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CHEHALIS RIVER & GH AREAS 2A, 2A-1, 2D COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATION 2018 FALL SEASON - C1

TO: Quinault Tribal Off-Reservation Fishermen
Quinault Tribal Law Enforcement

FROM: Quinault Business Committee

DATE: September 11, 2018

SUBJECT: Chehalis River and Grays Harbor Areas 2A-1, 2A, 2D-Wks 39-47
"Fish Tickets"

The Chehalis River downstream of the power line crossing below the confluence of the Wynoochee, and Grays Harbor Areas 2A-1, 2A, 2D (within the limited area described below) will be open for commercial gill net fishing for authorized Quinault Tribal fishers according to the following gear restriction and schedule--(See boating regulations and "Fish Tickets" procedures, below):

GEAR-- MAXIMUM (LARGEST) MESH SIZE IS: 6 ½ INCHES

<u>Set In</u>	<u>Pull Out</u>
Wk 39 12 Noon, Sun. Sept. 23, 2018	12 Noon, Tues. Sept. 25, 2018
Wk 40 12 Noon, Sun. Sept. 30	12 Noon, Tues. Oct. 02
Wk 44 12 Noon, Sun. Oct. 28	12 Noon, Tues. Oct. 30
Wk 45 12 Noon, Sun. Nov. 04	12 Noon, Wed. Nov. 07
Wk 47 12 Noon, Sun. Nov. 18	12 Noon, Wed. Nov. 21

FISHING AREA BOUNDARIES (Area 2-D Western Fish Boundary Map is attached for reference.)

THE WESTERN FISHING BOUNDARY- In Order to Control the Distribution of Chinook and Coho Impacts **NO Fishing** Is Allowed West of the line running from the map coordinates LAT. 46°55'35.79"N, LONG. 123°55'17.97"W (Located near the Water Tower at Stafford Creek that is lighted) running through a point at map coordinates LAT. 46°57'54.929"N, LONG. 123°57'01.574"W (Located on the north side of the navigation channel near the #35

Navigational Buoy). That line continues to the North Shore of Grays Harbor along the same line (see the attached map). Fishing is only allowed east of this line in area 2D as well as the other areas listed above, EXCLUDING THE SOUTH CHANNEL AREA.

THE SOUTH CHANNEL IS CLOSED TO FISHING. For the purposes of this regulation, South Channel is defined as the following: The navigable waters of the Chehalis River that run parallel to the south shore of Grays Harbor, between an eastern boundary line running from the South Pipeline Beacon located at coordinates LAT. 46°57'18.2"N, LONG. 123°50'55.8"W and the North Pipeline Beacon located at coordinates LAT. 46°57'19.8"N, LONG. 123°50'57.3"W, and the current western boundary line running from the map coordinates LAT. 46°55'35.79"N, LONG. 123°55'17.97"W (Located at the lighted Water Tower at Stafford Creek) running through a point at map coordinates LAT. 46°57'54.929"N, LONG. 123°57'01.574"W (Located on the north side of the navigation channel at the #35 Navigational Buoy).

Navigable waters is defined as those waters delineated by 33 CFR Section 329.4, General Definition.

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 fishermen 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).

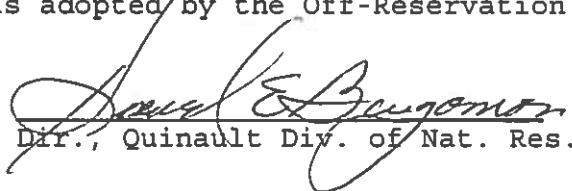
Fish Tickets: Fish tickets shall be issued at the time of purchase using the Quinault Electronic Fish Ticket System (QEFTS) per QIN Business Committee Resolution No. 18-104-97. Two receipts will be printed at the time of the transaction, each signed by the fisher (seller) and the buyer and each keeping a copy for their records. The electronic fish ticket will record the person that actually caught 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 electronic fish 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: This schedule was adopted by the Off-Reservation Fishermen.


Quinault Policy Spokesman


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Off-Res. Fish Committee

MAP DEPICTING CHEHALIS & Areas 2A, 2A-1, 2D FISHING AREAS ON PAGE 4

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CHEHALIS AREA 2-D WESTERN FISHING BOUNDARY (WITH SOUTH CHANNEL CLOSED)

