



Quinault Indian Nation

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Commercial Fishing Regulation Humptulips River and Area 2C Winter Steelhead Season 2017-2018 - C4

TO: Quinault Tribal Off-Reservation Fishermen
Quinault Tribal Law Enforcement
FROM: Quinault Off-Reservation River Committee
DATE: Jan 24, 2018
SUBJECT: Humptulips and Area 2C Steelhead Weeks 05-07

The Humptulips River, from its mouth upstream to the railroad bridge at Newton, and Grays Harbor Area 2C, will be open for commercial gill net fishing for authorized Quinault Tribal fishers according to the following schedules. The Quinault Nation boating regulation is described below, also.:

Grays Harbor Area 2C and Humptulips River, Schedule below:

Week	Set-In	>>>	Pull-Out
05	12 Noon Sun. Jan. 28, 2018	12 Noon	Fri. Feb. 02
06	12 Noon Sun. Feb. 04	12 Noon	Fri. Feb. 09
07	12 Noon Sun. Feb. 11	12 Noon	Fri. Feb. 16

Maximum mesh size for these openings will be 6 ½ 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 Humptulips River and Grays Harbor Area 2C. 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.

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

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 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.

Justification: This schedule conforms to the Winter Steelhead Management Plan and schedules the fishery through the holiday season when hatchery fish are dominant.



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