

April 4, 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 McNary Dam, including adjacent tributaries:

Catch and release fishing only. 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.

Salmon Creek:

Effective March 16 through May 27, 2022, from the mouth to the 182nd Avenue Bridge: Hatchery steelhead: Daily limit 3. Selective Gear Rules in effect, except use of barbed hooks is allowed.

Wind River:

Effective March 16, 2022 until further notice, from the mouth to 800 yards downstream of Carson National Fish Hatchery: Salmon and hatchery steelhead: Daily limit 6. Up to 1 adult salmon and 1 hatchery steelhead or up to 2 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

Drano Lake:

Effective March 16, 2022 until further notice, in the waters downstream of markers on the point of land downstream and across from Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery and upstream of the Highway 14 bridge: Salmon and hatchery steelhead: Daily limit 2, of which up to 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

Klickitat River:

From the mouth to Fisher Hill Bridge: Effective April 1 through May 27, 2022: Salmon and hatchery steelhead: Daily limit 2, of which up to 1 may be an adult salmon. Release wild Chinook. Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only.

- Beginning May 28, 2022 until further notice: Salmon: Daily limit 6, of which up to 1 may be an adult. Release wild Chinook.

Klickitat River:

From 400 feet upstream of #5 fishway to boundary markers below Klickitat Salmon Hatchery: Effective May 28, 2022 until further notice: Salmon: Daily limit 6, of which up to 1 may be an adult. Release wild Chinook.

Fishery Reports:

Lower Columbia River mainstem Buoy 10 upstream to Corbett – 1,115 salmonid boats and 115 Washington bank rods were tallied during Saturday's (4/2) flight count.

Mainstem Columbia River

Salmon/Steelhead:

Sec 1 (Bonneville) – 304 bank anglers kept 27 Chinook, one jack and released 13 Chinook. 14 boats/30 rods kept six Chinook and released one Chinook.

Sec 2 (Camas/Washougal) – 49 boats/84 rods kept eight Chinook and released five Chinook.

Sec 3 (I-5 area) – 57 boats/109 rods kept 10 Chinook.

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – 99 bank anglers kept three Chinook. 135 boats/268 rods kept 26 Chinook and released two Chinook.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – 37 bank anglers kept one Chinook. 103 boats/244 rods kept 35 Chinook and released five Chinook.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – 75 bank anglers released one Chinook. 155 boats/403 rods kept 61 Chinook and released 10 Chinook.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 46 boats/160 rods kept 33 Chinook and released one Chinook.

Sec 8 (Longview) – 74 bank anglers kept one Chinook and one steelhead. 248 boats/560 rods kept 83 Chinook, two jacks, one steelhead and released 10 Chinook.

Sec 9 (Cathlamet) – Nine bank anglers had no catch. 13 boats/32 rods kept nine Chinook.

Sec 10 (Cathlamet) – One bank angler had no catch. 160 boats/369 rods kept 106 Chinook, one jack and released six Chinook.

Columbia River Tributaries

Salmon/Steelhead:

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

Cowlitz River Above the I-5 Br – 88 bank rods kept 22 steelhead. 6 boats/19 rods kept 18 steelhead.

Kalama River – No report.

Lewis River – No report.

Wind River – 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Drano Lake – 1 boat/1 rod had no catch.