



2. Fish and Wildlife
Committee
FY 2021
OFFICIAL ACTION

DATE: June 23, 2021
 TOPIC: 2021 Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery
 ACTION REQUESTED: Extend the summer gillnet fishery.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Fish and Wildlife Committee authorizes extension of the summer commercial gillnet fishery in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6 a.m. June 28 to 6 p.m. July 1 and 6 a.m. July 5 to 6 p.m. July 8, 2021. Regulations (see attached) are pursuant to Title 32.14 of the Revised Law and 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 () DISAPPROVED () TABLED ()

VOTE: TOTAL 3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Name		Committee Action			Vote
		Present	Absent	Support	
Gerald Lewis	Chairman				
George R Meninick	Secretary	P			
Jeremy Takala	Member	Present		J.T.	FOR
Terry Heemsah Sr.	Member	Absent	T.L.H.		FOR
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: George R Meninick
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 308 2021- 2

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Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee
of the Columbia River

Washington State
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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; GEORGE R MENINICK, SECRETARY; JEREMY TAKALA, MEMBER; TERRY HEEMSAH SR., MEMBER
SUBJECT: Extend 2021 Summer Commercial Gillnet Season

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorizes extending the 2021 Commercial Summer Gillnet Fishery. 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. June 28 TO 6 p.m. July 1
6 a.m. July 5 TO 6 p.m. July 8
GEAR: Gillnets with a 7-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 800 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: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect except for the sanctuary at the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery (NFH) on the Washington side of the river. There will be no sanctuary in effect at Spring Creek NFH.

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: The Platform hook & line will remain open as per T-064-21. Commercial sale for the platform Hook and line fishery remains open. Sunday Closures are still in effect.

Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River: Sales of fish caught in the Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River after 9 pm Tuesday June 8, 2021 will be allowed during the above commercial fishing periods.

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines: It is recommended to adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols intended to prevent the spread of COVID -19 and avoid possible restriction or closure of fisheries. Consider getting vaccinated to protect yourself and the tribal fishing community. Call 541-386-6380 to schedule your free vaccination in Zone 6, or call YN IHS to get it before heading to the river.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS FOR SAFETY