



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

(XXX) FISH () WILDLIFE () LAW & ORDER

DATE: January 28, 2015

TOPIC: 2015 Smelt

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize Smelt Fishing by Permit for 2015.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: Smelt returns to the Columbia Basin have been very low for several years; however an improved Smelt return is expected in the Cowlitz River in 2015. Therefore, the Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize Smelt fishing in the Cowlitz River through March 2015 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 (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/Medical			
Gerald Lewis	Secretary	Present			
Delano Saluskin	Member	P		DS	FOR
Warren Spencer, Jr.	Member	P	WS		FOR
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 01.28.15

CHAIRMAN

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**2015 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 2015

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.

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. Weaver at 360/520-9060, or Brad James at 360/906-6716.

Sam Jim, Sr., Chair, Fish and Wildlife Committee
Yakama Nation Tribal Council