

February 12, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Notice of Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing: ODFW & WDFW have scheduled a hearing for Wednesday February 20, 2019 to consider spring Chinook recreational fisheries.

- 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.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

- No report.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Grays River – 6 bank anglers had no catch.

Elochoman River – 8 bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Abernathy Creek – 1 bank angler had no catch.

Germany Creek – 4 bank anglers released 1 steelhead.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream: 37 bank rods released 1 steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br: 10 bank rods kept 1 steelhead. 9 boats/26 rods kept 14 steelhead and released 1 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 – 14 bank anglers released 1 steelhead. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Salmon Creek – 21 bank anglers had no catch.

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

Sturgeon:

Bonneville Pool- 6 bank anglers released 2 sublegal sturgeon.

The Dalles Pool- Closed for retention. No report.

John Day Pool- 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville ¹	240	---							240	48.0%	Feb. 3	500
The Dalles ²	78	---							78	57.8%	Feb. 3	135
John Day	---	4							4	3.8%	Feb. 3	105

¹ Due to the short season in Bonneville Pool, we will be providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis.

² **The Dalles pool closed to retention effective January 7.**

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool- No report.

The Dalles Pool- No report.

John Day Pool- No report.

Trout Plants and stocking schedules:

Lake/Pond	Date	Species	Number	Fish per Pound	Hatchery	Notes
BATTLE GROUND LK (CLAR) <i>Clark County - Region 5</i>	Feb 04, 2019	Rainbow	2,500	2.1	VANCOUVER HATCHERY	
KLINELINE PD (CLAR) <i>Clark County - Region 5</i>	Feb 04, 2019	Rainbow	2,500	2.1	VANCOUVER HATCHERY	