



**2. Fish and Wildlife  
Committee  
FY 2019  
OFFICIAL ACTION**

**(XXX) FISH      ( ) WILDLIFE**

**DATE:** February 5, 2019

**TOPIC:** 2019 Smelt

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Authorize Smelt Fishing by Permit for 2019.

**FORMAL ACTION TAKEN:** Smelt returns to the Columbia Basin have been good in recent years; however a reduced Smelt return is expected in the Cowlitz River in 2019. Therefore, the Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize Smelt fishing in the Cowlitz River through March 2019 according to the regulations on the attached permit. Regulations are pursuant to Title XXXII of the Revised Law & Order Code of the Yakama Nation. Authority to enforce these regulations is provided under Section 32.18.05 of the Code. Violations of any of these regulations are punishable under Section 32.18.05 of the Code.

**DECISION:** APPROVED  DISAPPROVED ( ) TABLED ( )

**VOTE:** TOTAL 3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	Present			
Leland Bill	Secretary	Travel			
George R. Meninick	Member	P	GM		FOR
Frances George	Member	Present		F.S.	FOR
	Ex Officio:				

**OTHERS PRESENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION:** Gerald Lewis 02.06.19  
CHAIRMAN

**COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ 096-2019-2

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**2019 COWLITZ RIVER  
SMELT  
FISHING PERMIT**

**FISHER AND ENROLLMENT NUMBER:**

Contact Info/Phone Number:

**NAMES AND ENROLLMENT NUMBERS OF AUTHORIZED HELPERS:**

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Pursuant to authorization by T-90-66 and the revised Law and Order Code, the Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorizes the enrolled members listed above to collect Smelt (Eulachon) in the Cowlitz River subject to the following regulations.

**TIME:** Daily except for Sunday Closures, through March 2019

**AREA:** Fishing may be conducted in the Cowlitz River.

**GEAR:** Smelt may be collected using handheld, small-mesh dipnets fished from the shore. Gear must be attended at all times. Any other methods are prohibited.

**USE OF CATCH:** Only smelt may be collected during this fishery and may be *used for ceremonial or subsistence purposes only.*

**ALLOCATION:** No per person bag limit.

**CATCH REPORTING:** Catch will be reported to the tribal fisheries office by the following Friday. You may also call or text Asst. Harvest Coordinator Megan Begay at 509-945-4394 to report your harvest.

**OTHER CONDITIONS:** Participants in this fishery shall have in their possession a Yakama tribal enrollment card.

**NOTIFICATIONS:** The Head Fisher must provide a minimum 12-hour advance notice of fishing to specific staff at Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Notice will include of date, time and location of fishing. Notice can be given by contacting Sgt. Patrick Anderson at 360-580-8293; Patrick.Anderson@dfw.wa.gov, or Laura Heironimus at 360-906-6716 (o), Laura.Heironimus@dfw.wa.gov.

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Gerald Lewis, Chair, Fish and Wildlife Committee  
Yakama Nation Tribal Council