



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

DATE: May 05, 2015

TOPIC: 2015 Spring Chinook Fishery

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Open a commercial gillnet fishery in all of Zone 6 from 6 a.m. May 12 to 6 p.m. May 15, 2015.

**FORMAL ACTION TAKEN:** The Fish and Wildlife Committee authorize a commercial gillnet fishery in all of Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6 a.m. May 12 to 6 p.m. May 15, 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	WS		3a
Delano Saluskin	Member	Absent			
Warren Spencer, Jr.	Member	Present	WS		3a
<i>Athena Sanchez</i> Office:		Present		WS	3a

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

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 05.05.15  
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 142 2015

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May 5, 2015

**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; WARREN SPENCER, JR, MEMBER

**SUBJECT:** Spring Commercial Gillnet Season

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorized the first 2015 Commercial Spring Gillnet Fishing Season. 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. May 12 TO 6 p.m. May 15

**GEAR:** No 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. 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. Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, and carp may be sold during the above season. No sales of sturgeon will be allowed during this period, but incidentally caught sturgeon 38-inches and 54-inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool, and 43-inches to 54-inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.

**SCAFFOLDS/HOOK & LINE:** Platform/hook & line will remain open. The fishery below Bonneville Dam will remain closed as per T-055-15. Commercial sale for the platform/h&l fishery and the WA-side Zone 6 Tributaries previously authorized remain open on their regular weekly scheduled openings.

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