



Quinault Indian Nation

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**Commercial Fishing Regulation
Chehalis River & Areas 2A, 2A-1 and 2D
Winter Steelhead Season
2017-2018 - C3**

TO: Quinault Tribal Off-Reservation Fishermen
Quinault Tribal Law Enforcement
FROM: Quinault Off-Reservation River Committee
DATE: January 4, 2018
SUBJECT: Chehalis River and Grays Harbor Areas 2A-1, 2A, and 2D
Steelhead Opening - Weeks 02-04

The Chehalis River downstream of the power line crossing below the confluence of the Wynoochee River, and Grays Harbor Areas 2A-1, 2A, and 2D will be open for commercial gill net fishing for authorized Quinault Tribal fishers according to the following schedule:

Week	Set-In	>>>>	Pull-Out
02	12 Noon Sun. Jan. 07, 2018	12 Noon	Fri. Jan. 12
03	12 Noon Sun. Jan. 14	12 Noon	Fri. Jan. 19
04	12 Noon Sun. Jan. 21	12 Noon	Fri. Jan. 26

Maximum mesh size for these openings will be 6 1/2 inches.

All Green Sturgeon must be released immediately when encountered.

White Sturgeon Size Retention Restriction: Only White Sturgeon that fall within the legal size slot limits may be retained, during authorized commercial treaty fishery openings in the Chehalis River and Grays Harbor Area Fishery. The legal slot size limit for White Sturgeon is 38 to 54 inches (as measured with fish lying flat on its side, tip of snout to the fork of the tail fin).

White Sturgeon must be measured immediately upon removal from net. Sturgeon outside of the legal size slots are to be immediately released. The removal, or mutilation, of the head or tail of any sturgeon prior to delivery is prohibited.

The total subsistence bag limit per authorized fishermen for the season is 30 white sturgeon.

Tagged Encounters: Sturgeon with spaghetti tags, located near the top fin, should be reported to Quinault Fisheries as to: 1) tag number and color, 2) date and location caught, 3) length, and 4) whether the fish

was retained or released.

Sales of Fish: A fisherman may only sell their catch to authorized Quinault Nation Buyers with the following exception: a fisherman may sell no more than a daily total of 3 salmon and steelhead (combined) directly to consumers.

Boating Regulations: In addition, all boats participating in off-reservation treaty fisheries shall carry personal flotation devices (PFDs) and visual distress signals, in the number and manner required by 33 CFR Part 175, as adopted by QBC Resolution No. 13-383(A)-92.

Required Two Way VHF radio regulations: All Quinault Tribal Fishing Vessels which utilize the Grays Harbor Commercial Navigation Channel must follow the Quinault Nation's regulations that require 2 way VHF radios to be on-board and serviceable.

All catch must be reported each day for each ground (to be reported immediately after the fish are brought to shore, before the fish house closes, or if the fish house has already closed, then it must be reported by 12:00 noon the next day the fish house is open).

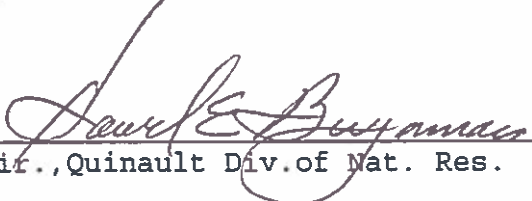
Fish Tickets: Fish tickets shall include the signature of the person that actually caught and is selling the fish under a valid QIN permit or authorization; his or her ID number; and the ground location number, if applicable, or a notation of drift netting. If a person is signing a fish ticket as an assistant, helper, or hired fisherman, the ticket shall also include the name and identification number of the fisher being assisted.

All other provisions of the QIN Grays Harbor Off-Reservation Salmon/Steelhead Fishing General Regulations will be in effect.

According to the General Regulations, it is each fisherman's legal responsibility that all catch is reported on the daily fish ticket (commercial, incidental sales, take-home, and ceremonial catch).

Justification: The remaining schedule will be determined later before this regulation expires, while this schedule corresponds to last year's.


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