



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

DATE: November 12, 2015

TOPIC: Sturgeon Setline Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Extend Sturgeon Setline Fishery in The Dalles and Bonneville Pools

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: At the present time a total of 113 harvestable sturgeon are available in The Dalles Pool and 696 harvestable sturgeon are available in the Bonneville Pool of Zone 6 of the Columbia River. Setline fisheries will provide needed fishing opportunity while also protecting the sturgeon resource. Therefore, the F&W Committee extend the commercial sturgeon setline fishery in The Dalles Pool from 6 a.m. November 16 to 6 p.m. November 25, 2015 and in the Bonneville Pool from 6 a.m. November 27 to 6 p.m. December 31, 2015. Regulations (see attached) are 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.

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			For
Delano Saluskin	Member	P		DS	FOR
Lottie Sam	Member	Present	DS		For
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 11-13-15
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: #038 2016-

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2015 YAKAMA NATION COMMERCIAL STURGEON SETLINE FISHERY

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby extend the commercial fishery for white sturgeon in the Bonneville and The Dalles Pools 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: The Dalles Pool
6 AM Monday, November 16 to 6 PM Wednesday, November 25, 2015

Bonneville Pool
6 AM Friday, November 27 to 6 PM Thursday, December 31, 2015

Fisheries may close sooner if the Sturgeon Guidelines are reached

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

AREA: Setline fishing may be conducted in The Dalles Pool and Bonneville 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. Hook size must be 9/0 or larger and circle hooks are encouraged over J-hooks. All other gears are specifically prohibited. Setlines are restricted to no more than 100 hooks per line.

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 Dalles Pool or sturgeon less than 38 inches or larger than 54 inches in Fork length for any purpose in the Bonneville Dam. 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 Fork length in The Dalles Pool and between 38 inches and 54 inches Fork length in Bonneville Pool may be sold during the open setline periods described above.

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