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FROM: FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE:
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SUBJECT: 2023 Commercial Winter Fishing Season

CA: 148-2023-2

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby **CLOSES** the winter gillnet season in The **John Day Pool** at **NOON on Monday February 13, 2023**. Due to uncertainty in the landings reported for The Dalles Pool, the Fish & Wildlife Committee **rescinds** the scheduled opening for The Dalles Pool 6am Monday Feb 13 to 6pm Tuesday Feb 14, 2023. The following regulations are issued pursuant to Title 32.14 of the Revised Law and Order Code of the Yakama Nation. Authority to enforce these regulations is provided under Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

AREA: John Day Pool CLOSSES

DATES: Noon Monday February 13, 2023.

ALLOWABLE SALES: The allowed sales will be salmon including steelhead, sturgeon, shad, walleye, carp, catfish, bass and yellowperch. All catches (including platform h&l) during an open commercial period with allowable gear may be sold at any time.

AREA: The Dalles Pool opening RESCINDED

DATES: NO OPENING...The fishery may close or be extended on a weekly basis until sturgeon guidelines are met.

AREA: Bonneville Pool will open by separate regulation later in February.

SANCTUARIES: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries in all pools are in effect with one exception: there will be no sanctuary at Spring Creek Hatchery. The full (1/2 mile upstream) sanctuary at the John Day River mouth will remain in effect. All scaffolds remain open. The platform H&L fishery below Bonneville Dam downstream to Beacon Rock is closed.

Fishing in closed waters of the Columbia River is a violation of Section 32.16.05 of the Code.

PLATFORM/ H&L: Sale for Platform/ H&L in all three zone 6 pools will be open 6am Monday February 1 to 6pm March 25, 2023. Sturgeon of legal size from a specific pool may be sold only if caught during open commercial gillnet periods for that pool. Legal size in The Dalles and John Day pools is from 43"- 54" fork length and from 38"- 54" in the Bonneville Pool. Legal size limits apply to all sturgeon retained for subsistence.

GEAR: Commercial fishing may be conducted with gillnets, diver nets, dipnets, set bag nets, or hook and line with bait or lures. All other gear shall be unlawful. As per Chapter 32.18.07 of the Revised Law and Order Code all gear is required to be marked with enrollment number.

RESTRICTIONS: No mesh restrictions will be in effect.

COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE SIZE LIMITS: Pursuant to Title XXXII of the Revised Law and Order Code of the Yakama Nation, it shall be unlawful to retain sturgeon less than 43 inches or larger than 54 inches in Fork Length for any purpose in The Dalles and John Day Pools. It shall be unlawful to contort, or mutilate sturgeon in any way to conform to size limits.

Sturgeon must be delivered to the buyer "in the round"; that is with fins, guts, scutes, and gills intact. This regulation is to provide an opportunity to obtain weight and age information necessary for management. At the point of sale, sturgeon may be "dressed" (fins, guts, scutes, etc. may be removed) even if a sampler is not available to obtain the information. The sale of sturgeon eggs is allowed for legally caught sturgeon after delivery "in the round".

If you have any fishing enforcement problems or need assistance or information, contact the Yakama Tribal Police/Game Wardens; Fisheries Department, or any member of the Fish and Wildlife Committee.

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