



# 2026 COWLITZ RIVER SMELT FISHING PERMIT

RE: CA: 205-2026-2

**FISHER:**

**ENROLLMENT NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact 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 from February 1, through March 28, 2026

**ABEA:** 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 to at all times. Any other methods are prohibited.

**USE OF CATCH:** Only smelt may be collected during this fishery and *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 Harvest Staff: Tony Spino. Call 509-790-8730 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 the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The notice will include: Date, time, and location of the fishing. Notice can be given by contacting Sgt. Patrick Anderson at (360)580-8293 or email [Patrick.Anderson@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Patrick.Anderson@dfw.wa.gov), or Laura Heironimus at 360-719-0677 office; [laura.heironimus@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:laura.heironimus@dfw.wa.gov)

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