



**2. Fish and Wildlife
Committee
FY 2015
OFFICIAL ACTION**

DATE: June 10, 2015

TOPIC: 2015 Summer Chinook Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Open summer commercial gillnet openings in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6 a.m. June 16 to 6 p.m. June 19, from 6 a.m. June 22 to 6 p.m. June 25, and from June 29 to July 2, 2015.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Fish and Wildlife Committee authorize summer commercial gillnet openings in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from **6 a.m. June 16 to 6 p.m. June 19, from 6 a.m. June 22 to 6 p.m. June 25, and June 29 to July 2, 2015.** 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 3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Sam Jim, Sr.	Chairman	Absent			
Gerald Lewis	Secretary	Present			
Delano Saluskin	Member	P		DS	FOR
Patrick Luke	Member	Present	PL		for
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION:

Gerald Lewis 06.10.15
CHAIRMAN

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

FROM: FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE
SAM JIM, SR, CHAIRMAN; GERALD LEWIS, SECRETARY;
DELANO SALUSKIN, MEMBER; PATRICK LUKE, MEMBER

SUBJECT: Summer Commercial Gillnet Season Openings

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorized the first three 2015 Commercial Summer Gillnet 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 a.m. June 16 TO 6 p.m. June 19,
6 a.m. June 22 TO 6 p.m. June 25, AND
6 a.m. June 29 TO 6 p.m. July 2

GEAR: 7-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 1,200 feet in length, 7-inch Minimum Mesh. 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 except for the sanctuary at the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery (NFH) on the Washington side of the river. **There will be no sanctuary in effect at Spring Creek NFH.**

Fishing in closed areas of the Columbia River is a violation of Section 32.16.03 of the Code.

ALLOWABLE SALES: The sale of platform, hook & line or gillnet caught fish is permitted during this commercial fishing season. Salmon, sockeye, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes.

SCAFFOLDS/HOOK & LINE: The platform/hook & line will remain open as per T-055-15, which includes opening the YN fishery below Bonneville Dam on June 16. Commercial sale for the platform/h&l fishery and previously approved Yakama Nation Tributaries remains open. Fish caught legally below Bonneville Dam may not be sold on USACE Property, but may be transported off USACE Property for sale. Sturgeon may not be kept for any purpose below Bonneville Dam.

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