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CHEHALIS RIVER AND GH AREAS 2A, 2A-1 & 2D 2018 SPRING/SUMMER FISHERY COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATION – 01

TO: Quinault Tribal Off-Reservation Fishermen
Quinault Tribal Law Enforcement
FROM: Quinault Off-Reservation River Committee
DATE: April 4, 2018
SUBJECT: Chehalis River and GH Areas 2A, 2A-1 & 2D (area east of a line that lies approximately 0.6 miles west of the Moon Island airfield) – Stat Wks 16-31

The spring summer fishery for the Chehalis River (downstream of the power line crossing below the confluence of the Wynoochee) and Grays Harbor Areas 2A, 2A-1 and that part of Area 2D lying east of the north to south line at Longitude 123 degrees, 58' West (ie. line lies approximately 0.6 miles west of the Moon Island airfield) will be open for commercial gillnet fishing for authorized Quinault Tribal fishers according to the following schedule (see boating regulations below):

Stat Week	Set-In	Pull-Out
16	12 Noon, Sun., April 15	12 Noon, Fri., April 20
17	12 Noon, Sun., April 22	12 Noon, Fri., April 27
18	12 Noon, Sun., April 29	12 Noon, Fri., May 04
19	12 Noon, Sun., May 06	12 Noon, Fri., May 11
20	12 Noon, Sun., May 13	12 Noon, Fri., May 18
21	12 Noon, Sun., May 20	12 Noon, Fri., May 25
22	12 Noon, Sun., May 27	12 Noon, Fri., June 01
23	12 Noon, Sun., June 03	12 Noon, Fri., June 08
24	12 Noon, Sun., June 10	12 Noon, Fri., June 15
25	12 Noon, Sun., June 17	12 Noon, Fri., June 22
26	12 Noon, Sun., June 24	12 Noon, Fri., June 29
27	12 Noon, Sun., July 01	12 Noon, Fri., July 06
28	12 Noon, Sun., July 08	12 Noon, Fri., July 13
29	12 Noon, Sun., July 15	12 Noon, Fri., July 20
30	12 Noon, Sun., July 22	12 Noon, Fri., July 27
31	12 Noon, Sun., July 29	12 Noon, Fri., August 03

This fishery will operate to target White Sturgeon, while limiting impacts on Spring/Summer Chinook, Winter Steelhead, and Green Sturgeon.

Mesh Size Restriction: Mesh size is restricted to a minimum 8 1/2 inches and a maximum 9 1/4 inches stretch measure, only.

Set net restriction: Below the Chehalis River Bridge, only use of Drift nets is allowed. Use of set net techniques below the Chehalis River Bridge is prohibited.

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 Grays Harbor Areas 2D, 2A, 2A-1, & Chehalis: 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).

All Green Sturgeon must be released immediately when encountered.

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.

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.

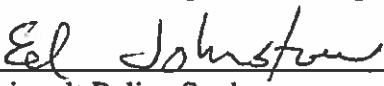
The total subsistence bag limit per authorized fishermen for the season is 30 white sturgeon.

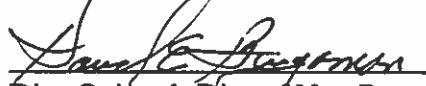
Boating Regulations: In addition, all boats participating in off-reservation treaty fisheries shall carry personal flotation devices (PFDs) and visual distress signals, in the number and manner required by 33 CFR Part 175, as adopted by QBC Resolution No. 13-383(A)-92.

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 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).

According to the General Regulations, it is each fisherman's legal responsibility to see that all catch is reported on the daily fish ticket. This includes: commercial, incidental sales, take-home, and ceremonial catch. All other provisions of the QIN GH Off-Reservation Salmon & Steelhead Fishing General Regulations will be in effect.


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