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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

SAM JIM SR, CHAIRMAN; GERALD LEWIS, SECRETARY;

DELANO SALUSKIN, MEMBER; PATRICK LUKE, MEMBER

**SUBJECT:** Fall Commercial Gillnet Season

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorized the first four (4) 2015 Commercial Fall Gillnet Fishing Seasons. 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. August 17 TO 6 p.m. August 21**

 **6 a.m. August 24 TO 6 p.m. August 28**

 **6 a.m. August 31 TO 6 p.m. September 5**

 **6 a.m. September 8 TO 6 p.m. September 12**

GEAR: **8-inch Minimum Mesh Restriction during all four 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 1,200 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: For all three fishing periods standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect including the standard sanctuary **(0.5 mile upstream and 1.5 miles downstream)** at the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery (NFH) on the Washington side of the river.

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 these periods, 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 a **modified** weekly opening of **6 AM Monday** to 6 PM Saturdays during the weeks of August 17, August 24, and August 31, 2015. Additionally, the Klickitat River will be open from **6 AM Tuesday** to 6 PM Saturday during the week of September 8, 2015.

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