



*Nez Perce Tribe Fish and Wildlife Commission*  
2021 Fishing Season Regulation for Columbia River Zone 6

Pursuant to the Nez Perce Tribal Code Section 3-1-II, the Nez Perce Tribe Fish and Wildlife Commission has the authority to promulgate annual and seasonal hunting and fishing regulations and prescribe the manner and methods which may be used in taking fish and wildlife. Pursuant to that authority, the Nez Perce Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the following fishing regulation for the Nez Perce Tribe.

**Nez Perce Tribe**  
**Fishing Season Regulation #NPTFWC 21-001**  
**Columbia River Zone 6—Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day Reservoirs**  
**Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery**

**Effective Noon, January 1 through Noon, January 31**

**Setline Gear** Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks. It is unlawful to use setline gear with more than 100 hooks per set line, with hooks less than the minimum size of 9/0, with treble hooks, without visible buoys attached, or with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.

**Allowable Sales** Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon within the legal size limit and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery may only be sold if caught during the open period and open reservoir of the setline fishery. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

**Sanctuaries** Standard dam sanctuaries applicable to setline gear are in place.

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Platform and hook and line fisheries will remain open through 6PM December 31, 2021 for both subsistence and commercial use.

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**COVID Guidelines:** Please review the Safe Fishers, Safe Fisheries guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect the vulnerable members of the tribal community @ <https://www.critfc.org/safe-fishers-safe-fisheries/>

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All Nez Perce fishing regulations and sections of the Nez Perce Tribal Code pertaining to this fishery remain in effect. Not complying with these regulations may be cause for civil or criminal penalties per the Nez Perce Tribal Code. For more information regarding these fishing regulations, please contact the NPTFWC office at 208-843-9376.

If you have any fishing **enforcement problems** or need information, day or night, contact the **Columbia River Inter-Tribal Enforcement office**, 4270 Westcliff Drive, Hood River, Oregon, Phone **541-386-6363** or toll free **800- 487-3474**.