



**2. Fish and Wildlife
Committee
FY 2016
OFFICIAL ACTION**

DATE: December 23, 2015

TOPIC: Sturgeon Setline Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize a tribal commercial sturgeon fishery in all of Zone 6 of the Columbia River from noon January 1 to noon January 30, 2016, according to the attached regulations.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The tribal sturgeon setline fishery normally begins January 1st of each year. At the present time harvestable numbers of sturgeon are available in Zone 6 of the Columbia River. The setline catch is projected to be fewer than 200 fish. This fishery will provide needed fishing opportunity while also protecting the sturgeon resource. This fishery is approved subject to the attached regulations.

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			
Patrick Luke	Secretary	Present		PL	For
Delano Saluskin	Member	P			For
Lottie Sam	Member	Present	Delano		For
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 01-06-16
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 060 2016-

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Department/Program

2016 YAKAMA NATION COMMERCIAL STURGEON SETLINE FISHERY

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize a commercial 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: Noon Friday, January 1 to Noon Saturday, January 30, 2016

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. However, sturgeon taken with legal subsistence gears (hoopnets or hook and line) may be sold during commercial periods.

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. This regulation is to provide an opportunity to obtain weight and age information necessary for management. At the point of sale, sturgeon may be "dressed" (guts, scutes, fins, etc. may be removed) even if a sampler is not available to obtain the information. The sale of sturgeon eggs is allowed for legally caught sturgeon after delivery "in the round".

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