

February 19, 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 mainstem recreational spring season fisheries plus Select Area Commercial and 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 was raised to 500 fish based on re-evaluation earlier this 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

Washington only creel checks:

- Sec 5 (Woodland) bank – 2 salmonid anglers had no catch.
- Sec 6 (Kalama) bank – 3 salmonid anglers had no catch.
- Sec 8 (Longview) bank – 4 salmonid anglers had no catch.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

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

Elochoman River – 18 bank anglers kept 1 steelhead and released 6 steelhead. 2 boats/6 rods released 5 steelhead.

Abernathy Creek – 7 bank anglers had no catch.

Germany Creek – 10 bank anglers had no catch.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream: 21 bank rods kept 1 steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br: 13 bank rods kept 1 steelhead. 16 boats/45 rods kept 11 steelhead and released 4 steelhead.

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

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

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 9,650 cubic feet per second on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Water visibility is 10 feet and the water temperature is 41.9 F. River flows could change at any time so boaters and anglers should remain alert for this possibility

East Fork Lewis River – 32 bank anglers released 4 steelhead.

Salmon Creek – 8 bank anglers had no catch.

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

Sturgeon:

Bonneville Pool- No report.

The Dalles Pool- Closed for retention. No report.

John Day Pool- 5 bank anglers had no catch.

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool- No report.

The Dalles Pool- No report.

John Day Pool- 4 boats/8 rods released 8 walleye.

Catchable 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	
LK SACAJAWEA (COWL) <i>Cowlitz County - Region 5</i>	Feb 05, 2019	Rainbow	4,469	2.9	MOSSYROCK HATCHERY	