



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

DATE: December 10, 2014

TOPIC: 2014 and 2015 Yakima River Sport Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Modify the Public Sport Fishery on the Yakima River.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Yakima River forms the northeastern boundary for the Yakama Reservation, including both banks of the river. The current Yakama Nation Public Sport Fishery for Bass, Mountain Whitefish, and other Game fish are currently open year around. Issues with Public members targeting Steelhead while fishing for these species have been reported in the Satus Bar Area that is detrimental to the Steelhead run. Therefore, the Fish and Wildlife/Law and Order Committee amend the 2014 and 2015 Public Sport Fishing Regulations for the Yakama Reservation on the Yakima River according to the attached regulations. This regulation is pursuant to Title 32.14 of the Revised Code of the Yakama Nation.

DECISION: APPROVED () DISAPPROVED () TABLED ()

VOTE: TOTAL 3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Sam Jim, Sr.	Chairman	Absent/Sick			
Gerald Lewis	Secretary	Present			
Delano Saluskin	Member	Absent			
Warren Spencer, Jr.	Member	P		WS	For
Athena Sarsky	Ex Officio:	present	AS		for

OTHERS
PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 12.15.14
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 044 2015-

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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, CHAIR; GERALD LEWIS, SECRETARY;
DELANO SALUSKIN, MEMBER; WARREN SPENCER, JR, MEMBER

SUBJECT: Close Yakima River Public Sport Season

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee has amended the 2014 and 2015 Public Sport Fishing Regulations to close Public Sport fishing on the Yakima River where it forms the border of the Yakama Reservation.

FISHING AREA: The Yakima River, including the both banks and from islands or from boats, from the confluence of Ahtanum Creek downstream to the NE Reservation Boundary in the Yakima River.

RESTRICTION: Close Public Sport Fishing for All Species.

DATES: **Through May 2, 2015**

GEAR: All sport fishing gears.

REASON: To provide protection for Steelhead/Salmonids from Illegal retention and hooking mortality.

FISHING by YN MEMBERS: Nothing in this regulation applies to fishing by YN Members.