



## 2. Fish & Wildlife Committee FY 2017 OFFICIAL ACTION

DATE: December 6, 2016

TOPIC: Sturgeon Setline Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Open Sturgeon Setline Fishery in Priest Rapids and Wanapum Pools

**FORMAL ACTION TAKEN:** At the present time harvestable sturgeon are available in the Priest Rapids and Wanapum Pools (reservoirs) of the Columbia River. Setline fisheries will provide needed fishing opportunity while also protecting the sturgeon resource. Therefore, the F&W Committee authorizes a commercial sturgeon setline fishery in Priest Rapids and Wanapum Pools from 7 a.m. Thursday, December 8 to 5 pm Saturday, December 24, 2016. 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 3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	Present			
Patrick Luke	Secretary	Present	PL		For
Vivian Babs George	Member	Present		V.B.G.	for
Leland Bill	Member	Absent			
	Ex Officio:				

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

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 12-07-16  
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 043 2017-

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**2016 YAKAMA NATION COMMERCIAL STURGEON SETLINE FISHERY**

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The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize a commercial fishery for white sturgeon in the Priest Rapids and Wanapum 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:** 7 a.m. Thursday, December 8 to 5 p.m. Saturday, December 24, 2016

Fisheries may close sooner if harvestable sturgeon are reached

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

**AREA:** Setline fishing may be conducted in Priest Rapids Pool from one-half mile upstream of Priest Rapids Dam to the Boat Restricted Zone markers below Wanapum Dam, and in Wanapum Pool from one-half mile upstream of Wanapum Dam to Boat Restricted Zone markers below Rock Island Dam.

**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 38 inches or larger than 72 inches in Fork length for any purpose in the Priest Rapids and Wanapum Pools. 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.

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