Pursuant to the Nez Perce Tribal Code Section 3-1-11, 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 21-032
Columbia River Zone 6—John Day and The Dalles Pool Only
Commercial Sturgeon Gillnet Fishery
Effective 5PM, February 1 through 6PM, February 6

Gear: Gillnets with no mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales: Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length, salmon (any species), steelhead, walleye, bass, carp, catfish, shad, and yellow perch may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

Sanctuaries: River mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnet gear are in place.

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All of Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line Fishery
6AM, February 2 through 6PM, March 19

Gear: Hoop nets, dip bag nets, dip nets, hook and line.

Allowable Sales: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 43 – 54” fork length in the John Day and The Dalles pools and from 38 – 54” in the Bonneville Pool may be retained for subsistence. Sturgeon within the legal size limits and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery may be sold only if caught during open commercial gillnet periods for that pool. Sales of fish are allowed after the fishing period as long as they were landed during the open commercial period.

Sanctuaries: Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable.

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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.