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Memorandum

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From: Fish & Wildlife Committee:
JEREMY TAKALA, Chairman; TERRY HEEMSAH SR, Secretary;
CASEYMAC WALLAHEE, Member; TERRY RAMBLER- GOUDY,
Member

RE: CA165- 2023-2 Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize a commercial setline fishery for white sturgeon in Bonneville and The Dalles Pools. 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.

AREA: Bonneville Pool

DATES: 6am Monday February 27 to 6pm Wednesday March 1, 2023. The fishery may be closed or extended until the sturgeon guidelines are met.

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 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.

AREA: The Dalles Pool

DATES: 6am Monday March 6 to 6pm Thursday March 9, 2023. The fishery may close or be extended on a weekly basis until sturgeon guidelines are met.

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 than 43 inches or larger than 54 inches in fork length for any purpose in the **The Dalles 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.

SANCTUARIES: Commercial river mouth sanctuaries are not in effect during the sturgeon setline fishery. Standard commercial fishing sanctuaries at hydroelectric dams are in effect. There will be no sanctuary at Spring Creek Hatchery

ALLOWABLE SALES: *The allowed sales will be sturgeon only.*

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

PLATFORM/H&L: Platform/h&l caught sturgeon between 43 inches and 54 inches in The Dalles Pool 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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