



**2. Fish and Wildlife Committee
FY 2017
OFFICIAL ACTION**

DATE: February 3, 2017

TOPIC: 2017 Commercial Winter Fishing Season

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt the 2017 Winter Commercial Gillnet Season and Regulations for The Dalles and John Day Pools.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Fish and Wildlife Committee approves the commercial winter gillnet fishery for Zone 6 of the Columbia River according to the regulations on the attached pages. The fishery or specific pools, may be closed by emergency regulation if the sturgeon catch guidelines are met. Regulations for platform/ H&L in Zone 6 for this period are also included on the attached pages. Fishing must be conducted per the regulations on the attached pages.

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

VOTE: TOTAL 3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	Present			
Patrick Luke	Secretary	Absent			
Vivian Babs George	Member	Absent			
Leland Bill	Member	Present	2nd		for
<i>Athena Sanchez</i>	Ex Officio:	present		<i>AS</i>	<i>for</i>

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 02.06.17
CHAIRMAN

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MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2017

TO: FISHERMEN; TDP; WARDENS, CHIEF OF POLICE
SUPERINTENDENT; HOUSING; LAW & JUSTICE

FROM: FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE: GERALD LEWIS, CHAIRMAN; PATRICK LUKE,
SECRETARY; VIVIAN BABS GEORGE, MEMBER; LELAND BILL, MEMBER

SUBJECT: 2017 Commercial Winter Fishing Season

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize a commercial gillnet season on 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 these regulations is provided under Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

AREA: The Dalles Pool

DATES: 6am Wednesday February 1 to 6pm Saturday February 18, 2017. The fishery may closed or be extended until the sturgeon guidelines are met.

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: John Day Pool

DATES: 6am Wednesday February 1 to 6pm Tuesday February 7, 2017. The fishery may close or be extended on a weekly basis until sturgeon guidelines are met.

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: 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 Wednesday February 1 to 6pm March 21, 2017. Sturgeon of legal size for that pool may be sold only if caught during open commercial gillnet periods for that pool. Sturgeon from 43"- 54" fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools 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".

The sturgeon setline season in the Priest Rapids and Wanapum Pools closed 6pm on Thursday January 26, 2017. This fishery may be reopened at a later date after the Zone 6 winter gillnet season closes.

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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FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE
YAKAMA TRIBAL COUNCIL


Gerald Lewis, Chairman