



**2. Fish and Wildlife
Committee
FY 2021
OFFICIAL ACTION**

(XXX) FISH () WILDLIFE

DATE: January 12, 2021

TOPIC: 2021 Smelt

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize Smelt Fishing by Permit for 2021.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: Smelt return is expected to be moderate and similar to last year in the Cowlitz River in 2021. Therefore, the Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize Smelt fishing in the Cowlitz River through March 2021 according to the regulations on the attached permit. Regulations are 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.

DECISION: APPROVED DISAPPROVED () TABLED ()

VOTE: TOTAL 4 FOR 3 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	Present			
George R. Meninick	Secretary	P	GM		For
Jeremy Takala	Member	Present			For J.T.
Terry Heemsah Sr.	Member	Present		T.H.	For
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION Gerald Lewis 01.13.21
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 074 2021-

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**2021 COWLITZ RIVER
SMELT
FISHING PERMIT**

FISHER AND ENROLLMENT NUMBER: _____

Contact Info/Phone Number: _____

NAMES AND ENROLLMENT NUMBERS OF AUTHORIZED HELPERS:

Pursuant to authorization by T-90-66 and the revised Law and Order Code, the Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorizes the enrolled members listed above to collect Smelt (Eulachon) in the Cowlitz River subject to the following regulations.

TIME: Daily except for Sunday Closures, through March 2021

AREA: Fishing may be conducted in the Cowlitz River.

GEAR: Smelt may be collected using handheld, small-mesh dipnets fished from the shore. Gear must be attended at all times. Any other methods are prohibited.

USE OF CATCH: Only smelt may be collected during this fishery and may be *used for ceremonial or subsistence purposes only.*

ALLOCATION: No per person bag limit.

CATCH REPORTING: Catch will be reported to the tribal fisheries office by the following Friday. You may also call or text Asst. Harvest Coordinator Megan Begay at 509-945-4394 to report your harvest.

OTHER CONDITIONS: Participants in this fishery shall have in their possession a Yakama tribal enrollment card.

NOTIFICATIONS: The Head Fisher must provide a minimum 12-hour advance notice of fishing to specific staff at Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Notice will include of date, time and location of fishing. Notice can be given by contacting Sgt. Patrick Anderson at 360-580-8293; Patrick.Anderson@dfw.wa.gov, or Laura Heironimus at 360-906-6716 (o), Laura.Heironimus@dfw.wa.gov.

Gerald Lewis, Chair, Fish and Wildlife Committee
Yakama Nation Tribal Council