

Memorandum



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From: Fish & Wildlife Committee:
JEREMY TAKALA, Chairman; CASEYMAC WALLAHEE, Secretary;
TERRY RAMBLER- GOUDY, Member; TERRY HEEMSAH SR,
Member

RE: CA-223-2025-2 Re-Open Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery in
Bonneville and The Dalles Pools

Harvestable sturgeon quota remains in both Bonneville Pool and The Dalles Pool, therefore the Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize re-opening a commercial setline fishery for white sturgeon in Bonneville Pool and The Dalles Pool. The following regulations are issued pursuant to Title 32.14 of the Revised Law and Order Code of the Yakama Nation. Authority to enforce this regulation 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.

LOCATION: BONNEVILLE POOL

TIME: 6am Wednesday February 26 to 6pm Thursday February 27, 2025

AREA: Setline fishing may be conducted in Bonneville Pool, outside standard commercial fishing sanctuaries at hydroelectric dams. Commercial river mouth sanctuaries are not in effect during the sturgeon setline fishery.

Fishing in closed waters of the Columbia River is a violation of Section 32.16.01 of the Code. Fishing during closed periods is a violation of Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE SIZE LIMITS: Pursuant to Section 32.14.05 of the Code, it shall be unlawful to retain sturgeon less than 38 inches or larger than 54 inches in fork length for any purpose in Bonneville Pool. It shall be unlawful to contort or mutilate sturgeon in any way to conform to size limits. Sturgeon must be delivered to the buyer "in the round", that is with fins, guts, scutes, and gills intact.

LOCATION: THE DALLES POOL

TIME: 6am Monday March 3 to 6pm Tuesday March 4, 2025

AREA: Setline fishing may be conducted in The Dalles Pool, outside standard commercial fishing sanctuaries at hydroelectric dams. Commercial river mouth sanctuaries are not in effect during the sturgeon setline fishery.

Fishing in closed waters of the Columbia River is a violation of Section 32.16.01 of the Code. Fishing during closed periods is a violation of Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

GEAR: Commercial sturgeon fishing may be conducted with setlines only. A maximum of 100 hooks allowed per setline; hook size must be 9/0 or larger and circle hooks are encouraged. ***All other gears are specifically prohibited.***

COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE SIZE LIMITS: Pursuant to Section 32.14.05 of the Code, it shall be unlawful to retain sturgeon less than 43 inches or larger than 54 inches in fork length for any purpose in The Dalles and John Day Pools. It shall be unlawful to contort or mutilate sturgeon in any way to conform to size limits. Sturgeon must be delivered to the buyer "in the round", that is with fins, guts, scutes, and gills intact.

PLATFORM/H&L: Platform/h&l (hoop nets and/or hook and line) caught sturgeon between 38 inches and 54 inches in Bonneville Pool and between 43 inches and 54 inches in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be sold during the open setline periods described above.

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