



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

DATE: December 20, 2016

TOPIC: Extend Sturgeon Setline Fishery

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

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: The sturgeon setline fishery in Priest Rapids and Wanapum Pools closes at 6 pm December 24, 2016. There has been good effort and harvest during this fishery which allows for more fishing time. Therefore, the Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby **extends** the sturgeon setline fishery in Priest Rapids and Wanapum Pools to 5 p.m. January 21, 2017. 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	Absent			
Vivian Babs George	Member	Present		VAB	FOR
Leland Bill	Member	Present	ZAB		FOR
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 12.20.16
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 058 2017-

2017 YAKAMA NATION COMMERCIAL STURGEON SETLINE FISHERY

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby extend the 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: through 5 p.m. Saturday, January 21, 2017

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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