



**2. Fish & Wildlife
Committee
FY 2018
OFFICIAL ACTION**

DATE: May 29, 2018
TOPIC: 2018 Spring Fishery
ACTION REQUESTED: Close the Platform/H&L Fishery.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Columbia Upriver Spring Chinook run has been downgraded to 116,500 at the mouth of the Columbia River. The allowable treaty harvest rate according to the Management Agreement in US v OR is 8.3%, which is projected to be exceeded as of May 31, 2018. Therefore, the Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby close the Platform/H&L Fishery in the Columbia River at 6 p.m. Thursday May 31, 2018. This closure will remain in effect through 6:00 a.m. June 16, 2018, or until enough Spring Chinook are available for tribal harvest to not exceed the allowed harvest rate. This closure is 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. This closure **DOES NOT** include any of the Yakama Nation tributary fisheries. YN Fisheries in the Wind River and Drano Lake will continue on their regular weekly schedules. All other regulations in T-084-18 will remain unchanged.

DECISION: APPROVED (X) DISAPPROVED () TABLED ()

VOTE: TOTAL 4 FOR 3 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	Present			
Leland Bill	Secretary	P		LHB	For
George R. Meninick	Member	P	Gm		For
Francis George	Member	P			For
	Ex Officio:				

**OTHERS
PRESENT:** _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 05.29.18
CHAIRMAN

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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 29, 2018

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; LELAND BILL, SECRETARY;
GEORGE R. MENINICK, MEMBER; FRANCIS GEORGE, MEMBER

Subject: Spring Platform/H&L Fishery Closure

The F&W Committee has reviewed the 2018 Spring Chinook Management. The *US v OR* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) downgraded the Spring/Snake River Summer Chinook run size to 116,500 at the Columbia River mouth.

The Columbia River Treaty Tribes have an allowable treaty harvest rate of 8.3% on a run of this size according to the *US v OR* Management Agreement. This would give a treaty harvest guideline of 9,670 Spring Chinook.

Through May 26, the total tribal Spring Chinook landings are projected at 9,066, and the harvest rate guideline is projected to be exceeded by May 31, 2018, although YN regulations require 48-hour notice for emergency closures. See Table 1 below.

Spring/Snake Summer Chinook run size	*116,500
Allowable Treaty Harvest Guideline	** (8.3%) 9,670
Ceremonial Permits	4,786
Platform/H&L (projected 5/31)	5,000
Total	9,786
Overage	-117

* TAC update.

** From Management Agreement in *US v OR*.

Therefore, the Fish and Wildlife Committee closes the Platform/H&L Fishery in all of Zone 6 of the Columbia River at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 31 through 6 a.m. Saturday, June 16, 2018, or until enough Spring Chinook are available for treaty harvest to not exceed the harvest guideline. This Closure DOES NOT include any of the Yakama Nation Spring Tributary Fisheries. YN Fisheries in the Wind River and Drano Lake will continue on their regular weekly schedules. All other regulations in T-084-18 will remain unchanged.

Please contact YN Fisheries Staff, Steve Parker or Roger Dick, Jr., for questions at 509/865-5121, extensions 6342 or 6341.