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Revised regulations governing Indian fishing on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation are being published in the Federal Register, July 29, 1982, Interior Assistant Secretary Ken Smith said today.

The regulations, which become effective August 1, ban gillnet fishing during the fall chinook run from 9 a.m. Monday to 5 p.m. Wednesday of each week and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays.

Proposed regulations were published for review and comment June 1. The Federal Register notice includes information on changes recommended and made and those that were not made.

Normally, tribal governments are responsible for regulation of Indian fishing on a reservation. Such tribal regulation has not been possible on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation because not all tribes on the reservation have functioning governments. Consequently, the Department of the Interior issues regulations to protect the fishery resources and to establish procedures for the exercise of the fishing rights of the Indians of the reservation.

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