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Memorandum

Date: September 15, 2026
To: YN FISHERMEN; SUPERINTENDENT; GAME WARDENS; CHIEF OF POLICE
From: Fish & Wildlife Committee:
JOHN WASHINES, Chairman; BRIAN SALUSKIN, Secretary;
TERRY RAMBLER- GOUDY, Member; SHARON GOUDY, Member
RE: CA-602- 2026-2 Additional Fall Commercial Gillnet

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorizes the reduction of the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery to a 150-foot radius around the hatchery ladder and an additional fall commercial gillnet fishery opening in Zone 6 of the Columbia River. The following regulations are issued under Title 32.14 of the Revised Law & Order Code of the Yakama Nation. Authority to enforce these regulations is provided under Section 32.18.07 of the Code. Violations of these regulations are subject to penalties under Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

FISHING AREA: Bonneville Pool of the Columbia River- Reduce the sanctuary around the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery Ladder to a 150-foot radius. All other commercial gillnet fishing regulations remain in effect.

DATES: 6 a.m. Sept. 16 TO 6 p.m. Sept. 18, 2026

FISHING AREA: All of Zone 6 of the Columbia River

DATES: 6 a.m. Sept. 21 TO 6 p.m. Sept. 23

GEAR: Gillnets with 8-inch mesh restriction

To protect sturgeon in Zone 6, fishing with diversnets is prohibited during these fisheries. **Driftnet** fishing will be allowed with nets up to 800 feet in length. All rivermouth and dam sanctuaries are still in effect, and registered gillnet sites must be respected. A permit is no longer required for driftnetting.

SANCTUARIES: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect. The Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery Sanctuary on the Washington side of the river will be reduced to a 150-foot radius around the hatchery ladder. Fishing in closed areas of the Columbia River is a violation of Section 32.16.03 of the Code.

ALLOWABLE SALES: The sale of scaffold, hook & line or gillnet caught salmon, sockeye, coho, steelhead, walleye, yellow perch, catfish, bass, shad, and carp is permitted during these commercial fishing seasons. **No sales of sturgeon will be allowed** during this period, but incidentally caught sturgeon 43 inches to 54 inches in fork length may be kept for subsistence purposes in The Dalles and John Day Pools, and sturgeon 38 inches to 54 inches in fork length may be kept for subsistence purposes in the Bonneville Pool.

SCAFFOLDS/HOOK & LINE: The Platform hook & line will remain open as per T-056-26, which includes opening the fishery below Bonneville Dam on June 16. Commercial sale for the platform Hook and Line fishery remains open. Sunday Closures are still in effect.

Klickitat River: Sales of fish caught in the Klickitat River will be allowed during the above commercial fishing periods. The **Klickitat River is open** on scheduled weekly openings: **6 am Mondays to 6 pm Saturdays.**

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