

March 29, 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 the Wauna Powerlines, near Cathlamet, WA:

Effective only Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, May 10 - June 5, 2021: Daily limit 1, annual limit 2.

Retained fish must measure between 44-inches and 50-inches fork length.

On days open to retention, this fishery closes to all sturgeon fishing after 2pm, including catch and release fishing. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

All other dates: 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 – 781 salmonid boats and 157 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (3/27) effort count.

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 115 bank anglers kept Seven Chinook.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 14 boats/26 rods released one Chinook.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 5 boats/10 rods had no catch.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 12 bank anglers had no catch. 34 boats/68 rods kept four Chinook and released one Chinook.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 19 bank anglers had no catch. 52 boats/138 rods kept 15 Chinook and one jack.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 28 bank anglers had no catch. 58 boats/140 rods kept nine Chinook.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 4 boats/8 rods had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 31 bank anglers released two steelhead. 83 boats/181 rods kept 13 Chinook, one jack and released one Chinook.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – 27 bank anglers had no catch. 11 boats/27 rods kept three Chinook and released one jack.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – Four bank anglers had no catch. 153 boats/382 rods kept 53 Chinook and released two jacks.

Sturgeon:

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

Walleye:

The Dalles Pool – 18 bank anglers kept two walleye. 2 boats/3 rods kept five walleye.

John Day Pool – 57 boats/140 rods kept 133 walleye and released 50 walleye.

Bass:

The Dalles Pool – Four bank anglers had no catch.

John Day Pool – 10 boats/18 rods released 93 bass.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 74 bank rods kept seven steelhead and released one steelhead.

Above the I-5 Br – 47 bank rods kept six steelhead and released one Chinook and three steelhead. 28 boats/119 rods kept 52 steelhead and released seven steelhead.

Kalama River – Three bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/3 rods kept one steelhead.