

June 23, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem

Megler/Astoria Bridge upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco: Effective June 16 through July 31, 2020:

Open 7 days per week.

Daily limit is 2, up to 2 sockeye or 1 sockeye and 1 hatchery steelhead may be retained. (No more than 1 steelhead may be retained.) Release all Chinook and wild steelhead. Salmon minimum size: 12 inches. Barbless hooks are required.

I-182 Bridge upstream to Priest Rapids Dam: Effective June 16 through July 31, 2020:

Daily limit is 2 sockeye. Release all other salmon and steelhead. Salmon minimum size: 12 inches.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

Cowlitz River: Effective immediately until further notice, from the mouth upstream to Forest Road 1270, the Cispus River, and Lake Scanewa: Closed to Chinook 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 immediately 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.

Sturgeon:

From the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries:

Effective immediately 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 Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam – 114 salmonid boats and 262 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (6/20) flight count.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 29 bank anglers kept two sockeye and released two Chinook and one steelhead. 2 boats/4 rods had no catch.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – One bank angler had no catch. 1 boat/3 rods had no catch.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – Eight bank anglers kept two sockeye and released two steelhead. 2 boats/5 rods kept two sockeye.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 69 bank anglers kept 20 sockeye and released four Chinook and two jacks. 9 boats/20 rods had no catch. 8 boats/11 rods released two Chinook.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 151 bank anglers kept 30 sockeye, one steelhead and released six Chinook, one jack and two steelhead.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 114 bank anglers kept 17 sockeye, three steelhead and released 11 Chinook and two steelhead. 25 boats/60 rods kept 17 sockeye, one steelhead and released seven Chinook.

Sec 7 (Longview) – 23 boats/74 rods kept 41 sockeye, five steelhead and released six Chinook.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 157 bank anglers kept 24 sockeye and six steelhead. 21 boats/52 rods kept 13 sockeye, eight steelhead and released six Chinook, one jack and two steelhead.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – 95 bank anglers kept 25 sockeye, five steelhead and released five Chinook and six steelhead. 10 boats/33 rods kept 24 sockeye, 9 steelhead and released one Chinook and two steelhead.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – Four bank anglers kept one sockeye. 1 boat/3 rods had no catch.

Sturgeon:

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 1 boat/3 rods released two oversize sturgeon.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 2 boats/7 rods released 15 legal, one sublegal and one oversize sturgeon.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 9 boats/27 rods released 11 legal, 45 sublegal and five oversize sturgeon.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 3 boat/6 rods released five sublegal sturgeon.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – One bank angler had no catch.

Shad:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 93 bank anglers kept 334 shad. 3 boats/9 rods kept 178 shad.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – Eight bank anglers kept 10 shad. 4 boats/7 rods kept 20 shad.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 1 boat/4 rods had no catch.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 2 boats/6 rods had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 2 boat/5 rods kept five shad.

Walleye:

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 2 boats/3 rods had no catch.

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Tributaries

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

Above the I-5 Br – 18 bank rods had no catch. 15 boats/51 rods kept 15 steelhead.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 72 summer-run steelhead adults, 34 spring Chinook adults, 22 spring Chinook jacks, 29 spring Chinook mini-jacks, and two winter-run steelhead adults during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released eight spring Chinook adults and two spring Chinook jacks into Lake Scanewa near Randle and they released seven spring Chinook adults and three spring Chinook jacks into the Cispus River near Yellowjacket Creek in Randle.

Tacoma Power also recycled 93 summer-run steelhead adults to the I-5 launch and they released 3,260 rainbow trout into Mayfield Lake last week.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 8,410 cubic feet per second on Monday, June 22, 2020. Water visibility is 10 feet and the water temperature is 49.9 F.

Kalama River – 14 bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/5 rods released two jacks and one steelhead.

Lewis River – 22 bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Salmon Creek – One bank angler had no catch.

Drano Lake – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Klickitat above #5 Fishway – 10 bank anglers kept one Chinook.

Pikeminnow Sport – Reward Fishery Program:

The 2020 program will operate from May 11 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/>

Northern Pikeminnow Sport-Reward Fishery 2020			
<u>Weekly Catch</u>			
June 15-21, 2020			
Station	Tags	Total NPM	CPUE
Cathlamet	0	1,848	12.9
Willow Grove	0	35	1.2
Rainier	0	127	4.1
Kalama	0	88	6.8
Ridgefield	0	67	4.2
Gleason	0	0	0.0
Chinook Landing	0	388	6.1
Washougal	4	1,203	16.2
Cascade Locks	1	348	0.0
Bingen	0	103	4.9
The Dalles	5	819	5.3
Giles French	0	10	0.5
Umatilla	0	142	3.7
Columbia Point	0	334	5.7
Vernita	0	5	0.4
Lyon's Ferry	0	66	8.3
Boyer Park	0	1,931	10.1
Greenbelt	0	158	3.1