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Queets River Commercial Fishery Regulation - 01 2017 Fall Season

TO: Queets Fishermen Date: August 14, 2017
Quinault Fisheries Enforcement
FROM: Queets River Fish Committee
SUBJECT: Queets River Fall Gillnet Fishery - Weeks 35-45 Fall Schedule Dates

The Queets River gillnet fishery will be open to commercial salmon fishing during statistical weeks 35 – 45 under the revised schedule below. The fishery will begin at 12:00 noon on the opening day and end at 12:00 noon on the closing day of each week listed below. Opening and closing dates are as follows:

<u>Stat Wk</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>Mesh Size Restriction</u>
35	Sun, Aug. 27, 2017	Wed, Aug. 30	6-1/2 maximum mesh
36	Sun, Sept. 3	Fri, Sept. 8	6-1/2 maximum mesh
37	Sun, Sept. 10	Fri., Sept. 15	6-1/2 maximum mesh
38	Sun, Sept. 17	Fri., Sept. 22	6-1/2 maximum mesh
39	Sun, Sept. 24	Fri., Sept. 29	6-1/2 maximum mesh
40	Sun, Oct. 01	Wed., Oct. 4	6-1/2 maximum mesh
43*	Sun, Oct. 22	Tues, Oct. 24	8-1/2 minimum mesh
44*	Sun, Oct. 29	Wed, Nov. 01	8-1/2 minimum mesh
45*	Sun, Nov. 05	Tues, Nov. 07	8-1/2 minimum mesh

***During weeks 43 through 45 open periods only gill-net mesh sizes of 8 1/2 stretch measure or greater can be used.**

In the event that the fishery does not operate as expected, the fishing schedule may be modified.

The winter steelhead directed fishery will begin in week 48.

ROSTER: Only Fishers listed on the current roster as approved by the Committee prior to the Fall 2017 season, or as approved later may participate in this fishery. The roster will be posted at the same locations as the regulations.

DRIFT NET RESTRICTIONS: THE RIVER WILL BE CLOSED TO USE OF DRIFT NETS EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE POSTED BY THE QUEETS RIVER COMMITTEE AS SET FORTH BELOW:

Below the USGS Cable Location: A flow of 3,000 or greater cfs has been maintained for at least 12 hours, since the beginning of September, meaning that flow requirement has been met. Therefore, drift netting may occur during fishing periods when flow is maintained at or above 2500 cfs as determined by the Queets River Committee through monitoring of the USGS flow station and website at:

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wa/nwis/uv?12040500>

Above the USGS Cable Location: Since the beginning of September a flow of 3000 or greater cfs has been maintained for a duration of 24 hours. With that flow requirement having been

met, drift netting may occur during fishing periods when flow is maintained at or above 2500 cfs as determined by the Queets River Committee through monitoring of the USGS flow station and website .

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.

*In the event that the fishery is unable to operate due to freshet conditions, the fishing schedule may be modified.

* A landing deadline of one hour after the weekly closing is allowed, so long as the fisher has removed all gear from the fishing location by the closing date and time provided in the regulation schedule. This is meant to provide ample opportunity for fishers to land their fish in Queets to QPS.

*All fishing nets shall be removed at the end of each scheduled fishing period to a location within the fisher's control which includes but is not limited to the fisher's home, their motor vehicle, or fishing vessel.

. *All nets must be clearly marked with personal identification number on the outer corks or buoy.

*Fishermen are reminded that each fisherman is permitted to use only one net, except to include the authorized use of a drift net where provided in this regulation.

*Only individuals whose treaty I.D. numbers are listed on the approved roster of fishers are eligible to fish.

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 General Regulations must be followed.

Justification: This fishery is consistent with the 2017 Queets River Fall Management Plan.



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