

January 29, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

Salmon/Steelhead:

- Lower Columbia mainstem creel will resume February of 2019.
- 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 325 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- 27 bank anglers released 4 sublegal sturgeon. 31 boats/85 rods kept 14 legal sturgeon and released 8 legal, 236 sublegal and 2 oversize sturgeon.

The Dalles Pool- Closed for retention. No report.

John Day Pool- 34 bank anglers released 2 sublegal sturgeon. 24 boats/59 rods released 1 oversize sturgeon.

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool- 5 boats/7 rods kept 2 walleye and released 3 walleye.

The Dalles Pool- No report.

John Day Pool- 17 boats/36 rods kept 26 walleye and released 7 walleye.

Salmon/Steelhead:

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Grays River – 2 bank anglers had no catch.

Elochoman River – 17 bank anglers kept 4 steelhead and released 3 steelhead.

Abernathy Creek – 2 bank anglers had no catch.

Germany Creek – 2 bank anglers had no catch.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream: 16 bank rods had no catch. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br: 27 bank rods kept 1 steelhead. 10 boats/28 rods kept 1 steelhead and released 1 steelhead.

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

During the past week, Tacoma Power released one winter-run steelhead adult into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 5,370 cubic feet per second on Monday, Jan. 28. Water visibility is 10 feet and the water temperature is 44.6 degrees F. River flows could change at any time so boaters and anglers should remain alert for this possibility.

East Fork Lewis River – 16 bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Salmon Creek – 6 bank anglers had no catch.

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

Trout Plants and stocking schedules:

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