



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

DATE: July 17, 2020

TOPIC: 2020 Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize additional summer commercial gillnet fisheries in Zone 6 of the Columbia River.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Fish and Wildlife Committee authorizes additional summer commercial gillnet opening in Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6 a.m. Monday, July 20 to 6 p.m. Thursday July 23, 2020. Regulations (see attached) are pursuant to Title 32.14 of the Revised Law and 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	Absent/T			
George R Meninick	Secretary	P			
Jeremy Takala	Member	Absent			
Terry Heemsah Sr.	Member	Present	TLH		For
Virgil Lewis	Ex Officio:	P		W	for

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: George R Meninick
for **CHAIRMAN**

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 201 **2020-**

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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: Additional Summer Commercial Gillnet Opening

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorizes the fourth Commercial Summer Gillnet 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 AM July 20 TO: 6 PM July 23

GEAR: Gillnets with *No Mesh Restriction*

To provide protection for sturgeon in Zone 6, fishing with divernets is prohibited during these fisheries. **Driftnet** fishing will be allowed with gillnets of appropriate mesh size, 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: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect except for the sanctuary at the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery (NFH) on the Washington side of the river. **There will be no sanctuary in effect at Spring Creek NFH.**

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: The Platform hook & line will remain open as per T062-20; which includes opening the YN fishery below Bonneville Dam on June 16. Commercial sale for the platform Hook and line fishery remains open. Sunday Closures are still in effect.

Klickitat River: Sales of fish caught in the Klickitat River after 6 am Tuesday June 16, 2020 will be allowed during the above commercial fishing periods.

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines: Refer to CA 143-2020 for Fish & Wildlife Committee's recommendations and clarification of safety protocols intended to prevent the spread of COVID -19 and avoid possible restriction or closure of fisheries.

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