m.) through July 24, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Sturgeon and Spring Chinook Conservation Regulations

The Yurok Tribal Council is concerned that Klamath River sturgeon may be in decline and that the abundance of wild spring Chinook (primarily the Salmon and South Fork Trinity River populations) has been extremely low during recent years. Therefore, the Council has adopted the following regulations as conservation measures:

1. No fishing, except angling, will be allowed from Monday at 9:00 a.m. through Friday at 9:00 a.m., except for Memorial Day, when the fishery will remain open until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and for Fourth of July weekend, when the fishery will remain open until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 6.
2. Set nets may not be used in the chute. Except for set nets, all other permitted gear types may be used in the chute within the restrictions cited in Section 1 above. Drift net fishing with 30-foot (maximum length) throw net will be permitted in the chute below the downstream boundary from Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
3. Tribal members may only barter up to 5 spring Chinook salmon per week (defined as Sunday through the following Saturday) to other Yurok Tribal members.
4. No fishing shall be permitted within 1300 feet below Coon Creek Falls.
5. Each fisher may keep no more than one green or white sturgeon during 2021 and the fish must be tagged. Sturgeon must be tagged when removed from the net, through a hole punched through the dorsal fin near the front edge, and the tag cinched snugly. Fishers can only possess fish tagged with the individually numbered tags issued to them by the Tribe or given them by an elder to catch the elder's fish. Tags can be obtained from the fish counters on the river, the front desk at the Klamath office by calling (707) 482-1350, ext. 1396 in advance, or Elizabeth Davis at the Weitchpec office at (530) 625-4130 in advance. Walk-ins without first calling for instructions are not allowed. Tribal COVID-19 protocols must be adhered to, including mask wearing and maintaining social distance. Possession of untagged sturgeon is prohibited. Elders need to obtain their own tags and may assign their tags to a particular fisher to catch their fish.
6. Penalties for violation of these in season adjustment sections 1, 2, and 4 shall be at level 2, as defined in the Fishing Rights Ordinance, and level 3 for sections 3 and 5.

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Joseph James, Chairperson  
Yurok Tribal Council

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