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 Tribe Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the following fishing regulation for the Nez Perce Tribe.

Nez Perce Tribe
Fishing Season Regulation #NPTFWC 21-249
Columbia River Zone 6
Commercial Gillnet Fishery Season Opening
6AM September 6 to 6PM September 10

Area   All of Zone 6

Gear   Set and Drift Gillnets with 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction

Allowable Sales   Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.

SANCTUARY   Closed areas include standard sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear.

Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line fishery regulations remain unchanged.

Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee has not approved fishing downstream of the Bonneville Dam for Nez Perce.

All sections of the Nez Perce Tribal Code and other Nez Perce regulations applicable to this fishery remain in effect. Not complying with these regulations may be cause for civil or criminal penalties per the Tribal Code or NPT fishing regulations. For additional information on Nez Perce Tribal regulations, please contact the Nez Perce Tribe Fish and Wildlife Commission at 208-843-9376.

If you have fishing enforcement concerns, please contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement, 42700 Westcliff Drive, Hood River, Oregon. Call 541-386-6363 or toll free 800-487-FISH (3474).

Respect the water and earth by putting litter in its place as in the Nimiipuu way.
Please exercise the general COVID-19 protocol precautions.
Avoid overloading boats and check nets regularly.
Be mindful of period winds and weather advisories.
Wear your life jackets for safety.