



2. **Fish & Wildlife
Committee
FY 2021
OFFICIAL ACTION**

DATE: December 15, 2020

TOPIC: Sturgeon Setline Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize a tribal commercial sturgeon fishery in all of Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 7am January 1 to noon January 31, 2021; according to the attached regulations.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The tribal sturgeon setline fishery normally begins January 1st of each year. At the present time, harvestable numbers of sturgeon are available in Zone 6 of the Columbia River. The setline catch is projected to be fewer than 200 fish. This fishery will provide needed fishing opportunity while also protecting the sturgeon resource. The fishery is approved subject to the attached regulations.

DECISION: APPROVED (X) DISAPPROVED () TABLED ()

VOTE: TOTAL 4 FOR 3 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	Present			
George R Meninick	Secretary				FOR
Jeremy Takala	Member	P	J.T.		FOR
Terry Heemsah Sr.	Member	Present		THH	FOR
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS
PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 12.16.2020
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 052 2021

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2020 YAKAMA NATION COMMERCIAL STURGEON SETLINE FISHERY

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize a commercial setline fishery for white sturgeon in all of Zone 6 of the Columbia River. The following regulations are issued pursuant to Title 32.14 of the Revised Law and Order Code of the Yakama Nation. Authority to enforce this regulation is provided under Section 32.18.07 of the Code. Violations of any of these regulations are punishable under Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

TIMES: 7am Thursday January 1 to noon Sunday January 31, 2021

Fishing during closed periods is a violation of Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

AREA: Setline fishing may be conducted in all of Zone 6, outside standard commercial fishing sanctuaries at hydroelectric dams. Commercial river mouth sanctuaries are not in effect during the sturgeon setline fishery.

Fishing in closed waters of the Columbia River is a violation of Section 32.16.01 of the Code.

GEAR: Commercial sturgeon fishing may be conducted with setlines only. A maximum of 100 hooks allowed per setline; hook size must be 9/0 or larger and circle hooks are encouraged. All other gears are specifically prohibited.

COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE SIZE LIMITS: Pursuant to Section 32.14.05 of the Code, it shall be unlawful to retain sturgeon less than *43 inches or larger than 54 inches* in **Fork Length** for any purpose in the *John Day and The Dalles Pools*; and less than 38 inches or larger than 54 inches in **Fork length** for any purpose in the Bonneville Pool. 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.

PLATFORM/H&L: Platform/h&l caught sturgeon between 43 inches and 54 inches in the John Day and The Dalles Pools and between 38 inches and 54 inches Fork length in Bonneville Pool may be sold during the open setline periods described above.

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