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**To:** YN FISHERMEN; FRMP; HOUSING;  
SUPERINTENDENT; GAME WARDENS;  
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**From:** Fish & Wildlife Committee:  
JEREMY TAKALA, Chairman; CASEYMAC WALLAHEE,  
Secretary; TERRY RAMBLER- GOUDY, Member; TERRY  
HEEMSAH SR, Member

**RE:** CA 275-2026-2 Winter Commercial Sturgeon Setline  
Fishery

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorizes a commercial setline fishery for white sturgeon. 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:** The Dalles and John Day Pools

**TIME:** 6am Thursday February 26 to 6pm Wednesday March 4, 2026

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

**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, set bags and/or hook and line) caught sturgeon between 43 inches and 54 inches in The Dalles and John Day Pools and between 38 inches and 54 inches Fork length in Bonneville Pool may not be sold during the open setline periods described above, but may be retained for subsistence.*

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