

May 15, 2019

## Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

### Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

#### Salmon/Steelhead:

- **Lewis River:** Effective May 1-31, 2019, Anglers should be aware the river section from Johnson Creek to the overhead power lines below Merwin Dam is closed to fishing.
- **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 Wauna powerlines, including adjacent Washington tributaries** — White Sturgeon open for retention fishing Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only through June 5. Minimum size 44" fork length, maximum size 50" fork length. Daily limit 1. The fishery closes at 2PM each of those days, including catch and release.
- Wauna powerlines upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries: Closed to retention of white sturgeon but remains open for catch and release fishing only.

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##### *Columbia River Tributaries*

**Elochoman River**— 6 bank anglers kept 3 steelhead and released 1 steelhead.

**Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream:** 16 bank rods had no catch.

**Above the I-5 Br:** 3 bank rods had no catch. 5 boats/10 rods had no catch.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 49 winter-run steelhead adults, one winter-run steelhead jack, 140 spring Chinook adults, four spring Chinook jacks and 20 summer-run steelhead adults during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released eight winter-run steelhead adults into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released 22 spring Chinook adults, one spring Chinook jack and six winter-run steelhead adults into Lake Scanewa located in Randle.

Tacoma Power employees recycled 20 summer-run steelhead this week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 2,970 cubic feet per second on Monday, May 13. Water visibility is 10 feet and the water temperature is 51.1 F.

**Kalama River** – 42 bank anglers kept 2 Chinook. 5 boats/13 rods kept 1 Chinook.

The hatchery spring Chinook escapement goal is about 500 adults. Return as of May 14 is 223 adults including 9 natural origin.

**Lewis River** – 1 bank angler had no catch. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

The hatchery spring Chinook escapement goal is about 1,350 adults. Return as of May 14 is 404 adults including 7 natural origin.

**Wind River**– 2 bank anglers had no catch. 107 boats/311 rods kept 68 Chinook, 3 jacks and released 1 Chinook and 1 steelhead.

The Carson National Fish Hatchery fish ladder was opened May 3 and 34 spring Chinook have returned. The hatchery escapement goal is 1,500 fish.

**Drano Lake** – 4 bank rods had no catch. 140 boats/423 rods kept 68 Chinook and released 2 Chinook.

Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery fish ladder was opened on April 29 and 660 spring Chinook have returned. The hatchery escapement goal is 1,000 fish.

**Klickitat** – 2 bank anglers had no catch.

Through May 10, a total of 15 spring Chinook adults including 1 natural origin have been counted at the Lyle Falls trap. The hatchery escapement goal is 1,100 fish.

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

**Pikeminnow Sport – Reward Fishery Program:**

The program operates from May 1 to September 30 in the lower Columbia River (mouth to Priest Rapids Dam) and the Snake River (mouth to Hells Canyon Dam). <http://www.pikeminnow.org/>

<b>Northern Pikeminnow Sport-Reward Fishery 2019</b>			
<b><u>Weekly Catch</u></b>			
<b>May 6-12, 2019</b>			
<b>Station</b>	<b>\$500 Tags</b>	<b>Total NPM</b>	<b>CPUE</b>
<b>Cathlamet</b>	0	247	2.2
<b>Willow Grove</b>	0	143	1.7
<b>Rainier</b>	1	242	3.7
<b>Kalama</b>	0	402	13.4
<b>Ridgefield</b>	2	545	7.1
<b>Gleason</b>	5	626	7.5
<b>Chinook Landing</b>	0	214	3.7
<b>Washougal</b>	7	891	8.9
<b>Beacon Rock</b>	0	46	2.2
<b>Cascade Locks</b>	0	161	4.7
<b>Bingen</b>	0	79	4.6
<b>The Dalles</b>	1	924	3.3
<b>Giles French</b>	0	304	3.0
<b>Umatilla</b>	0	317	4.1
<b>Columbia Point</b>	0	350	2.1
<b>Vernita</b>	0	21	1.5
<b>Lyon's Ferry</b>	0	0	0.0
<b>Boyer Park</b>	0	246	5.3
<b>Greenbelt</b>	0	231	2.6