

March 22, 2021

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Mainstem

Salmon/Steelhead:

Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam, including Deep River:

Effective through April 4: Salmon and steelhead: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead. Salmon minimum size: 12 inches.

Fishing for salmon or steelhead from a vessel is prohibited in the area adjacent to the Cowlitz River mouth and includes all of Carrolls Channel. To see full details of the boat-fishing closure area, view the emergency rule at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/>.

Bank angling with hand-cast lines only from Beacon Rock to the Bonneville Dam deadline.

Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam:

Effective through May 5, 2021: Daily limit 6, no more than 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

The Dalles Dam upstream to the Washington/Oregon border:

Effective through May 5, 2021: Daily limit 6, no more than 2 adults may be retained of which no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Washington/Oregon border upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco:

Effective through March 31, 2021: Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

Sturgeon:

Columbia River, from Buoy 10 upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries: Catch and release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cispus River: Effective until further notice: Closed to salmon fishing.

Cowlitz River: Effective until further notice: Closed to salmon fishing. Effective March 5, the fishing boundary markers will be moved downstream to 400 feet below the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery ladder at the Barrier Dam.

Lake Scanewa: Effective until further notice: Closed to salmon fishing.

Kalama River: Effective 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.

Salmon Creek: Effective through May 28, 2021, From the mouth to the 182nd Avenue Bridge: steelhead: daily limit 3. Selective gear rules, except barbed hooks are allowed.

Wind River: Effective until further notice, from the mouth to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: angling for salmon and steelhead is closed.

Drano Lake: Effective through May 5, 2021, 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.

Effective May 6, 2021 until further notice, salmon and steelhead fishing is closed in Drano Lake.

Klickitat River: Effective April 1, 2021 until further notice, from the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: the adult salmon daily limit is one fish. Effective May 29, 2021 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.

Fishery Reports:

Lower Columbia mainstem from Bonneville to Astoria – 240 salmonid boats and 69 Washington bank rods were tallied during Sunday's (3/21) effort count.

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – No report.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – No report.

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

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 26 bank anglers had no catch. 29 boats/60 rods released one jack.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 22 bank anglers had no catch. 18 boats/47 rods had no catch.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 14 bank anglers had no catch. 27 boats/65 rods kept one Chinook.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 5 boats/9 rods had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 103 bank anglers kept two steelhead and released one jack and three steelhead. 70 boats/143 rods kept three Chinook, one steelhead and released one Chinook and one steelhead.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – Nine bank anglers had no catch. 12 boats/28 rods kept two Chinook and released two Chinook and one steelhead.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – Four bank anglers had no catch. 18 boats/33 rods kept two Chinook.

Bonneville Pool – No report.

The Dalles Pool – No report.

John Day Pool – No report.

Sturgeon:

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 1 boat/6 rods had no catch.

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool – No report.

The Dalles Pool – No report.

John Day Pool – Five bank anglers kept one walleye. 72 boats/133 rods kept 50 walleye and released 59 walleye.

Bass:

John Day Pool – 10 boats/19 rods kept one bass and released 39 bass.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 84 bank rods kept eight steelhead and released one Chinook and one steelhead. 2 boats/3 rods had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br – 24 bank rods kept one steelhead. 37 boats/134 rods kept 78 steelhead and released one steelhead.

Kalama River – No report.

Lewis River – No report.