



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

DATE: August 5, 2021

TOPIC: 2021 Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Open the fall commercial gillnet season in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6 AM August 23 to 6 PM August 26 and 6 AM August 30 to 6 PM September 2, 2021.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Fish and Wildlife Committee authorize the first two (2) gillnet openings in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6 AM Monday August 23 to 6 PM Thursday August 26 and 6 AM Monday August 30 to 6 PM Thursday September 2, 2021. See the attached regulations pursuant to Title 32.14 of the Revised Law and Order Code of the Yakima Nation. Authority to enforce these regulations 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.

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	Member	P			For GM
Jeremy Takala	Member	Present		J.T.	FOR
Terry Heemsah Sr.	Member	Present	TLH		For
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 08.12.2021
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 367 2021-

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August 5, 2021

TO: YN FISHERMEN; FRMP; HOUSING; SUPERINTENDENT; GAME WARDENS;
CHIEF OF POLICE; LAW & JUSTICE; LITIGATION ATTORNEY; IN-HOUSE
COUNSEL

FROM: FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE
GERALD LEWIS, CHAIRMAN; GEORGE R MENINICK,
SECRETARY; JEREMY TAKALA, MEMBER; TERRY
HEEMSAH SR, MEMBER

SUBJECT: 2021 Fall Commercial Gillnet Season

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorize the first two (2) 2021 Commercial Fall Gillnet Fishing Openings. The following regulations are issued pursuant to 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 any of these regulations are punishable under Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

FISHING AREA: All of Zone 6 of the Columbia River

DATES: 6 AM August 23 TO: 6 PM August 26
6 AM August 30 TO: 6 PM September 2

GEAR: 8-inch Minimum Mesh Restriction.

To provide protection for sturgeon in Zone 6, fishing with divernets 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: Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect.

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: All scaffolds/hook & line will remain 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 of **Noon Wednesdays to 6 PM Saturdays**.

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COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 11, 2021

The following action was taken:

<i>2021 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>	
Seasons:	6:00 AM Monday August 23 through 6:00 PM Thursday August 26 (3.5 days) 6:00 AM Monday August 30 through 6:00 PM Thursday September 2 (3.5 days)
Area:	Zone 6
Gear:	Set and Drift Gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.
Sanctuaries:	Standard sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear. The standard Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary is in place.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2:30 PM Wednesday September 1, 2021 to consider additional treaty Indian commercial gillnet fisheries.