



2. Fish & Wildlife Committee FY 2017 OFFICIAL ACTION

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DATE: March 30, 2017

TOPIC: Sturgeon Setline Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Open Sturgeon Setline Fishery in Priest Rapids and Wanapum Pools

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: At the present time harvestable sturgeon continue to be available in the Priest Rapids and Wanapum Pools (reservoirs) of the Columbia River. Setline fisheries will provide needed fishing opportunity while also protecting the sturgeon resource. Therefore, the F&W Committee authorizes a commercial sturgeon setline fishery in Priest Rapids and Wanapum Pools from 6 a.m. April 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 6, 2017. Regulations (see attached) are 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.

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			
Leland Bill	Secretary	Present			For
Vivian Babs George	Member	Present		YBG	for 03/31/17
Edwin Lewis	Member	P	EO		For
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 03.31.17
CHAIRMAN

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2017 YAKAMA NATION COMMERCIAL STURGEON SETLINE FISHERY

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize a commercial fishery for white sturgeon in the Priest Rapids and Wanapum Pools of 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 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.

TIMES: 6 a.m. Monday, April 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 6, 2017

Fisheries may close sooner if the sturgeon quota is reached sooner.

Fishing during closed periods is a violation of Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

AREA: Setline fishing may be conducted in Priest Rapids Pool from one-half mile upstream of Priest Rapids Dam to the Boat Restricted Zone markers below Wanapum Dam, and in Wanapum Pool from one-half mile upstream of Wanapum Dam to Boat Restricted Zone markers below Rock Island Dam.

Fishing in closed waters of the Columbia River is a violation of Section 32.16.01 of the Code.

GEAR: Commercial sturgeon fishing may be conducted with setlines only. Hook size must be 9/0 or larger and circle hooks are encouraged over J-hooks. All other gears are specifically prohibited. Setlines are restricted to no more than 100 hooks per line.

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 72 inches in Fork length for any purpose in the Priest Rapids and Wanapum 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.

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