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**TO:** FISHERMEN; TDP; WARDENS, CHIEF OF  
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**FROM:** FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE:  
JEREMY TAKALA, CHAIRMAN;  
CASEYMAC WALLAHEE, SECRETARY; TERRY  
RAMBLER-GOUDY, MEMBER; TERRY HEEMSAH SR.,  
MEMBER

**SUBJECT: Update Smelt Fishing Permits for 2025**

**CA: 304-2025-2**

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The 2025 smelt return has been delayed entering the Cowlitz River, but has been strong in the Lewis River. Therefore, The Fish & Wildlife Committee authorize smelt fishing by permit in the Lewis and Cowlitz Rivers and extend the fishing opportunity through 11pm Saturday April 5, 2025. WDFW has cautioned that coho and chinook smolts are being released in both rivers starting April 1. Fishers are encouraged to check their catch for any salmon smolts and release them immediately. All other smelt permit regulations remain unchanged. Regulations 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.