



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

**DATE:** September 15, 2020

**TOPIC:** 2020 Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Additional fall commercial gillnet season in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6 am September 21 to 6 pm September 25, 2020.

**FORMAL ACTION TAKEN:** The Fish and Wildlife Committee authorize additional gillnet opening in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6 am Monday September 21 to 6 pm Friday September 25, 2020. See the attached regulations pursuant to Title 32.14 of the Revised Law and Order Code of the Yakima 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.

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

**VOTE:** TOTAL 4 FOR 3 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	Present			
George R Meninick	Secretary	P			FOR
Jeremy Takala	Member	Present	J.T.		FOR
Terry Heemsah Sr.	Member	Present		TLH	FOR
	Ex Officio:				

**OTHERS PRESENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION:** Gerald Lewis 09.17.2020  
CHAIRMAN

**COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER:** 305 2020-

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September 15, 2020

**TO:** YN FISHERMEN; FRMP; HOUSING; SUPERINTENDENT; GAME WARDENS;  
CHIEF OF POLICE; LAW & JUSTICE; LITIGATION ATTORNEY; IN-HOUSE  
COUNSEL

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

**SUBJECT: 2020 Extend Fall Commercial Gillnet Season**

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorize additional commercial fall gillnet fishing opening. 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 21 **TO:** 6 p.m. September 25

**GEAR:** 8-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:** 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.**

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:** All scaffolds/hook & line will remain open. Sunday Closures are still in effect.

**Klickitat River:** The Klickitat River is open on **modified** weekly openings of **6 AM Mondays to 6 PM** Saturdays.

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