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EMERGENCY QUINAULT RIVER REGULATION 18-06-12

TO: Quinault Fishermen Date: June 13, 2018
Quinault Fisheries Enforcement
FROM: Quinault River Fish Committee
SUBJECT: Quinault River Summer Smelt Fishery, June 14, 2018 to
July 31, 2018

The Quinault River will be open for subsistence and commercial smelt fishing from June 14, 2018 to July 31, 2018. The fishery will begin at 12:00 noon on the opening day and end at 12:00 noon on the closing day. Opening and closing dates are as follows:

<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
Thurs, June 14, 2018	Tuesday, July 31, 2018

All commercial smelt must be landed no later than 12:30 pm on the closing date. **Acceptable gear types** for this fishery are dip nets and seines. Maximum mesh size 1.5 inch stretch measure.

The reach of the Quinault River open for the smelt fishery is the tidewater area, river mile 0.0 to 3.2.

The Quinault Fisheries Department will monitor smelt fishery catches for species composition. This fishery may be terminated at anytime if **unacceptable levels of juvenile salmonid catches occur**.

Smelt harvest activities shall not hinder the gillnet fishery. All adult salmon and steelhead captured using smelt gear are required to be released immediately.

Only individuals whose treaty I.D. numbers are listed on the approved Quinault River roster of fishers are eligible to participate in the commercial aspect of this fishery.

Commercial sales are restricted to the Quinault Pride Seafood (QPS) unless QPS declines to purchase smelt.

All other provisions of the General Regulations and Title 51 must be followed.


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