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CHEHALIS RIVER AND GH AREAS 2A, 2A-1 & 2D 2017 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 19, 2017
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 17-31

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
17	12 Noon, Sun., April 23	12 Noon, Fri., April 28
18	12 Noon, Sun., April 30	12 Noon, Fri., May 05
19	12 Noon, Sun., May 07	12 Noon, Fri., May 12
20	12 Noon, Sun., May 14	12 Noon, Fri., May 19
21	12 Noon, Sun., May 21	12 Noon, Fri., May 26
22	12 Noon, Sun., May 28	12 Noon, Fri., June 02
23	12 Noon, Sun., June 04	12 Noon, Fri., June 09
24	12 Noon, Sun., June 11	12 Noon, Fri., June 16
25	12 Noon, Sun., June 18	12 Noon, Fri., June 23
26	12 Noon, Sun., June 25	12 Noon, Fri., June 30
27	12 Noon, Sun., July 02	12 Noon, Fri., July 07
28	12 Noon, Sun., July 09	12 Noon, Fri., July 14
29	12 Noon, Sun., July 16	12 Noon, Fri., July 21
30	12 Noon, Sun., July 23	12 Noon, Fri., July 28
31	12 Noon, Sun., July 30	12 Noon, Fri., August 04

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 3/4 inches and a maximum 9 3/4 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.

Please watch for plastic spaghetti tags located near the top fin of the sturgeon. Report tag number and color, date and location caught, length, and whether the fish was retained or released. The information can be reported to the Quinault Fisheries Division.

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.

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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