

June 1, 2021

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Mainstem

Salmon/Steelhead:

Buoy 10 upstream to Rocky Point/Tongue Point line:

Immediately until further notice: Closed to angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead.

Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam:

Effective June 1 through June 15, 2021: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be a Chinook and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Bonneville Dam upstream to Hwy. 730 at Washington/Oregon border:

Effective June 5 through June 6, 2021: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be a Chinook and up to 1 may be a steelhead. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Effective June 7 through June 15, 2021: Closed to angling for and retention of salmon and 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.

Wind River and Drano Lake: Effective May 20, 2021, all permanent rules published in the 2020-2021 Sport Fishing pamphlet are in effect.

Klickitat River: Effective May 29, 2021 until further notice, from the mouth to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon hatchery: the salmon daily limit is 6 fish, of which only 1 may be an adult. Release wild Chinook. The Closed Waters area between Fisher Hill Bridge and 400 feet upstream of #5 fishway remains in effect.

Fishery Reports:

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 85 bank anglers kept six Chinook, one jack and released one Chinook and one jack. 4 boats/7 rods kept one Chinook and released one Chinook and one jack.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 17 boats/39 rods kept two Chinook, two jacks and released one Chinook and one jack.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 17 bank anglers kept four Chinook. 6 boats/11 rods had no catch.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 38 bank anglers released one steelhead. 6 boats/10 rods had no catch.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 22 bank anglers kept one jack and released one jack. 6 boats/14 rods kept one jack.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 99 bank anglers kept four steelhead and released one Chinook. 20 boats/44 rods kept two steelhead and released one Chinook.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – 28 bank anglers kept one steelhead. 5 boats/11 rods had no catch.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – Seven bank anglers had no catch. 8 boats/22 rods kept three Chinook, one jack, two steelhead and released one Chinook.

Sturgeon:

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 1 boat/5 rods released four legal, ten sublegal and three oversize sturgeon.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – 7 boats/17 rods kept one legal and released three sublegal and two oversize sturgeon.

Sec 10 (Chinook/Deep River/Elochoman) – 55 bank anglers had no catch. 249 boats/729 rods kept 73 legal and released 145 sublegal and 168 oversize sturgeon.

Shad:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 17 bank anglers kept 126 shad. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

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

Sec 5 (Woodland) – Two bank anglers kept 15 shad.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 6 boats/13 rods kept 20 shad and released 12 shad.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 8 boat/13 rods kept 22 shad.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 23 bank rods had no catch. 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

Above the I-5 Br – Seven bank rods had no catch. 5 boats/17 rods kept two steelhead and released one steelhead.

Kalama River – 17 bank rods had no catch.

Lewis River – One bank rod had no catch.

Wind River – Seven bank rods had no catch. 10 boats/18 rods kept three Chinook and released one Chinook.

Drano Lake – 4 bank rods had no catch. 18 boats/29 rods kept three Chinook and released two Chinook.

Klickitat River below Fisher Hill Bridge – Six bank rods had no catch.