

Memorandum



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

RE: CA-084- 2023-2 January Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize a commercial setline fishery for white sturgeon in all of Zone 6 of the Columbia River. 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.

TIMES: 7am Sunday January 1 to noon Tuesday January 31, 2023

Fishing during closed periods is a violation of Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

AREA: Setline fishing may be conducted in all of Zone 6, 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.

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 *John Day and The Dalles Pools*; and less than *38 inches or larger than 54 inches* in **Fork length** for any purpose in the 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.

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

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