

# Memorandum



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**Date:** June 14, 2023  
**To:** YN FISHERMEN; FRMP; HOUSING; SUPERINTENDENT;  
GAME WARDENS.  
**From:** Fish & Wildlife Committee:  
JEREMY TAKALA, Chairman; TERRY HEEMSAH, SR.,  
Secretary;  
CASEYMAC WALLAHEE, Member; TERRY RAMBLER-  
GOUDY, Member  
**RE: CA: 340-2023-2 Summer Gillnet Openings**

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The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorizes the first two Commercial Summer 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. June 19 TO 6 p.m. June 21  
6 a.m. June 26 TO 6 p.m. June 28

**GEAR:** Gillnets with a 7-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:** All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect except for the sanctuary at the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery (NFH) on the Washington side of the river. **There will be no sanctuary in effect at Spring Creek NFH.**

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:** 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.

**Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River:** Sales of fish caught during the open weekly periods in the Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River after 6 am June 16, 2023 will be allowed during the above commercial fishing periods.

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