

March 8, 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 immediately 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 March 10, 2022: Closed to retention of sturgeon.

### ***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.

### **Fishery Reports:**

**Lower Columbia River mainstem Cathlamet upstream to Bonneville Dam** – 62 salmonid boats and 50 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (3/5) flight count.

#### ***Mainstem Columbia River***

##### **Salmon/Steelhead:**

**Sec 1 (Bonneville)** – Four bank anglers had no catch.

**Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal)** – 4 boats/5 rods had no catch.

**Sec 3 (I-5 area)** – 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.

**Sec 4 (Vancouver)** – 12 bank anglers had no catch. 16 boats/31 rods had no catch.

**Sec 5 (Woodland)** – 78 bank anglers kept three steelhead and released one steelhead. 9 boats/22 rods had no catch.

**Sec 6 (Kalama)** – 17 bank anglers had no catch. 6 boats/12 rods had no catch.

**Sec 7 (Cowlitz)** – 3 boats/7 rods had no catch.

**Sec 8 (Longview)** – 21 bank anglers released one steelhead. 6 boats/11 rods had no catch.

**Sec 9 (Cathlamet)** – 11 bank anglers had no catch.

**Sec 10 (Cathlamet)** – No report.

**Sturgeon:**

**Sec 3 (I-5 area)** – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

**Sec 5 (Woodland)** – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

**Bonneville Pool** – No report

**The Dalles Pool** – Seven bank anglers had no catch. 7 boats/19 rods kept two legal and released eight sublegal and one oversize sturgeon.

**John Day Pool** – 24 bank anglers kept two legal and released five sublegal and two oversize sturgeon. 36 boats/90 rods kept 12 legal and released seven sublegal and nine oversize sturgeon.

**Walleye:**

**Bonneville Pool** – No report.

**The Dalles Pool** – Five bank anglers released one walleye. 20 boats/47 rods kept 53 walleye and released one walleye.

**John Day Pool** – 29 boats/79 rods kept 75 walleye and released six walleye.

***Columbia River Tributaries***

**Salmon/Steelhead:**

**Cowlitz River I-5 Br downstream** – 50 bank rods kept six steelhead. 2 boats/4 rods kept two steelhead.

**Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br** – 63 bank rods kept 13 steelhead. 25 boats/88 rods kept 31 steelhead and released four steelhead.

**Kalama River** – No report.

**Lewis River** – Five bank rods had no catch.