



**2. Fish and Wildlife
Committee
FY 2020
OFFICIAL ACTION**

DATE: August 13, 2020

TOPIC: 2020 Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Open the fall commercial gillnet season in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6 AM August 24 to 6 PM August 27 and 6 AM August 31 to 6 PM September 3, 2020.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Fish and Wildlife Committee authorize the first two (2) gillnet openings in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6 AM Monday August 24 to 6 PM Thursday August 27 and 6 AM Monday August 31 to 6 PM Thursday September 3, 2020. See the attached regulations pursuant to Title 32.14 of the Revised Law and Order Code of the Yakima 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 (X) DISAPPROVED () TABLED ()

VOTE: TOTAL 3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

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

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: George R Meninick
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 223 2020 For

August 13, 2020

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: 2020 Fall Commercial Gillnet Season

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorize the first two (2) 2020 Commercial Fall Gillnet Fishing Openings. 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 AM August 24 TO: 6 PM August 27
6 AM August 31 TO: 6 PM September 3

GEAR: 8-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: Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect.

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: All scaffolds/hook & line will remain open. Sunday Closures are still in effect.

***Klickitat River:** Sales of fish caught in the Klickitat River will be allowed during the above commercial fishing periods. The **Klickitat River** is open on scheduled weekly openings of **Noon Wednesdays to 6 PM Saturdays**.

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