

February 5, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

Salmon/Steelhead:

- Effective January 1, 2019, Buoy 10 upstream to the I-5 Bridge is open for hatchery Chinook salmon; and hatchery steelhead is open from Buoy 10 upstream to OR/WA Border. See 2018-19 <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/> for retention details.

Sturgeon:

- White sturgeon retention is closed from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam including adjacent tributaries but remains open for catch and release fishing only.
- **Bonneville Pool:** Anglers may retain white sturgeon measuring 38-54 inches (fork length) between Bonneville Dam and The Dalles Dam until further notice. The current guideline is 500 fish, but this guideline is scheduled to be re-evaluated early next year.
- **The Dalles Pool:** Beginning January 7, 2019 closed to sturgeon retention. Catch and release fishing is allowed.
- **John Day Pool:** Anglers may retain white sturgeon measuring 43-54 inches (fork length) between John Day Dam and McNary Dam until the catch reaches the 105-fish guideline.

Sturgeon:

Bonneville Pool- 13 bank anglers kept 2 legal sturgeon and released 5 sublegal sturgeon. 14 boats/30 rods released 17 sublegal and 1 oversize sturgeon.

The Dalles Pool- Closed for retention. No report.

John Day Pool- 31 bank anglers kept 1 legal sturgeon. 9 boats/18 rods released 2 sublegal sturgeon.

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool- 2 boats/4 rods kept 1 walleye.

The Dalles Pool- No report.

John Day Pool- 16 boats/28 rods kept 18 walleye and released 5 walleye.

Salmon/Steelhead:

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Grays River – 10 bank anglers released 1 steelhead. 2 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Elochoman River – 17 bank anglers kept 1 steelhead and released 3 steelhead. 1 boat/2 rods released 2 steelhead.

Abernathy Creek – 1 bank angler had no catch.

Mill Creek – 3 bank anglers had no catch.

Germany Creek – 10 bank anglers kept 2 steelhead and released 1 steelhead.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream: 26 bank rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br: 12 bank rods kept 2 steelhead and released 1 steelhead. 3 boats/6 rods kept 6 steelhead.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered four winter-run steelhead adults during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

All the fish collected last week were held at the hatchery for broodstock needs.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 4,920 cubic feet per second on Monday, Feb. 4. Water visibility is 11 feet and the water temperature is 43.2 degrees F. River flows could change at any time so boaters and anglers should remain alert for this possibility.

East Fork Lewis River – 18 bank anglers released 1 steelhead.

Salmon Creek – 26 bank anglers kept 3 steelhead and released 2 steelhead.

❖ **Tributaries not listed: Creel checks not conducted.**

Trout Plants and stocking schedules:

- <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/plants/weekly/search.php?orderby=StockDate>