

YAKAMA NATION SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES
Fishing Regulations for 2021
T-064-021

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. Unless otherwise specified, the following provisions shall apply to all waters running through or bordering the Yakama Reservation and at the usual and accustomed fishing areas described in Part II of these regulations.
- B. These provisions apply only to the harvesting of salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon for traditional, non-commercial subsistence use. However, the Fish and Wildlife Committee may, from time to time, authorize commercial fishing periods. Commercial fishing regulations will be issued prior to each commercial fishing period.
- C. It shall be unlawful to:
 - 1. Fish on Sundays.
 - 2. Engage in treaty fishing when fishing rights have been suspended by the Yakama Nation Tribal Court.
 - 3. Engage in treaty fishing without having a valid Yakama Nation Enrollment Card in possession.
 - 4. Place fishing platforms, or to take, injure, molest, or fish for salmon or steelhead within 25 feet of the entrance or exit of any fish ladder, fishway, fish bypass pipes, or fish screens.
 - 5. Construct a fishing platform or actively fish within 25 feet of an existing platform unless the owner of such platform has agreed otherwise.
 - 6. Fish from boats or other floating devices at any place other than the waters of the Columbia River, except by permit from the Fish and Wildlife Committee.
 - 7. Fish for salmon, steelhead, or sturgeon with any fishing gear other than dip nets, hoop nets, setbag nets, or rod and reel with bait or lures. Any other method, **such as snagging fish**, is expressly prohibited.
 - 8. Fish with more than two fishing gears at one time unless specifically authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Committee.
 - 9. Fail to attend fishing gear or care for the catch in a reasonable manner so as to avoid spoilage of fish caught.
 - 10. Engage in subsistence fishing except during such seasons as prescribed below, provided the Fish and Wildlife Committee has given 48-hour notice of any emergency closure or modification of such seasons.

D. Special provisions for the Columbia River:

1. It shall be unlawful to fish in waters of the Columbia River closed to subsistence fishing under the Revised Law and Order Code of 2017, Section 32.16.03, except as may be modified by the Fish and Wildlife Committee.
2. It shall be unlawful to fish with hoops exceeding 26 feet in circumference.
3. It shall be unlawful to set in position more than three nets on any one platform at any one time.
4. It shall be unlawful to place Fishing Pole Holders closer than 10 feet except with permission, and ALL Pole Holders must be removed daily with NO Spot Saving for H&L Gear.
5. It shall be unlawful to retain sturgeon less than 38 inches or greater than 54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool, and less than 43 inches or greater than 54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools.
6. Fishing with hoop nets suspended from buoys, commonly referred to as “buoy sets” on the Columbia River will be allowed for up to 3 hoopnets per buoy set on the Columbia River outside of standard gillnet sanctuaries at river mouths and standard platform sanctuaries at Dams.
7. It shall be unlawful to fish buoy sets within 50 feet of existing hoopnet or setbag net gear or within 400 feet of gillnets without permission.
8. It shall be unlawful to fish buoy sets outside of the Columbia River.

II. SPECIFIC ANNUAL PROVISIONS

A. Yakama River

1. Fishing is allowed from the **BNRR Bridge 500 feet below Roza Dam** downstream to **one mile below Horn Rapids Dam**, **except fishing is closed from the Yakima Ave, Terrace Heights Bridge upstream to a marker 400 feet.**
2. Subsistence fishing will be allowed according to the following schedule:
 - a. Fishing is allowed from **Noon Wednesday to 6 PM Saturday** each week from **April 07 to June 26.**
 - b. **AND** fishing is allowed from **6 AM Wednesday to 6 PM Saturday** each week from **September 1 to November 27.**
3. At times of the year other than the spring and fall seasons, Subsistence fishing in the Yakama River where it borders the Yakama Reservation, using dipnets setbag nets and hook and line, will be allowed year around, **except for Sunday closures.**

4. Satus Creek and its tributaries, Toppenish Creek and its tributaries, and Ahtanum Creek and its tributaries are closed for salmon and steelhead fishing. However, fishing for trout is allowed above known barrier falls (Satus Falls, Dry Creek Falls, and Logy Falls), and additionally, fishing for trout between 9 inches and 20 inches is allowed from June 1 to November 30. Fishing for bull trout is not allowed anytime.
5. Fishing for sockeye is not allowed anytime.

B. Klickitat River

1. Fishing in the Klickitat River is allowed from the confluence of the Big Muddy Creek with the Klickitat River downstream to the river mouth, except fishing is not allowed inside the posted signs for the Klickitat Hatchery.
2. Subsistence fishing in the Klickitat River fishing area will be allowed according to the following schedule:
 - a. Fishing is allowed from **Noon Wednesday to 6 PM Saturday** each week from **April 7 to May 29**.
 - b. Subsistence fishing will resume on a weekly schedule of **Noon Wednesday to 6 PM Saturday** not later than **June 30** or sooner if, in the opinion of the Fish and Wildlife Committee, the spring Chinook escapement to Klickitat Hatchery is assured. Subsistence fishing will continue on the same weekly schedule through **December 25**.
 - c. The Fish and Wildlife Committee may, from time to time, authorize the commercial sale of salmon and steelhead taken in the Klickitat River.
3. Sturgeon between 38 inches and 54 inches in fork length may be retained for subsistence.

C. Icicle River

1. Fishing in the Icicle River is allowed where it borders the property of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife National Fish Hatchery at Leavenworth.
2. Due to low expected returns to Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, subsistence fishing, both hook and line and dipnet, will not be set for 2021.
 - a. Subsistence fishing opportunity will be assessed throughout the season and a fishery may be scheduled if, in the opinion of the Fish and Wildlife Committee, there are Spring Chinook surplus to production needs.
 - b. Additionally, fishing may be allowed in late September to early December, if, in the opinion of the Fish and Wildlife Committee, there are enough Coho surplus to production needs.

3. Special Gear Restriction for the Icicle River: Legal fishing gears for salmon and steelhead are dipnets, setbag nets, or rod and reel with bait or lures having single hooks only. **Double or treble hooks are prohibited. Any other fishing methods, such as snagging of fish, are unlawful.**
4. The Fish and Wildlife Committee may, from time to time, authorize the commercial sale of salmon and steelhead taken in the Icicle River.

D. Wind River

1. Fishing in the Lower Wind River Area is allowed from the bubble area at the river mouth to a marker 100 feet downstream of Shipperd Falls. Fishing in the Upper Wind River Area is allowed from 200 feet above Shipperd Falls upstream to a marker **25** feet below the outlet stream for Carson National Fish Hatchery.
2. Due to low expected returns to Carson National Fish Hatchery, subsistence fishing, including dipnets, setbag nets or hook and line, **will not be set for 2021.**
 - a. Subsistence fishing opportunity will be assessed throughout the season and a fishery may be scheduled if, in the opinion of the Fish and Wildlife Committee there are Spring Chinook surplus to production needs.
 - b. The Fish and Wildlife Committee may, from time to time, authorize the commercial sale of salmon and steelhead taken in the Wind River.
3. Sturgeon between 38 inches and 54 inches in fork length may be retained for subsistence.

E. Ringold Ponds

Currently there is no spring chinook production at Ringold Fish Hatchery. Therefore season regulations are not adopted at this time. However, there is consideration of restarting the spring chinook program at this site and fishing opportunities may be available in the future.

F. Little White Salmon River (Drano Lake)

Due to low expected returns to Carson and Little White National Fish Hatcheries, subsistence fishing will not be set for 2021.

1. Subsistence fishing opportunity will be assessed throughout the season and a fishery may be scheduled if, in the opinion of the Fish and Wildlife Committee, there are Spring Chinook surplus to production needs.
2. Additionally, fishing may be allowed in October, if, in the opinion of the Fish and Wildlife Committee, there are enough fall chinook surplus to production needs.

3. The Fish and Wildlife Committee may, from time to time, authorize the commercial sale of salmon and steelhead taken in the Little White Salmon River.
4. A Yakama Nation Parking Pass is required to be displayed during treaty fishing in Drano Lake.
5. Sturgeon between 38 inches and 54 inches in fork length may be retained for subsistence.

G. White Salmon River

Due to the removal of Condit Dam and the resulting changes and instability in movement of sediment and the unknown short-term effects on fish populations, season regulations are not adopted at this time.

H. Willamette River

The Fish and Wildlife Committee will evaluate fishing opportunities at usual and accustomed fishing places on the Willamette River, and season regulations may be adopted as the season progresses.

I. Wenatchee River

1. Fishing is allowed in the waters of the Wenatchee River within one-mile of Dryden Dam, except fishing is not allowed within 25-feet of the entrance of any fishway.
2. Subsistence fishing in the Wenatchee River fishing area is allowed from **6 AM Tuesday to 6 PM Saturday, weekly from July 6 to August 21.**
3. Special Gear Restriction for the Wenatchee River: Legal fishing gears for salmon and steelhead are dipnets, setbag nets, or rod and reel with bait or lures having single hooks only. **Double or treble hooks are prohibited. Any other fishing methods, such as snagging of fish, are unlawful.**
4. The Fish and Wildlife Committee may, from time to time, authorize the commercial sale of salmon and steelhead taken in the Wenatchee River.

J. Columbia River

1. Subsistence fishing is allowed year around, **except for Sunday closures**, in the waters of the Columbia River. However, the Fish and Wildlife Committee may, from time to time, authorize the commercial sale of fish taken with the subsistence gears in Part I, sections C and D of the Columbia River.
2. It shall be lawful to fish with up to six fishing rods until June 15, 2021. On June 16 the standard subsistence limit of two rods per person takes effect.
3. Due to possible high catch rates, **fishing will be closed through June 15** in the Yakama Nation fishery from the banks of the Columbia River in the area bounded by a deadline marker on the Oregon bank (approximately four miles downstream from Bonneville Dam

Powerhouse No. 1) in a straight line through the western tip of Pierce Island, to a deadline marker on the Washington bank at Beacon Rock up the river to a point 600 feet below the Bonneville dam, but excluding the following four areas: (1) between markers located 150 feet upstream and 450 feet downstream from the mouth of Tanner Creek out to the center of the Columbia River, during the period August 16 to October 15; (2) Inside the south navigation lock at the Bonneville Dam from a marker on the westernmost point of Robins Island to a marker on the Oregon mainland shore; (3) From Bradford Island below Bonneville Dam from the south shore between the dam and a line perpendicular to the shoreline marker at west end of riprap and from north shore between fishway entrance and a line perpendicular to the shoreline marker 850 feet downstream; and (4) From Robins Island below Bonneville Dam downstream to a line perpendicular to the shoreline marker on mooring cell. Hamilton Creek is not included as an open area.

4. In the geographical area specified in J.3., fishing opportunities will be reevaluated and may open before June 16 if, in the opinion of the Fish and Wildlife Committee, enough fish are available.
5. Additionally, in the geographical area specified in J.3., fishing with dip nets or setbag nets from Platforms and ONE rod per person is allowed from 5 AM to 10 PM daily from June 16 through October 31, except Sunday closures remain in effect.