

September 14, 2016

TO: YN FISHERMEN; FRMP; HOUSING; SUPERINTENDENT; GAME WARDENS;
CHIEF OF POLICE; LAW & JUSTICE; LITIGATION ATTORNEY; IN-HOUSE
COUNSEL

FROM: FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE
GERALD LEWIS, CHAIRMAN; PATRICK LUKE, SECRETARY;
VIVIAN BABS GEORGE, MEMBER; LELAND BILL, MEMBER

SUBJECT: Fall Commercial Gillnet Season

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorize fifth 2016 Commercial Fall Gillnet Fishing Opening. 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. September 19 TO 6 p.m. September 23

GEAR: 8-inch Minimum 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: Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect. The Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery (NFH) sanctuary on the Washington side of the river will be reduced to a 150 radius around the hatchery ladder.

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 this period, 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 week of September 19 to September 23, 2016.

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**2. Fish and Wildlife
Committee
FY 2016
OFFICIAL ACTION**

DATE: September 14, 2016

TOPIC: 2016 Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Extend the fall commercial gillnet season in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6am September 19 to 6 pm September 23, 2016.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Fish and Wildlife Committee authorize an additional fall commercial gillnet opening in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6am Monday September 19 to 6pm Friday September 23, 2016. See the attached regulations pursuant to Title 32.14 of the Revised Law and Order Code of the Yakima 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
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	Present			
Patrick Luke	Secretary				
Vivian Babs George	Member				
Leland Bill	Member	Present	LHB		for
Athena Sanchez	Ex Officio:	present		AS	for

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 09.15.16
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 310 2016-