



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

DATE: August 9, 2016

TOPIC: 2016 Fall Chinook Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Open a commercial gillnet fishery in Zone 6 from 6 a.m. August 22 to 6 p.m. August 26; 6 a.m. August 29 to 6 p.m. September 2; 6 a.m. September 5 to 6 p.m. September 9; and 6 a.m. September 12 to 6 p.m. September 16, 2016.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Fish and Wildlife Committee authorize the first four (4) 2016 fall commercial gillnet fishing periods in Zone 6 of the Columbia River during the dates listed above. Salmon, sockeye, coho steelhead, walleye, yellow perch, catfish, bass, shad, and carp caught with subsistence gears in Zone 6 and in the Klickitat River will also be open for commercial sales during these periods during their modified weekly scheduled openings. **No Sale of Sturgeon is allowed.** 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
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	Present			
Patrick Luke	Secretary	Present	PL		For
Vivian Babs George	Member	Absent			
Leland Bill	Member	Absent			
<i>Wena Sanchez</i>	Ex Officio:	Present		AJ	For

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 08.09.16
CHAIRMAN

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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: GERALD LEWIS, CHAIRMAN; PATRICK LUKE,
SECRETARY; VIVIAN BABS GEORGE, MEMBER; LELAND BILL, MEMBER

SUBJECT: Fall Commercial Gillnet Season

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorized the first four (4) 2016 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 22	TO 6 p.m. August 26
6 a.m. August 29	TO 6 p.m. September 2
6 a.m. September 5	TO 6 p.m. September 9
6 a.m. September 12	TO 6 p.m. September 16

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 22, August 29, September 5, and September 12, 2016.

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