



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

DATE: May 24, 2016

TOPIC: 2016 Spring Chinook Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Open a commercial gillnet fishery in all of Zone 6 from 6 a.m. May 25 to 6 p.m. May 27, 2016.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Fish and Wildlife Committee authorize a commercial gillnet fishery in all of Zone 6 of the Columbia River from **6 a.m. May 25 to 6 p.m. May 27, 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 (✓) DISAPPROVED () TABLED ()

VOTE: TOTAL 3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	TRAVEL			
Patrick Luke	Secretary	Present			
Vivian Babs George	Member	Present		VBB	for
Leland Bill	Member	Present	L40		for
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: for Patrick Luke 24 MAY 16
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 199 2016-

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

FROM: FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE
GERALD LEWIS, CHAIRMAN; PATRICK LUKE, SECRETARY;
VIVIAN BABS GEORGE, MEMBER; LELAND BILL, MEMBER

SUBJECT: Spring Commercial Gillnet Season

The Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee authorized the first 2016 Commercial Spring Gillnet Fishing Season. 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. May 25 TO 6 p.m. May 27

GEAR: 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 nets up to 1,200 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 platform, hook & line or gillnet caught fish is permitted during this commercial fishing season. Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, and carp may be sold during the above season. No sales of sturgeon will be allowed during this period, but incidentally caught sturgeon 38-inches and 54-inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool, and 43-inches to 54-inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.

SCAFFOLDS/HOOK & LINE: Platform/hook & line will remain open. The fishery below Bonneville Dam will remain closed. Commercial sale for the platform/h&l fishery and the WA-side Zone 6 Tributaries previously authorized remain open on their regular weekly scheduled openings.

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