

March 2, 2022

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary

Columbia River Mainstem

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Columbia River from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam:

Buoy 10 upstream to Beacon Rock:

Immediately through April 6, 2022: Open to boat and bank angling. Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam deadline:

Immediately through April 6, 2022: Open to bank angling for hand-cast lines only. Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco:

Bonneville Dam upstream to Tower Island power lines:

Effective April 1 through May 5, 2022: Open to bank angling for hand-cast lines only. Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Tower Island power lines upstream to Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon border:

Effective April 1 through May 5, 2022: Open to boat and bank angling. Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead.

Sturgeon:

Columbia River, from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam, including adjacent tributaries:

Catch and release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Bonneville Pool:

Effective Wednesdays, March 9 and March 16, 2022 only: Open for retention of sturgeon between 38" and 54" fork length. Catch and release fishing for sturgeon is allowed on days not open to retention. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

The Dalles Pool:

Effective March 2 through March 30, 2022: Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only for retention of sturgeon between 43” and 54” fork length. Catch and release fishing for sturgeon is allowed on days not open to retention. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

John Day Pool:

Effective immediately until the annual guideline has been met: Open 7 days per week for retention of sturgeon between 43” and 54” fork length. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Deep River (Wahkiakum Co.):

Immediately through April 6, 2022: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

Effective April 7, 2022: Permanent rules in effect.

Cowlitz River:

Immediately through April 30, 2022, from the mouth to the posted markers below the Barrier Dam: Daily limit 6, up to 2 adults may be retained of which up to 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.

Effective May 1, 2022: Salmon closed.

Kalama River:

Immediately until further notice, from the mouth to 1,000 feet below the fishway at Kalama Falls 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.

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Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 2 boats/3 rods released one Chinook.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – Four bank anglers had no catch.

Sturgeon:

Pool	Est. harvest	% of guideline	Guideline
The Dalles	84	44.2	190
John Day	15	14.3	105

Walleye:

Bonneville Pool – No report.

The Dalles Pool – One bank angler released one walleye. 4 boats/12 rods kept 12 walleye.

John Day Pool – 27 boats/73 rods kept 92 walleye.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream – 180 bank rods kept 18 steelhead and released nine steelhead.

Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br – 31 bank rods kept three steelhead. 20 boats/71 rods kept 30 steelhead.

Kalama River – No report.

Lewis River – No report.