



**2. Fish and Wildlife
Committee
FY 2015
OFFICIAL ACTION**

DATE: January 29, 2015

TOPIC: 2015 Commercial Winter Fishing Season

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt the 2015 Winter Commercial Gillnet Season and Regulations.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Fish and Wildlife Committee approves the commercial gillnet fishery for the Columbia River according to the regulations on the attached pages. The fishery, or specific pools, may be closed by emergency regulation if the sturgeon catch guidelines are met. Regulations for platform and hook and line in Zone 6 for this period are also included on the attached pages. Fishing must be conducted per the regulations on the attached pages.

DECISION: APPROVED (X) DISAPPROVED () TABLED ()

VOTE: TOTAL 3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Sam Jim, Sr.	Chairman	Absent-Medical			
Gerald Lewis	Secretary	Present			
Delano Saluskin	Member	Absent			
Warren Spencer, Jr.	Member	P	WS		For
<i>Athene Sanchez</i>	Ex-Officio:	present		AS	for

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 01.29.15
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 072 2015

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MEMORANDUM

January 28, 2015

TO: FISHERMEN: TDP: WARDENS: CHIEF OF POLICE
SUPERINTENDENT: HOUSING: LAW & JUSTICE

FROM: FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE: SAM JIM, SR, CHAIRMAN;
GERALD LEWIS, SECRETARY; DELANO SALUSKIN, MEMBER;
WARREN SPENCER, JR, MEMBER

SUBJECT: 2015 Commercial Winter Fishing Season

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize a commercial gillnet season on 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 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.

AREA: Bonneville Pool

DATES: 6 a.m. Monday, February 23 to 6 PM Saturday, March 21, 2015. The fishery may close when sturgeon guidelines are met.

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

ALLOWABLE SALES: The allowed sales will be salmon, including steelhead, sturgeon, shad, walleye, carp, catfish, bass and yellow perch. All catches (including platform/h&l) during an open commercial period with allowable gear may be sold at any time. Sale for platform/h&l begin at 6 a.m. Monday, February 2, 2015, except sale of sturgeon for all allowable gears will begin at 6 a.m. Monday, February 23, 2015.

AREA: The Dalles and John Day Pools

DATES: 6 a.m. Monday, February 2 to 6 PM Friday, February 20, 2015. The fishery in either or both pools may close or may be extended on a weekly basis until sturgeon guidelines are met.

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

ALLOWABLE SALES: The allowed sales will be salmon, including steelhead, sturgeon, shad, walleye, carp, catfish, bass and yellow perch. All catches (including platform/h&l) during an open commercial period with allowable gear may be sold at any time.

SANCTUARIES: All standard dam and river mouth fishing sanctuaries in all pools are in effect with one exception: there will be no sanctuary at Spring Creek hatchery. The full (1/2 mile upstream) sanctuary at the John Day river mouth will remain in effect. All scaffolds remain open. The platform/h&l fishery below Bonneville Dam downstream to the Beacon Rock is closed.

Fishing in closed waters of the Columbia River is a violation of Section 32.16.05 of the Code.

GEAR: Commercial fishing may be conducted with gillnets, dipnets, set bag nets, or hook and line with bait or lures. All other gear shall be unlawful.

The sturgeon setline season closed at noon on January 31. The sturgeon setline fishery may be reopened at a later date after the winter gillnet season closes if Zone 6 sturgeon harvest guidelines have not been exceeded.

RESTRICTIONS: No mesh restrictions will be in effect.

COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE SIZE LIMITS: Pursuant to Title XXXII of the Revised Law and Order Code of the Yakama Nation, it shall be unlawful to retain sturgeon less than 38 inches or larger than 54 inches in **Fork** length in the Bonneville Pool and 43 inches or larger than 54 inches in **Fork length** for any purpose in The Dalles, and John Day 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. 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".

If you have any fishing enforcement problems or need assistance or information, contact the Yakama Tribal Police/Game Wardens, Fisheries Department, or any member of the Fish and Wildlife Committee. As per Chapter 32.18.07 of the Revised Law and Order Code all gear is required to be marked with enrollment number.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE
YAKAMA TRIBAL COUNCIL


Sam Jim, Sr., Chairman