



**2. Fish, Wildlife and Law and Order
Committee
FY 2014
OFFICIAL ACTION**

DATE: January 31, 2014

TOPIC: 2014 Commercial Winter Fishing Season

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt the 2014 Winter Commercial Gillnet Season and Regulations.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The Fish, Wildlife, Law and Order Committee approves a commercial gillnet fishery in all of Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 12 p.m., February 1 to 6 p.m., March 21, 2014. The fishery, or specific pools, may be closed by emergency regulation if the sturgeon catch guidelines are met. All scaffolds and hook and line in Zone 6 will also be open for allowable commercial sales of allowable fish species during this period. Fishing must be conducted per the regulations on the attached pages.

DECISION: APPROVED (xxx) DISAPPROVED () TABLED ()

VOTE: TOTAL 3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Virgil Lewis, Sr.	Chairman	P			
Richard George	Secretary	P			
Sam Jim, Sr.	Member	Absent			
Gerald Lewis	Member	P	GL		
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Virgil Lewis
CHAIRMAN

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE: VIRGIL LEWIS, SR, CHAIRMAN;
RICHARD GEORGE, SECRETARY; SAM JIM, SR, MEMBER;
GERALD LEWIS, MEMBER

SUBJECT: 2014 Commercial Winter Fishing Season

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife/Law and Order 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 are 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.

DATES: 12 p.m. Saturday, February 1 to 6 PM Friday, March 21, 2014. The FWLO may close one or more Pools when sturgeon guidelines are met.

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

AREA: All of Zone 6 of the Columbia River. All standard dam and river mouth fishing sanctuaries 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 from the WA shore below Bonneville Dam downstream to the Beacon Rock is open according to the MOA with the state of Washington. Sturgeon retention is not allowed below Bonneville Dam.

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.

ALLOWABLE SALES: The allowed sales will be salmon, including steelhead, sturgeon, shad, walleye, carp, catfish, bass and yellow perch. All catches (including scaffold/h&l) during an open commercial period with allowable gear may be sold at any time. Salmon, steelhead, shad, walleye, carp, catfish, bass and yellow perch caught in the platform/h&l fishery below Bonneville Dam are allowed for sale from Noon February 1 through 6 PM March 21 provided sale does not occur on

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USACE Property at Bonneville Dam. Sturgeon are not allowed for retention for any purpose below Bonneville Dam.

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 43 inches or larger than 54 inches in **Fork length** for any purpose in **Bonneville**, 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 the 2014 treaty commercial sturgeon catch guidelines are met before March 21, the affected Pool(s) are expected to close by emergency regulation.

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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Virgil Lewis, Sr., Chairman

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