



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

DATE: June 14, 2017

TOPIC: 2017 Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Open summer gillnet fisheries in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6 a.m. June 19 to 6 p.m. June 22 and from 6 a.m. June 26 to 6 p.m. June 29, 2017.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Fish and Wildlife Committee authorizes the first two summer commercial gillnet openings in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6 a.m. June 19 to 6 p.m. June 22 and from 6 a.m. June 26 to 6 p.m. June 29, 2017. Regulations (see attached) are 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. 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	LHB		For
Vivian Babs George	Member	Present			For
Edwin Lewis	Member	Present		Ed	For
	Ex Officio:				

**OTHERS
PRESENT:** _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 06.15.17

CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 227 2017

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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; LELAND BILL, SECRETARY;
VIVIAN BABS GEORGE, MEMBER; EDWIN LEWIS, MEMBER

SUBJECT: Open Summer Commercial Gillnet Seasons

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorizes the first two (2) 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 19 TO 6 p.m. June 22
6 a.m. June 26 TO 6 p.m. June 29

GEAR: 7-inch Minimum Mesh Restriction during both openings

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: 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 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: The Platform hook & line will remain open as per T061-17; which includes opening the YN fishery below Bonneville Dam on June 16. Commercial sale for the platform hook and line fishery and approved Yakama Nation tributaries remains open. Sunday Closures are still in effect.

Wind River and Klickitat River: Sales of fish caught in the Wind and Klickitat Rivers after 6 a.m. Friday June 16, 2017 will be allowed during the above commercial fishing periods.

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