

April 17, 2019

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

Salmon/Steelhead:

- **Above Bonneville Dam: Effective April 1 through May 5;** Open for bank fishing with hand casted lines only from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) plus boat and bank fishing from the Tower Island power lines upstream to the Oregon/Washington border (except for those waters closed under permanent regulations).
 - Daily limit is 6 adipose fin-clipped salmonids, including no more than 2 adults of which no more than 1 may be an adult chinook. Release all wild chinook and wild steelhead.
- **Wind River:** Effective April 1, 2019 until further notice, from the mouth to 400 feet downstream of Shipherd Falls fish ladder: The adult daily limit is 1 hatchery spring Chinook or 2 hatchery steelhead or 1 of each.
- **Wind River:** Effective May 1, 2019 until further notice, from 100' above Shipherd Falls to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: The adult daily limit is 1 spring Chinook or 2 hatchery steelhead or 1 of each.
- **Drano Lake:** Daily limit 2 hatchery spring Chinook or 2 hatchery steelhead or 1 of each. Release all wild chinook and wild steelhead. Closed to angling on Wednesdays beginning April 10, 2019.
- **Klickitat River:** Effective April 1, 2019 until further notice, from the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: the adult salmon daily limit is one fish.
- **Klickitat River:** Effective May 25, 2019 until further notice, from 400 feet upstream from #5 fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon hatchery: the daily salmon limit is 6 fish, of which only 1 may be an adult.

Sturgeon:

- Buoy 10 upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries: Closed to retention of white sturgeon but remains open for catch and release fishing only.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Lower Columbia mainstem from Warrior Rock line to Bonneville Dam– 176 salmonid boats and 34 Washington bank rods were tallied during last Sunday's flight count.

Sturgeon:

Bonneville Pool- 10 bank anglers released 1 sublegal sturgeon. 7 boats/21 rods kept 13 legal sturgeon, released 1 legal, 71 sublegal and 2 oversize sturgeon.

The Dalles Pool- Closed for retention. No report.

John Day Pool- Closed for retention. No report.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	1-Apr	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	May	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville ¹	258	3	79	61	42					443	88.6%	12-Apr	500
The Dalles ²	78									78	57.8%	12-Apr	135
John Day ³	0	9	118	5						132	125.7%	12-Apr	105
¹ Bonneville Pool closed to retention effective April 13. ² The Dalles Pool closed to retention effective January 7. ³ John Day Pool closed to retention effective April 3.													
The Dalles and John Day harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary.													
Current month sampled sturgeon kept:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	1-Apr	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	May	Totals:			
Bonneville	54	1	24	15	13					107		12-Apr	
The Dalles	33									33		12-Apr	
John Day	0	2	19	1						22		12-Apr	
Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.													

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool- 1 boat/3 rods had no catch.

John Day Pool- No report.

Bass:

Bonneville Pool- 2 boats/3 rods released 22 bass.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream: 28 bank rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br: 35 bank rods kept 24 steelhead. 33 boats/97 rods released 1 Chinook and kept 25 steelhead.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 375 winter-run steelhead adults, two spring Chinook adults and one cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 47 winter-run steelhead adults and one cutthroat trout into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released 20 winter-run steelhead adults into Lake Scanewa located in Randle.

Tacoma Power tagged and recycled 142 winter-run steelhead adults to the lower river.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 3,030 cubic feet per second on Monday, April 15. Water visibility is 8 feet and the water temperature is 46.2 F. River flows could change at any time so boaters and anglers should remain alert for this possibility.

Kalama River – 5 bank anglers had no catch. 3 boats/8 rods had no catch.

Lewis River – 9 bank anglers had no catch.

Wind River– No effort.

Drano Lake – 6 boats/9 rods had no catch.

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

Catchable Trout Plants:

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fish/lb</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>
Battle Ground (CLARK)	April 15, 2019	Rainbow	2,000	1.90	Vancouver
Sacajawea (COWLITZ)	April 15, 2019	Rainbow	3,375	2.51	Goldendale

