Fishery Notice

Category(s):

RECREATIONAL - Salmon

Subject:

FN0904-RECREATIONAL - Salmon - Chinook and Coho - Region 1 - Non-tidal Stamp and Somass Rivers - Opened August 25, 2018

Effective 00:01 hours August 25, 2018 the Somass and Stamp Rivers opened to recreational angling and retention of chinook and coho salmon.

The daily limit is 4 salmon per day of which:

Two (2) may be chinook of which only one (1) may be greater than 77 cm. in length, and

Two (2) may be coho, marked or unmarked.

In order to protect pre-spawning salmon in the Stamp River and the non tidal portions of the Somass River the following angling closures are in effect:

Somass River August 25 to Nov 15 from the tidal boundary at Papermill Dam to boundary signs approximately 0.5 km upstream (Falls Road Gravel Pit and the southernmost end of Collins Farm /Arrow Vale Campground on Hector Road).

Stamp River from June 15 to Nov 15 form boundary signs located approximately 500 metres downstream of the Stamp River Falls to boundary signs located approximately 200 metres upstream (above) the Stamp River Falls fishway.

Stamp River from August 25 to Oct 31 from boundary signs on either side of the Stamp River located at the inlet to the Stamp River (hatchery) lagoon continuing downstream approximately 750 metres to the cable car crossing.

Stamp River October 1 to October 14 from boundary signs on either side of the Stamp River at the power line crossing downstream approximately 500 metres to boundary signs on either side of the Stamp River at the inlet to the Stamp River (hatchery) lagoon.

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Anglers shall also note:

Tidal portions of the Somass River are closed Annually July 24 to September 30;

Somass River bait ban is in effect June 1 to August 24;

Stamp River is closed yearly from Jan 1 to April 30 from the confluence of the Ash River upstream to Great Central Lake Dam;

Stamp River Bait Ban in effect all year upstream of signs located at Girl Guide Falls approximately 250 metres upstream of the Beaver Creek and Stamp River confluence;

The use of a single barbless hook is mandatory in all streams within Region 1;

All fish foul hooked (i.e. hooked other than in the mouth) must be returned to

the river immediately;

Please note the above restrictions are in addition to any other closed area already in place by regulation;

Any chinook salmon retained measuring in excess of $50\ \mathrm{cm}$ must be recorded on your Non-Tidal Angling Licence.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mike Spence (250) 720-4440 or contact the nearest Fisheries and Oceans Canada office at or visit our website at http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

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