

March 24, 2020

## Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

### Updates: Mainstem and tributary

#### Salmon/Steelhead:

##### *Columbia River Mainstem*

**Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice:** Mainstem Columbia River waters downstream of the Warrior Rock line are closed to salmon, steelhead and shad fishing.

**Warrior Rock line upstream to Bonneville Dam:** Effective March 1 through March 31, 2020 open 7 days per week. Closed April 1, 2020. Starting April 2, 2020 until further notice open 3 days per week; Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Open for boat and bank fishing from the Warrior Rock line upstream to the Beacon Rock line, plus bank angling only from the Beacon Rock line upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline. Release all wild Chinook, coho and steelhead.

**Bonneville Dam upstream to Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon Border:** Effective April 1 through May 5, 2020 open 7 days per week. Open to bank angling only from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Tower Island power lines (except for those waters closed under permanent regulations). Only hand-cast lines may be used. Open for boat and bank angling from the Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to the Oregon/Washington border. Release all wild Chinook, coho and steelhead.

**McNary Dam upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA:** Effective through March 31, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of steelhead.

**Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA upstream to Old Hanford townsite powerline crossing:** Effective through April 15, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of steelhead.

#### Salmon/Steelhead

##### *Columbia River Tributaries*

**Cowlitz River:** Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth upstream to Forest Road 1270, the Cispus River, and Lake Scanewa: Closed to salmon retention. Until further notice, the closed waters section below the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery Barrier Dam is 400', at the posted markers.

**Kalama River:** Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth to 1,000 feet below the fishway at the upper salmon hatchery: The daily salmon limit is 6 fish, of which only 1 may be an adult. Release all salmon other than hatchery chinook and hatchery coho.

**Lewis River:** Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth to Merwin dam: Closed to salmon retention.

**Salmon Creek:** Effective March 16 through May 22, 2020, From the mouth to the 182<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Bridge: steelhead: Minimum size 20", daily limit 3. Selective gear rules, except barbed hooks are allowed.

**Wind River:** Effective March 16, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth to 400 feet downstream of Shipherd Falls fish ladder: salmon and steelhead daily limit is 6; no more than 2 hatchery steelhead, **or** 1 hatchery salmon and 1 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Effective May 1, 2020 until further notice, from 100' above Shipherd Falls to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: the salmon and steelhead daily limit is 6; no more than 2 hatchery steelhead, **or** 1 salmon and 1 hatchery steelhead may be retained. The Closed Waters area around the coffer dam remains in effect.

**Drano Lake:** Effective March 16, 2020 until further notice, in the waters downstream of markers on point of land downstream and across from Little White Salmon National Fish hatchery and upstream of Highway 14 Bridge; Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 2, no more than 1 may be an adult salmon. Only hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead may be retained.

**Klickitat River:** Effective April 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: the adult salmon daily limit is one fish. Effective May 23, 2020 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:

**From the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries —** Effective until further notice: White Sturgeon is open for catch-and-release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

## **Fishery Reports:**

**Lower Columbia mainstem from Warrior Rock line upstream to Bonneville Dam—** 182 salmonid boats and 53 Washington bank rods were tallied during last Saturday's flight count.

### Salmon/Steelhead:

#### ***Mainstem Lower Columbia River***

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 13 bank anglers kept one steelhead.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 5 boats/12 rods had no catch.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 42 bank anglers released one Chinook. 162 boats/336 rods kept nine Chinook and released three Chinook.

## **Salmon/Steelhead:**

### ***Columbia River Tributaries***

**Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream** – 151 bank rods kept eight steelhead and released one steelhead.

**Kalama River** – 22 bank anglers released one steelhead. 2 boats/5 rods had no catch.

**Lewis River** – 8 bank anglers had no catch.

**Salmon Creek** – 24 bank anglers kept two steelhead and released one steelhead.

**Wind River** – 2 boats/2 rods had no catch.

**Drano Lake** – 2 boats/2 rods had no catch.

## **Catchable Trout Plants:**

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fish/lb</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>
Swofford PD (Lewis)	Mar 19, 2020	Rainbow	4,000	2.00	Mossy Rock
Kress LK (COWL)	Mar 18, 2020	Rainbow	3,410	2.70	Mossy Rock
Silver LK (COWL)	Mar 18, 2020	Rainbow	3,100	2.70	Mossy Rock
Silver LK (COWL)	Mar 17, 2020	Rainbow	3,100	2.70	Mossy Rock