



2. **Fish & Wildlife
Committee
FY 2018
OFFICIAL ACTION**

DATE: June 5, 2018

TOPIC: Sturgeon Setline Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize a tribal commercial sturgeon fishery in John Day Pool from 6am June 6 to 6pm June 15, 2018; according to the attached regulations.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: At the present time, there are 58 sturgeon are available in the John Day Pool. This fishery will provide needed fishing opportunity while also protecting the sturgeon resource. The fishery may be closed sooner if the guideline is reached. The fishery is approved subject to the attached regulations.

DECISION: APPROVED (X) DISAPPROVED () TABLED ()

VOTE: TOTAL 3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	Present			
Leland Bill	Secretary	Absent/T			
George R Meninick	Member	P	GM	FD	For
Francis George	Member	P		FD	For
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS
PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 06.06.18
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 258 2018

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2018 YAKAMA NATION COMMERCIAL STURGEON SETLINE FISHERY

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize a commercial setline fishery for white sturgeon in the John Day 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.

TIMES: 6am Wednesday June 6 to 6pm Friday June 15, 2018

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

AREA: Setline fishing may be conducted in John Day 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.

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 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 Pool may be sold during the open setline periods described above.

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