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HUMPTULIPS RIVER & GH AREA 2C COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATION FALL SEASON 2022 –C6

TO: Quinault Tribal Off-Reservation Fishermen
Quinault Tribal Law Enforcement

FROM: Quinault Off-Reservation Fish Committee

DATE: November 10, 2022

SUBJECT: Humptulips River and Grays Harbor Area 2C – Weeks 47-48

This schedule of open and closing times replaces the remaining opening and closing times scheduled in regulation C-4. The Humptulips, 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 gear restriction and schedule (see boating regulations and "Fish Ticket" reporting procedures and River Flow Area Restriction"below):

GEAR-- MAXIMUM (LARGEST) MESH SIZE IS: 6 ½ INCHES

Humptulips River:

Set In

Wk 47 12:01 pm. Mon. Nov. 14
Wk 48 12:01 pm. Mon. Nov. 21

Pullout

12:01 pm. Thur. Nov. 17
12:01 pm. Thur. Nov. 24

Grays Harbor Area 2C:

Set In

Wk 47 12:01 pm. Mon. Nov. 14
Wk 48 12:01 pm. Mon. Nov. 21

Pullout

12:01 pm. Thur. Nov. 17
12:01 pm. Thur. Nov. 24

****All Green Sturgeon must be released immediately when encountered.**

River Flow Area Restriction: No Fall commercial fishing above Pickett's Bar is allowed until the first flow of 2500 cfs is obtained from readings at the USGS flow Station 12039005 at web address:
<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?12039005>

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.

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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 be issued at the time of purchase using the Quinault Electronic Fish Ticket System (QEFTS) per QIN Business Committee Resolution No. 18-104-97. Two receipts will be printed at the time of the transaction, each signed by the fisher (seller) and the buyer and each keeping a copy for their records. The electronic fish ticket will record the person that actually caught 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 electronic fish ticket shall also include the name and identification number of the fisher being assisted.

Justification: This schedule change was requested by the Off-Reservation Committee in the early part of week 46, prior to any fishing scheduled for week 47. Schedules this late in past seasons have generally followed this standard schedule for convenience.

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