



**2. Fish and Wildlife
Committee
FY 2020
OFFICIAL ACTION**

DATE: April 30, 2020

TOPIC: Fish COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Safety Guidelines for 2020 Fishing Seasons.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: In accordance with "PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 2" issued March 25, 2020, the Fish and Wildlife Committee approve concurrent safety guidelines for fishing for the remainder of 2020, as shown on the attached page. All fishing regulations remain unchanged. These recommendations are to clarify safety protocols and are not regulations, but are intended to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and avoid possible restriction or closure of fisheries.

DECISION: APPROVED (**xx**) DISAPPROVED () TABLED ()

VOTE: TOTAL 3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	Present			
George R. Meninick	Secretary	P	GM		For
Jeremy Takala	Member	Absent			
Terry Heemsah, Sr.	Member	Absent			
	Ex Officio:				
<i>Alena Sanchez</i>	Ex Officio:	present		PS	for

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: *Gerald Lewis 05.06.2020*
CHAIRMAN

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MEMORANDUM

April 30, 2020

TO: FISHERMEN; TDP; WARDENS, CHIEF OF POLICE
SUPERINTENDENT; HOUSING; LAW & JUSTICE

FROM: FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE: GERALD LEWIS, CHAIRMAN; GEORGE R.
MENINICK, SECRETARY; JEREMY TAKALA, MEMBER; TERRY HEEMSAH SR.,
MEMBER

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Guidelines for 2020 Fishing Seasons

In an effort to stop the spread of Coronavirus COVID-19 in our community, the Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize safety guidelines for 2020 fishing seasons. The following guidelines are strongly recommended for the safety and well-being of YN Treaty Fishers as preventative measures to minimize the possibility of fishery restrictions or closures due to COVID-19.

AREA: All Yakama Nation Usual and Accustomed Fishing Areas.


DATES: Through December 31, 2020.

FISHERIES: Ceremonial, Subsistence and Commercial Fisheries.

1. YN Fishers may fish according to YN Regulations as an important source of food and livelihood.
2. YN Fishers are strongly encouraged to follow public health and safety protocols when fishing, processing fish and selling fish.
3. Anyone who is sick, shows symptoms to COVID-19, or has been exposed to COVID-19 and has not quarantined for at least 14-days after symptom have stopped or tested negative for COVID-19, should stay home and not fish.
4. Fishing should be conducted with immediate family from the same household only.
5. Age-60 and over and individuals with compromised health/immune systems are strongly recommended to consider not fishing or limiting fishing with strong adherence to safety protocols.
6. Social distancing of at least six feet should be observed at all times, including contacts with other fishers, members of the public, staff, enforcement, and Tribal Council.
7. Safety protocols of covering cough/sneeze, wash hands with soap and water, use hand sanitizer, use Personal Protective Equipment like face masks and gloves, and sanitize gear/equipment, vehicles, and clothing regularly, are strongly encouraged.
8. Questions on fishing regulations and requests for modifications/extensions for ceremonial permits should be directed to Raemelle Kiona, 509/865-5121, ext. 4331, by phone before entering the Agency in person.
9. Safety protocols should also be followed while camping on the river and at the In-Lieu/Treaty Fishing Access Sites.
10. Fishers are strongly encouraged to travel only with immediate family from the same household and to limit travel to the extent possible, especially longer distances, and to avoid or limit trips to major population centers.

The YN Fish and Wildlife Committee support YN Members fishing as an integral part of our way of life, and these recommendations for safety protocols are intended to keep our fishers safe and avoid any possible restrictions or fishery closures.

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE
YAKAMA TRIBAL COUNCIL


Gerald Lewis, Chairman