

Memorandum



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Date: September 20, 2023
To: YN FISHERMEN; SUPERINTENDENT; GAME WARDENS; CHIEF OF POLICE
From: Fish & Wildlife Committee: JEREMY TAKALA, Chairman; TERRY HEEMSAH SR., Secretary; CASEYMAC WALLAHEE, Member; TERRY RAMBLER- GOUDY, Member
RE: CA-508 - 2023-2 Additional Fall Commercial Gillnet Openings

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorizes Fall Commercial Gillnet 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 a.m. September 25 TO 6 p.m. September 29
6 a.m. October 2 TO 6 p.m. October 6

GEAR: Gillnets with 8 inch 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. **The Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery (NFH) sanctuary on the Washington side of the river will be reduced to a 150 radius around the hatchery ladder.**

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: The Platform hook & line will remain open as per T-067-23; which includes opening the fishery below Bonneville Dam on June 16. Commercial sale for the platform Hook and Line fishery remains 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 **Noon Tuesdays 6 pm Saturdays.**

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